

Joyce Anne Ware Longfellow



73, a renaissance woman: author, executive, philanthropist, teacher, photographer, professional mentor, global volunteer, business owner, international speaker, world traveler, and wilderness adventurer. Passed away on September 5th, 2012 surrounded by her loving family and friends.

Joyce Anne was born in La Jolla, California where her parents introduced her to seagulls, waves, sand, and ice cream cones. Her father joined the Army Air Corps during World War II, thus launching a life of travel and adventure. After 38 years of moving from one city and country to another, she ended up in Tempe, Arizona in 1977 to begin a new life and set down deep roots.

Her professional career in dental industry began in Dr. Longfellow's first office on Lakeshore Drive- out of necessity to pay rent and feed her children. She made her dreams come true over several decades. She received undergraduate and graduate degrees from Arizona State University, stood up for humanitarian causes both locally and globally, and provided leadership for the pediatric dental practice that launched her career. In 2005, she stepped down from day-to-day management of Children's Dental Village to pursue other interests-writing books, gardening, spending time with grandchildren and their parents, traveling, climbing mountains and retreating to Alaskan wilderness every summer.

She is survived by her Five children Michael Dennis, Tom Dennis, Elizabeth Dennis, Kim and Chris Longfellow, her brothers John Ware Jr., and Chris Ware, 8 Grandchildren, 9 Great-grandchildren. A Celebration of Life will take place in October with the date, time, and venue to be determined later, information can be found at her website, www.joycelongfellow.com. Joyce asked that in lieu of flowers donations be given to the Hospice of the Valley and the Kenyan Children's Foundation.