

# Fresh Coconut Cake

Well, it's over again, Thanksgiving. I sit here thinking about all the cooking I have done for the past week - the "special" dressing, all the sides, and my fresh coconut cake! Now I look at the wreckage in my kitchen, huge pots sitting on my stove with parts, pieces, and only a spoonful left of the delicious, delightful sides so painstakingly made and WOW just WOW! What took me several days to accomplish was demolished in less than thirty minutes! Was all the planning, shopping, cooking and preparing really worth the effort? YES!

As all my children and their children and my brother

and my sister in love came in and look at the bounty with wonder in their eyes at the amount, sight, and smells that permeate my kitchen, I quietly say a soft thank you that I was once again physically able to prepare this thankful meal.

As we bowed to return our thanks to our God, my son in law prayed our blessing and my heart was full of gratitude and praise. We have grown from a family of two into a family of twenty three.

How amazing is that? After all the gobbling and gorging, my "little brother" began the clean up and began to wash all the dishes, those not paper I mean. It still humbles me to see him



**Peggy's Take**

take the lead to clean up my mess as he usually does. Then he is tagged and one of my daughters in law took his place as we all began to make order of the messy cluttered space.

All of my children's children, some of them by natural birth others by miracles, were hugged and kissed and hugged and kissed. I don't know for sure, but I am positive they realize by now that I am one of those grandmothers that will kiss them, in public, when they are forty years old just as I have Michael, Marc, and Pam. It is probably something they will get used to or at the least learn to endure.

Now it is officially Christmas season and LET THE SHOPPING BEGIN! We have drawn names for our "white elephant gifts." I just wonder how many ugly Christmas sweaters will be exchanged?

Now I begin planning our next big meal and maybe this time I will assign task to the ones who usually don't "KP"

the kitchen.

This is my recipe for my fresh coconut cake, one I have added to, taken away, and enhanced through the years.

**FRESH COCONUT CAKE**

2 boxes of yellow cake mix  
16 ounces of sour cream  
1/2 cup of vegetable oil  
6 eggs  
15 ounces of cream of coconut

Mix all together in a big electric mixer and pour evenly into three 9" cake pans. Heat oven to 350\*

**FROSTING**

16 ounces of softened cream cheese  
4 T. Pet milk  
2 pounds of powdered sugar  
2 teaspoons of a really good vanilla extract  
4 bags of fresh frozen coconut, thawed.  
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and cream cheese, add vanilla, and add milk to reach a spreadable mixture. Watch your amount of milk. Frost the cakes as you stack them and press coconut into the sides and tops. This is a really big beautiful snowball of a cake.

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## Siobhan Dominique Cox Missing you on your Birthday



Dec. 1, 1984 - May 27, 1994

Could I have another moment?  
Another kiss, another smile,  
One more chance to watch you sleep  
Or just to sit awhile.

Ours to keep, or so we thought.  
We found we were mistaken.  
Like most of those who've lost a child,  
We felt we were forsaken.

When I watched your life  
play through my mind,  
I can't believe I failed to see  
The silhouette of angel wings  
There to set you free.

I no longer feel so angry.  
You were heaven's all along, you see,  
Our time will come to be with you  
To share eternity.

## HAPPY 34<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY SIOBHAN

Mom, Dad,  
Chris, Roderick  
The Cox & Gibson Families

**13th November**

**ACROSS**

- 1 Read a QR code
- 5 Rotten
- 10 Chevelle's little brother
- 14 Halloween's mo.
- 17 Leo's pride
- 18 "Oedipus Rex," e.g.
- 19 Olive branch
- 21 Sky ship
- 22 Transform, as in a movie effect
- 23 Sold
- 24 Like a painful remark
- 26 Iranian coins
- 28 Scarcity
- 29 Bray beginning
- 30 Vernacular
- 32 Future NPs, perhaps
- 33 "Return of the Native" author
- 34 Singing brothers' surname
- 35 Muhammad

- and Tatyana
- 37 Research room, for short
- 38 Smooched
- 41 Sounds from a baby
- 42 Vocation
- 46 "Dang it!" et al.
- 47 With radiance
- 49 Chimp who preceded John Glenn into orbit
- 50 Bonbon, e.g.
- 51 Level for beginners
- 52 Rod and
- 54 Liltng syllable
- 55 Mold concrete before using
- 57 Navy craft
- 59 Swiss bank?
- 61 Sloped walkway
- 62 Gum amount
- 63 Get an F
- 66 Borscht base
- 68 Fixes up
- 70 Cantor of "Kid Millions"
- 71 Moistened
- 73 Spoils
- 74 Narcoleptic

- 75 Facilitate
- 76 \_\_ pony
- 77 Inheritance recipient
- 78 Picnic blanket's perch
- 81 Officer Krupke, e.g.
- 82 Song of joy
- 84 TV letters
- 87 Grease monkey's job
- 88 Took to the junkyard
- 90 Fabric
- 92 Opening
- 94 Bumbling
- 96 Ballerina Spesivtzeva
- 97 Like the merchandise near Target's entrance
- 98 Famed Swedish philanthropist
- 99 Winged
- 100 Sun. delivery
- 101 Gabriel of the Dead End Kids
- 102 Escape

- 103 Foal's mother
- DOWN**
- 1 Act the iconoclast
- 2 Café menu
- 3 Harmon of "Law & Order"
- 4 " \_\_ Wilderness" (Nelson Algren)
- 5 Esteemed
- 6 Offenses
- 7 Best Picture nominee of 1996
- 8 Sports official, for short
- 9 "New Yorker" columnist John
- 10 " \_\_ Land" (Pinter play)
- 11 Track shapes
- 12 \_\_ libre
- 13 Gopher-wood vessel
- 14 \_\_ Mongolia
- 15 Set of beliefs
- 16 Bridal shower gift, perhaps
- 20 Practical, as a proposal
- 25 Track habitué

- 27 Temper, informally
- 31 Lao-tzu devotee
- 33 "2001" heavy
- 34 A Tribe of Israel
- 36 Sluggish
- 37 Tier
- 38 Jackson and Derek
- 39 Detroit labor gp.
- 40 Walked
- 41 Comes to understand
- 42 Salespeople
- 43 Meddle
- 44 Neither's companion
- 45 Agcy. overseeing fed. property
- 47 Entered the "Enterprise" the high-tech way
- 48 Tracks
- 53 Rescue rope
- 56 Gave a hoot
- 57 Site for a vacationer's gear
- 58 Marsh
- 59 Low-grade wool
- 60 Singer Brenda
- 62 Swimming \_\_
- 64 Slug from a flask
- 65 Sardine-can attachment
- 67 Puzzling problems
- 69 Rhetorical device
- 72 Oshkosh's st.
- 74 Frasier's listening area
- 76 Civil rights leader Adam Clayton
- 77 Piled
- 78 "Heart of \_\_" (Blondie)
- 79 Kolkata coin
- 80 Cross as \_\_
- 81 Reef stuff
- 83 Tiny animal
- 84 Country estate
- 85 Source of Sarah's jealousy
- 86 Outward curvature
- 88 Air
- 89 Eat off the good china
- 91 Be nomadic
- 93 Actor Slaughter
- 95 Guy Fawkes Day mo.

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Wheat	Jul 19	2019 Jun	5.25	-0.22	5.03	0.05
Corn	Dec 18	2018 Nov	3.56	0.03	3.59	0.02
Corn	Dec 18	2018 Dec	3.56	0.01	3.57	0.00
Corn	Sep 19	2019 Aug	3.86	-0.07	3.79	-0.03
Soybeans Sldon	Jan 19	2018 Nov	8.62	-0.65	7.97	-0.19
Soybeans G'wood	Jan 19	2018 Nov	8.62	-0.45	8.15	-0.17
Soybeans G'wood	Jan 19	2018 Dec	8.62	-0.35	8.27	-0.19
Soybeans G'wood	Jan 19	2019 Jan	8.62	-0.30	8.32	-0.19
Soybeans G'wood	Nov 19	2019 Aug-Sep	9.16	-0.37	8.79	-0.15
Soybeans Minter City	Jan 19	2018 Nov	8.62	-0.60	8.02	-0.19
Rice	Nov 18		10.750			-0.035
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