



## Jonette (Youngquist) Tornquist

December 6, 1954 - May 23, 2025

In Loving Memory of Jonette (Youngquist) Tornquist  
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It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of Jonette (Youngquist) Tornquist of Turlock, CA. Born on December 6, 1954, to Vincent and Signa (Lindquist) Youngquist at Emanuel Hospital. Jonette was a beloved member of the Turlock community and will be deeply missed by all who knew her. After years of facing various health-related challenges, she was suddenly called home to rest in eternal peace on May 23, 2025.

She will be lovingly remembered and greatly missed by her devoted husband, Albert Tornquist, and their pride and joy—their three children: Craig Tornquist, Valerie Tornquist, and Danielle Brown, all of Turlock.

Jonette was raised in Turlock and grew up attending Nazareth Lutheran Church, where she first laid eyes on a young Albert Tornquist and declared then that they would someday marry. She attended Turlock High School, where she and Albert became high school sweethearts. They were engaged during her senior year before her graduation in 1973.

On February 16, 1974, Jonette and Albert were married in the same church where they had both been raised.

They went on to raise their family in the community they held so close to their hearts—Turlock. Jonette was a devoted homemaker while their children were young, later returning to work when her youngest daughter entered school. She was employed in clerical roles at Brandel Manor and Emanuel Medical Center, where she formed many treasured friendships that remained close to her heart throughout her life.

Jonette found great joy in decorating her home and had a deep love for gardening, a passion she inherited from her father. In retirement, she enjoyed reconnecting with friends from her youth, especially her high school locker partner and best friend, Dina (Yonan) Gehring. Jonette and Albert shared many fun and memorable RV adventures with Dina and her husband, Lyle.

Jonette loved BIG—whether it was her family, her friends, or animals, especially dogs and horses. Her love was deep, loyal, and unconditional.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Vincent and Signa Youngquist; her sister, Karen Gregory; and her parents-in-law, Robert (Bob) and Phyllis (Nutcher) Tornquist.

She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Albert Tornquist; their children, Craig (Erica) Tornquist, Valerie Tornquist, and Danielle (Aaron) Brown; and her sister, Linda (Fred) Vincent of Stockton. She also leaves behind six beloved grandchildren: Sophia and Ava Foren, Caleb Tornquist, Kennedy Brown, Ellie Tornquist, and Alana Brown, in addition to her many nieces, nephews and friends.

A celebration of Jonette's life—her "last hoorah"—will be held at Crossroads Church, Turlock, on Saturday, June 7, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

Although Jonette is no longer with us, she will be remembered for how big she loved those she held close, her silly sense of humor, and her quick wit.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to the Mercy Team of Crossroads Church or the Turlock Animal Shelter, causes that were close to Jonette's heart.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN 7. 1:00 PM (PT)

Crossroads Church  
1360 N Johnson Rd  
Turlock, CA 95380  
<http://www.crossroadsturlock.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Jonette (Youngquist) Tornquist.*



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June 03, 2025 at 06:12 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jonette (Youngquist) Tornquist.

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“ In loving memory of my best friend. Some friendships are so rare, so deep, that they have become part of your soul. That’s how it was with her, my best friend, my sister in spirit. my constant laughs in the chaos of life we had this thing were even the most ordinary moments turned into something magical like our trips to the grocery store-something so simple. We’d wander the aisles, cracking jokes, getting distracted, laughing like we were kids again people probably thought we were ridiculous, but we didn’t care dinner. Outings were the same constant laughter, eyes watering from how hard we’d laugh at the most random things. We didn’t need a reason. Being together was real enough. Hawaii was unforgettable just being there her and Al, full of joy and all of us soaking in the moment it felt like life was giving us a postcard memory we keep forever. We would love to count together too, and the stories we shared sitting by the fire will always live in my heart. But one of my favorite memories at one point in time, she lived one minute away and at three in the morning when the world was asleep and our minds were racing, she text are you awake? I’d say yes, and we meet on the corner right between our homes. Like teenagers sneaking out for a secret adventure. We talked forever sometimes about nothing sometimes about everything. It was our little piece of night. I miss her laugh. I miss her Texts. I miss her but more than anything, I’m grateful. Grateful for every moment every memory and the kind of friendship we had. I love you always my friend.

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**Dina YonanGehring** - June 02, 2025 at 08:43 PM

AM

Such a wonderful and amazing friendship you shared! I love that, many people don't have such an awesome deep connection. I hold Danielle (and you Dina) in my heart ❤️

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**Ann Marie Moe** - June 02, 2025 at 11:10 PM

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*I had first met Al when I worked at the FF credit union . Soon after meeting Jonette . Only to come to realize I had known her for years . She went to school with my sisters - and I had always knew her best friend in the world , Dina Yonan .*

*Jonette knew I never sleep at night - she would message me and we would talk about “dogs “ and lack of sleep !*

*When Jonette and Al lost their furbaby, I remember Jonette saying no more dogs , it hurt too much .*

*Knowing I've always been in dog rescue, Al reached out about a week later , he said “ We need a dog, now “*

*A big dog ! It just took me a couple days to bring Angel to them for a meet and greet , Angel never left that day !! Jonette loved Angel so much 💕*

*I'm going to miss her decorating skills, her laughter , her love for animals .*

*She spoke about her children and Grandchildren always !! And her Albert - the love of her life ❤️*

*I'm going to miss her always sending me ads for different sleep aids - usually at 3 AM when we were both wide awake .*

*My daughter got to know Jonette and Al when she would dog sit Angel .*

*My deepest condolences to her family and all her friends . 🙏💕*

*Rest in paradise 🕊️*

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**Michelle Sandoval** - June 03, 2025 at 09:10 PM

DM

*I will miss that beautiful lady Jonette ! She was a client and a friend who became important to me ! We had long talks while she was processing with color or when she wasn't up to coming in the salon I would go to her home where I met Al and their sweet dog angel !!*

*Those were fun times !!! I can't believe you are gone from this world !!!!!!! I know that you will be in the hearts of many , memories of your laughter and smile will stay with me always !!! Glad you're at peace lady ❤️*

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**Deborah Meyer** - June 06, 2025 at 08:43 PM