



## Josephine Catherine Petritz

November 19, 1934 - December 10, 2017

On December 10, 2017, Josephine Catherine Petritz, known by her family and friends as “Grandma Jo,” passed away surrounded by her loving family. Jo was born in Butte, Montana on November 19, 1934 to Joseph and Mary Gorshe. She spent part of her childhood on a small ranch in the Twin Bridges area before moving to Butte, growing up in a house with a white picket fence on Locust Street.

Jo graduated from Butte High School in 1953 and attended the Butte Business College, thereafter holding jobs with the Mountain States Telephone Company from 1953 – 1965, the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Butte as a Clerk/Typist from 1965 – 1966, and the Capri Motel from 1967 – 1989 as a desk clerk. Later, after a short retirement, she worked at First Aid Systems of Montana, and the Town Pump gift shop in Rocker.

Jo met her loving husband, Archie Petritz, and they married on June 19, 1965. They went on to have five children, Lynn, Tim, John, Jerry, and Danny. Remarkably, they were all born on the same date, April 15th, making it impossible for Archie to forget any of their birthdays. Jo and Archie were married for 39 years prior to him passing away on October 25, 2004.

Grandma Jo was blessed with several grandchildren as well. She will be loved and missed by Andrew, Kaylee, TJ, Joel, Kamrie, Archie, Jacy, Lauryn, Aidan, Jaden, and Faith. She also had one great-grandchild, Dawsyn. Jo’s greatest joy and her legacy came from her family. She and Archie were so proud of each and every one of their children and grandchildren.

Grandma Jo was often seen cutting out and stitching different and unique patterns for quilts made with love for each grandchild which eventually found their way under the Christmas tree. In addition to quilting, grandma was a talented crafter and scrapbooker. All of her children received beautiful scrapbooks of their lives, memories that she collected over many years.

Jo was an excellent cook and was famous for her walnut and apple poviticia. She provided close supervision in her later years as the tradition was carried on by her children. All of the children and their spouses have specific jobs on poviticia day. It is serious business, yet everyone manages to laugh and love, and have a special treat to share with friends and family.

Grandma Jo was also known for her wonderful flower garden at the cabin located at Georgetown Lake. She spent time working with the Butte Flower Club on several gardens located in the uptown Butte area which were often seen within the pages of Montana Standard.

Jo is survived by her children and their spouses, Lynn and Darin Job of Missoula, Tim and Lisa Petritz of Anaconda, John Petritz, Jerry Petritz, and Dan and Dawn Petritz all of Butte, her grandchildren, her brothers-in-law Larry Jany and Marty "Big Eye" (Judy) Petritz, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents Joseph and Mary Gorshe, husband Archie, grandson Joel, sister Rose Jany, brothers and sisters-in law and their spouses, Peter "Peachy" (Mary) Petritz, Joseph "Joey" Petritz, Rudy "Rooster" (Phyllis) Petritz, Mark "Teacha" (Dottie) Petritz, Antone "Patty" (Jean) Petritz, Margaret (Joe) Malkovich, Lorraine (Mike) Zora, Kay Petritz, James "Brownie" (Kay) Petritz, Patricia "Cookie" Petritz, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Special thanks are extended to the staff at Big Sky Assisted Living, Genesis Physical Therapy, and Compassus (especially Dorothy), Mindy Padrotti, and Dr. Cortese.

Memorials in memory of Grandma Jo may be made to the Spirit of Columbia Gardens, any hospice organization or a charity of the donor's choice.

Grandma, thanks for the love, laughter and memories. Don't worry, we all

know that Danny's the favorite, but we'll still keep picking on your Danny.

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Cross Cemetery

4700 Harrison Avenue  
Butte, MT 59701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 15. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home  
1800 Florence Ave  
Butte, MT 59701  
(406) 723-3221  
<https://wayrynen-richards.com/>

## Vigil

DEC 15. 6:00 PM (MT)

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## Service

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DEC **16**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Holy Spirit Catholic Church  
3930 East Lake Drive  
Butte, MT 59701

# Tribute Wall

MG

“ *This is Mary Jaksha, now Gutkowski, in Denver, CO. My heart aches to think I am so far away this day you were able to celebrate Josephine's life. She was like a big sister to John and I on Locust Street for all the years we were growing up. Can't begin to recall all the wonderful memories. Her mother saw to it that John and I made it to church at St. Ann's each week, since our parents didn't go to church. We were blessed to have them in our lives. I was able to see her last year when in Butte, and her charming personality was there for me to enjoy. We are great friends with Sr. Mary Jo Anzik here in Denver, so we talked a lot about Jo through the years. You are all in my husband Ray and my prayers this blessed day. May your lives always be enriched with fond memories of your mom and grandma. God bless all of you.*

*Our love and prayers,  
Mary and Ray*

*PS: We have sent a donation in her name to the Belmont Senior Citizen Center.*

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**Mary Gutkowski** - December 16, 2017 at 04:21 PM

SJ

“ Jo was the Mom I never had. I remember growing up eating dinner at 3420 S. Hillcrest Drive almost as much as I did at my own home. Jo was a great cook and obviously Archie felt so too as he was always at the ready to eat anything us kids didn't polish off which earned him the second nick name, “Hoover”.

*I remember Archie was always making sure us boys were not causing any trouble and Jo would always be getting on him saying, “Leave them alone Dad”. Archie would listen to her and would go do something else for a while, but before we could get into any trouble, Archie would be back again to check on us.*

*This relationship started when Tim and I were in second grade and continued to be a stable place through high school. Jo continued to keep Archie in line if she thought he was hovering too much. This was a relationship I grew to love that provided me a place of belonging and stability. Whether they knew it or not, Jo and Archie were the classic role models of loving parents I had growing up. This gave me the framework I needed to understand the challenges and rewards of a committed relationship.*

*Jo was always there to help me whenever I needed her, as if I were one of her own kids and I felt as if I was. I am saddened that God has recalled such a wonderful, giving, and selfless person. But I am glad she will finally be rejoined with her true love. Go give him hell Jo!*

*Love you always,  
Scott “Scooter” Johnson*

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**Scott Johnson** - December 14, 2017 at 09:10 PM

SC

“ Very sorry for your loss. Have many fond memories of Jo, she was definitely a second Mom! Prayers are with all of you from the Shawn Cooney family.

Shawn Cooney - December 14, 2017 at 09:21 AM

DD

“ Jo lived next to my grandmother Ruth Morgan on Locust and Jo was our wonderful babysitter. Always remembered her. Several years ago I had the pleasure of quilting with her at Butte. High. My husband Terry worked with the twins at the school. Lovely lady. she will be missed

Donna Davis - December 13, 2017 at 05:19 PM

Connie Padrotti

“ So Sorry for your Loss our Deepest Sympathy Frank and Connie Padrotti

Connie Padrotti - December 13, 2017 at 09:41 AM

KR

“ Keeping the Jo, Archie and their family in our thoughts and prayers. Great neighbors and a wonderful family! Kathy and Greg Redekopp

Kathy Redekopp - December 12, 2017 at 06:29 PM

AB

“ All of Barretts purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Josephine Catherine Petritz.



All of Barretts - December 12, 2017 at 12:50 PM