



Joni Strzelecki Ashbay

October 10, 1959 - March 14, 2012

Joni Strzelecki Ashbay of Cadillac died Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at her home. She was 52. She was born on October 10, 1959 in Detroit to Richard and Elaine (Swartz) Fey.

Joni has lived in the Cadillac area for the past 25 years and had been employed at the United States Forest Service for over 20 years. She enjoyed playing golf, reading, traveling, gardening and going to the casino.

On April 2, 2010 in Las Vegas she married Richard "Rick" Ashbay and he survives her along with her daughter, Erin Strzelecki of Lawton, OK; her father, Richard A. Fey of Detroit; brothers: David (Faye) Fey of Saint Clair Shores and Richard (Sue) Fey of Dearborn; a sister, Janet (Kurt) Nowak of Rogers City; many nieces and nephews; special friends: Diane (Sam) Federoff of Luther and Shannon Rische of Cadillac. She was preceded in death by her mother, Elaine Fey.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Monday, March 19, 2012 at the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac with Rev. Brian Seifert officiating. Burial will be at Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac. Friends may meet the family from 4-7 PM Sunday at the funeral home. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

JS

“ I worked with Joni in the FS from 1992 through 2000. She was a wonderful person and a great employee. Her job was not always easy or fun, but she kept very high standards and treated people with cheerfulness and respect. Erin, your mother was always talking about how proud she was of you. Erin and Rick, I wish you peace and comfort with Joni's memories.

John Serfass - March 20, 2012 at 08:20 AM

RM

“ Joni was my co-worker, neighbor, bowling teammate and friend while I lived in Cadillac and continued to be my friend after I left. She came to Albuquerque and worked with me a couple of years ago and I'm glad we had that time to spend having fun. I have some wonderful memories and funny stories to hold in my heart. Erin you were her pride and joy and Rick she lit up when she talked about you..you have my heartfelt sympathies.

Roseanna Morgan-Kuntz - March 19, 2012 at 12:17 PM

CJ

“ The world was a better place with Joni in it and she will be missed by all her coworkers and friends. Laughter and fun seemed to follow Joni and I enjoyed spending time around her when I worked for the Forest Service in Michigan. You will be missed. Thoughts and prayers to her loved ones.

Connie Jankowiak - March 19, 2012 at 12:01 PM

AF

“ Sorry to hear about the loss of your wife. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Al Lewis & Family - March 19, 2012 at 01:12 AM

SH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Joni was a "stick to the rules" person, she taught me a lot about purchasing and fire purchasing. I will miss her, she was a good hearted person. I worked with Joni from about 2001 to 2008.

Susan Hendrickson - March 18, 2012 at 09:47 PM

MB

“ I enjoyed Joni's company & comments while working with her. She will be dearly missed. My sincere condolences to her family & dear friends.

Michele Berry - March 18, 2012 at 06:56 PM

DF

“ Joni was a great friend. my dad and her were best friends and she was always the nicest person you would meet. she will be greatly missed

Derek M Fauble - March 18, 2012 at 01:44 PM

CJ

“ Rick, so very sorry to hear of your loss. Wish we could be there to give you a big hug. We will be praying for you and the whole family.

Chuck and Bonnie Jennings - March 17, 2012 at 09:06 PM

TV

“ Rest in Peace Joni, your family and friends are in my thoughts and prayes

Tom Viers - March 17, 2012 at 02:48 PM

BM

“ Our Sympathy goes out to her family and close friends. Only knew her for a short time but a very compassionate and caring person who enjoyed life and laughing. God Speed Joni.
Bob and Janie Makowski, Waleska GA

Bob and Janie Makowski - March 16, 2012 at 10:54 PM

SH

“ Joni was a ball-buster! she was so tough... never hesitated to speak her mind or the brutal truth, and she didn't care if you could take it or not. I always admired her for that. I'm friends with her daughter, Erin, and even though I was covered in tattoos and other naughtiness, Joni accepted me with open arms, when a lot of other friends' parents wouldn't have. she was someone I admired, for her strength and determination, her strong will and inner beauty. Joni was Erin's heroine, and my heart goes out to Erin and the rest of Joni's friends and family for the magnitude of this loss. I'll miss her sarcasm, her wit, and her sparkling eyes and smile.

Sarah Hensley - March 16, 2012 at 08:29 PM

SH

“ *Joni was so awesome... she was tough, determined, she spoke her mind and she spoke the truth, no matter whom it may offend. she was always sweet to me... I'm one of Erin's weirder friends, and Joni accepted me, weirdness and all. she appreciated my art, and I appreciated her strength and wisdom. she'll be dearly missed. my heart and thoughts go out to my sweet friend Erin now that she's lost her heroine.* ”

Sarah Hensley - March 16, 2012 at 08:08 PM

DM

“ *I will miss you Joni. A wonderful person, a wonderful friend. You always made me smile. My thoughts and prayers to your family.* ”

Dallas Marroquin - March 16, 2012 at 08:05 PM

RG

“ *Joni was a great and caring person. Erin you were the highlight of her life and she was so proud of you. Rick you made her wonderfully happy. She will be missed by her family and her many friends. Rest in peace Joni* ”

Roxe Gustafson - March 16, 2012 at 06:53 PM

DB

“ *Joni will be missed. We have worked together for years. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.* ”

Deb Boyat - March 16, 2012 at 02:44 PM

TK

“ I was so sorry to hear about Joni. I worked with her from late 1999 to mid-2003, and I remember what a firecracker she was. My sincere condolences to the family.

Terry Kiele - March 16, 2012 at 02:34 PM

RS

“ You have our sincere sympathy. Joni will be missed.

Ron & Jan Scott - March 16, 2012 at 01:06 PM

BD

“ Joni was the highlight of my working days in Cadillac. I loved her enthusiasm and caring nature. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Becky Dunlavy - March 16, 2012 at 11:45 AM

DH

“ My sympathy goes out to you. I worked with Joni at the FS for many years. She was my golf buddy and my friend. I will dearly miss her. Thoughts and prayers go out to you. Dar

Darlene Hettel - March 16, 2012 at 11:06 AM

BL

“ I worked with Joni a long time ago. She was a wonderful co-worker and a great pool player. I hope heaven is ready for her!

Beth LeClair - March 16, 2012 at 09:32 AM

RF

“ We’

Il miss you a lot, Joni. You always were so fair, funny, dependable and an all-around good person. May you find peace now.

Ross Frid - March 16, 2012 at 09:19 AM