



Joan I. Rebich

September 12, 1938 - January 24, 2019

Joan I. Rebich passed away Thursday afternoon, January 24, 2019 at the Springs Assisted Living Center surrounded by her family. She was born in Butte September 12, 1938 to Byron and Dolores (Richards) Rogers. She attended Emerson and graduated from Butte High School. She earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Western Montana College in Dillon and for many years was the only social worker in Beaverhead County. She worked in all facets of social work but found working with children to be her greatest joy. After ten years in Beaverhead County, Joan moved to Helena in 1978 and worked with and for children there until 1989 when she moved to California. While in Helena, she was instrumental in passing legislation that help social workers qualify for payment from medical insurance. She received many awards and accommodations during her dedicated career. She retired in 1993 in Riverside, California after a career lasting 35 years. Working with and protecting children was her lifelong passion.

She married twice, first to William "Ben" Johnson and together they had three daughters. They divorced and she later married William P. Rebich. They too divorced but remained close friends throughout her life.

Joan is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy and Kevin Thon of Butte, Janelle Lafser of Butte and Dee Dee and Rodney Antis of La Quinta, California. Grandchildren include: Michael Johnson, Laura and Patrick Sandige, Sean and Cortney Thon, Alyssa Thon, Trenton Antis and Garret Antis. Her great-grandchildren include: Payton and Morgan (Joan) Johnson,

Damon, Ethan and Braiden Thon, Brooklyn Parke and Hayden Sandige. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank Janeece August, Billie Matule, the care givers at The Springs, Senior Solutions Hospice and Dr. Grace for their kindness to our mother in her last days. Cremation has taken place. A celebration of her life will be held Tuesday, January 29th at 1:00 pm at Meadowlands, 4034 Elizabeth Warren Avenue in Butte. Donations can be made to Parkinson's research of your choice.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Janell & the entire Rebich family,
We were saddened to hear of your loss and wish to offer our
sincere sympathy. We never knew Joan, but judging from Janell's
care and concern for others she must have been special. We pray
"the father of tender mercies, the God of all comfort" will comfort
you during your tribulation.
Ted and Sue Crossley*

Ted and Sue Crossley - January 28, 2019 at 07:22 PM

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“*Janell, Dee Dee and Nancy- On behalf of the Carver family, please accept our deepest condolences. Your Mom was truly a special lady and really made a difference in all the important ways in the lives of children and also as a maverick in her profession. Joan and my Mom Irene, were life long friends. I am sure they will have much to confer about in Heaven. With the biggest of hugs, I am sending you blessings and comfort at this difficult time.*

Lyn Carver and Family

Lyn Carver - January 27, 2019 at 02:01 PM



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“ *She was a wonderful lady and she will truly be missed. Prayers for Janelle, Dee Dee, Nancy, Michael, and the rest of the family. She loved you all so very much and spoke of you often in her final days. God bless you, Joan. I will miss you.*



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