



Renee Jahnke

November 13, 1951 - February 19, 2022

Sharon Reneé Jahnke, 70, of Houston, Texas, went home to be with our Father in Heaven Saturday, February 19th, 2022. There she joined many family members who went before her, including her sister, Joette, her parents, John and JoNell Garrison, and her beloved eternal companion and husband of 37 years, Steve.

Reneé Jahnke was born November 13, 1951, in Houston, Texas. A proud native Houstonian, she graduated from Spring Woods High School in 1969.

Reneé is survived by her four children and their families. Son, Eric Jahnke, and his wife Amber, along with their children; Reagan, Jesse Holder, Madison Holder and Nolan. Daughter, Holley Leckie, and her husband Adam, along with their children; Abby, Megan, Sophie and Emma. Daughter, Laura Black, and her husband Jaron, along with their children; Grace, Maddox and Layla. Son, Gregory Jahnke, and his wife Sharla, along with their children; Logan, Lacey, and Caden. Additionally, she is survived by her older sister, Penny Vetuski, of Wimberly Texas, and a huge number of other loving relatives.

After meeting him when she was 14, and later waiting for him to complete his two-year mission call to the Alaska/Canadian Mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Reneé married Steven S. Jahnke on June 1, 1970, in the Salt Lake City, Utah temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of

Latter-Day Saints, where they were sealed together for time and all eternity.

Reneé Jahnke spent her life in the service of others. She spent 14 years driving a school bus for Cypress Fairbanks ISD. Known as “Mrs. Reneé” she earned the love and trust of countless children.

She was a devoted member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints her entire life. Reneé constantly served in a number of different callings, like Relief Society President, Chorister and Primary Teacher. Most recently, Renee was called as a Service Missionary in the church’s Addiction Recovery Program, where she served with honor.

A fierce champion for the underdog, Reneé was often found helping others. She loved the Houston Fire Department, and earned the affectionate nickname “Boss Lady” by the men and women who served with her husband Steve, a Houston firefighter for 36 years. Reneé proudly served on the Houston Fire Fighters’ Relief and Retirement board. During that time, she fought tirelessly for the pensions “her” firefighters had rightfully earned, taking the fight all the way to Austin, where she spoke before the Texas Senate and various committees.

Reneé will be missed, but surely would remind us all that she is now in the place she’s faithfully and patiently waited to be for nearly 15 years, in the arms of her best friend, Steve.

If you would like to attend virtually, please follow this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/98142808954?pwd=Y0l5bWh1VUIrWEJm0vT3gwbkZLUT09>

Meeting ID: 981 4280 8954

Passcode: 048854

Cemetery Details

Earthman Resthaven

13102 North Freeway
Houston, TX 77060

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Addison Funeral Home
18630 Kuykendahl Road
Spring, TX 77379
(281) 350-0998
addisonfh@yahoo.com
<https://addisonfuneralhomes.com>

Funeral Service

FEB **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
19920 Champion Forest Dr
Spring, TX 77379
<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/?lang=eng>

Burial

FEB **26**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Houston, TX 77060

Tribute Wall



“ *Renee Jahnke*

July 20, 2022 at 05:14 PM



“ *Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the family of Renee Jahnke.*



February 25, 2022 at 01:36 PM



“ *Finest Farewell Spray was purchased for the family of Renee Jahnke.*



February 25, 2022 at 01:31 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Renee Jahnke.*



February 25, 2022 at 10:40 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Renee Jahnke.*



February 25, 2022 at 08:19 AM



“ *I'll never forget a second I was able to spend with Brother & Sister Jahnke! That love is unlike anything. I'm so happy they are reunited again!* ❤️

E5F - February 24, 2022 at 10:42 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Renee Jahnke.*



February 24, 2022 at 10:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Renee Jahnke.*



February 24, 2022 at 03:44 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Renee Jahnke.



February 24, 2022 at 03:26 PM



“ Gleannloch Farms Ward Family purchased the Sacred Garden Spray for the family of Renee Jahnke.



Gleannloch Farms Ward Family - February 24, 2022 at 01:23 PM



“ FireStation 75 B-shift purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Renee Jahnke.



FireStation 75 B-shift - February 24, 2022 at 09:44 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Renee Jahnke.



February 24, 2022 at 02:04 AM

LB

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Laura Black - February 24, 2022 at 01:46 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Renee Jahnke.



February 23, 2022 at 09:18 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Renee Jahnke.



February 23, 2022 at 09:15 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Renee Jahnke.*



February 23, 2022 at 07:09 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Renee Jahnke.*



February 23, 2022 at 05:45 PM



“ *Nina Whitehead & Jeff Abbott Families purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Renee Jahnke.*



Nina Whitehead & Jeff Abbott Families - February 23, 2022 at 04:23 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Renee Jahnke.*



February 23, 2022 at 02:54 PM



“ Beautiful Whisper was purchased for the family of Renee Jahnke.



February 23, 2022 at 01:59 PM



“ It's been 15 yrs since my brother, Steve, passed away. 15 long years for Renee' to be w/o the love of her life. Our beautiful Wonder Woman had incredible faith & strength. She was so lovingly involved in her children's lives, very committed to her church and untiringly served others. Her loving acts of kindness, love and friendship-whether great or small- will always be remembered and cherished by me. I still can't imagine life without her. I love you my sweet friend. ❤️ Till we meet again. ❤️

Laura Jahnke Hauck - February 23, 2022 at 01:30 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Renee Jahnke.



February 23, 2022 at 10:24 AM



“ Renee's beautiful smile and sweet spirit brightened up any room she was in. She was always so friendly and positive. My heart goes out to all the loved ones who will miss her so, but I know her sweetheart Steve will be so happy to be with her.

Beverly Meraz - February 22, 2022 at 10:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Renee Jahnke.



February 22, 2022 at 10:19 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Renee Jahnke.



February 22, 2022 at 09:02 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Renee Jahnke.



February 22, 2022 at 08:47 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Renee Jahnke.



February 22, 2022 at 07:50 PM

PK

“ Bobby and I used to see Steve and Renee' a lot years ago after we first got married back in 1967. Bobby was Duke's brother in law, Robbie's brother. I first met Renee' at one of the Jahnke Family gatherings and we became friends. Over the years since we moved up to Huntsville, we hadn't seen them as much but luckily Facebook came around and Renee' and I talked almost every week. She was an amazing lady and a fierce advocator for our Houston Firefighters! She was educated, brave and loyal and I so admired that in her. She raised wonderful children and grandchildren who are always the first to join in and help anyone in need. I so admire her and I know you will deeply miss her. Sending all my prayers and love.
Phyllis Kennedy, widow of Robert G. (Bobby) Kennedy, RET HFD

Phyllis Kennedy - February 22, 2022 at 06:31 PM

LK

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Renee was a very sweet person we went to school together at Spring Woods High School. She would always talk to me about Steve Jahnke my cousin. When we became parents she drove my girl's school bus, Amanda and Lisa liked her and it made them go to school easier for me. I always knew that they were in good hands. My girls always felt secure on the bus. Renee was family after all and when one of their teachers was out Steve was always there. I just want to say thank you to both of them for being there for my girls. May she rest in peace and joy to be with the love of her life again.

The Kelly Family; Linda & Craig & Amanda & Lisa

Linda Kelly - February 22, 2022 at 04:37 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Renee Jahnke.* ”



February 22, 2022 at 01:37 PM

JS

“ You know the kind of people who you met once in your lifetime and you love them forever because they truly shine and radiate Love that’s the kind of person Renne was. I had the honor to met Renne on June 2021. At a lunch meeting with Sandy Ditta and Cindy Burke. The four of us shared the painful experience of losing our spouse, so that connect us. I have always believed that God send people in our life when we needed the most. She lift my spirit up when I was to the point of giving up. She helped me she knew what I was walking through because she had walked this path. I am so thankful that God allowed me to met such a beautiful soul and my heart is broken that you are no longer here with us. I am going to miss you I wish God gave me more time and opportunity to get to know you more, but you never forget the ones who brought light to your darkness and I will never forget when you came and shine mine. To the family the times that I spoke to her please know that she loved you with all her heart and you were the cornerstone of her strength. I can see how much you guys were part of her bright smile it was all of you along with her love for the fire department that make her shine. I pray that the love of God surrounds all of you and her memories bring you comfort. I pray that the Lord’s staff and rod comforts you that he gives you rest under the shadow of his wing. RIP Renee you will never be forgotten I will keep your family and friends in my prayers.



Jessica Stavinoha - February 22, 2022 at 01:36 PM

DB

“ René was my friend. During the Mayors Campaign, she became my top adviser on Pension issues. I will miss my friend. Unfortunately I won't be able to attend her services due to being out on the HLSR trailride. I am honored to have become a friend of René. Now she is with our God and her awesome hubby who she lived very much!

Your friend,
Dwight Boykins

Dwight Boykins - February 22, 2022 at 01:33 PM

TF

“ The Dolcefino Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Renee Jahnke.



The Dolcefino Family - February 22, 2022 at 01:21 PM



“ Renee' loved her Firefighters and we loved Renee'. Renee' served on the Board of the Houston Retired Firefighters Association and fought with all she had for Firefighters Pension benefits. We are blessed to have loved and been loved by our Sweet Renee'.

Nick Salem ,
Houston Retired Firefighters Association
Retired Houston Firefighter

Nick Salem - February 22, 2022 at 12:30 PM



“ *Bright and Beautiful Spray* was purchased for the family of Renee Jahnke.



February 22, 2022 at 11:24 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray* was purchased for the family of Renee Jahnke.



February 22, 2022 at 10:42 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant* was purchased for the family of Renee Jahnke.



February 22, 2022 at 10:16 AM



“ *Truly Beloved Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Renee Jahnke.



February 22, 2022 at 10:06 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Renee Jahnke.* ”



February 22, 2022 at 07:28 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall* ”



Eric Jahnke - February 22, 2022 at 12:25 AM



“ *Eric & Amber Jahnke & Cynthia Adolph purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Renee Jahnke.* ”



Eric & Amber Jahnke & Cynthia Adolph - February 22, 2022 at 12:20 AM



“ *Peace Eternal Wreath was purchased for the family of Renee Jahnke.* ”



February 21, 2022 at 10:56 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Renee Jahnke.*



February 21, 2022 at 07:53 PM



“ *Renee was the best Aunt for us and Nae Nae for our Joey. We love and miss you Nae Nae!*

- Travis, Johnna, Joey



Travis McGarrah - February 21, 2022 at 07:48 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Renee Jahnke.*



February 21, 2022 at 07:06 PM



“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



Holley Jahnke Leckie - February 21, 2022 at 06:13 PM



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Holley Jahnke Leckie - February 21, 2022 at 06:00 PM



So beautiful.

Laura Jackson - February 22, 2022 at 02:14 PM



Our condolences

Laura Jackson - February 22, 2022 at 02:14 PM

EJ

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Eric Jahnke - February 21, 2022 at 05:16 PM