



Joan Virginia Larson

September 5, 1928 - June 8, 2014

Joan "Jo" Virginia (King) Larson, 85, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend to many, passed away June 8, 2014. Jo was born September 5, 1928 in Bismarck, ND, to Kenneth and Nan King. She had a sister, Kathleen, and brother, Robert. After graduating from St Luke's Hospital, she took a job at Wenatchee Valley Clinic as a Medical Technologist. In 1950, she met Delwyn Larson and the two were married August 4, 1951 in Hayden Lake, ID. Their daughter, Mary was born in 1953, and sons Robert in 1955, and Richard in 1957. Jo and Del raised their children in Wenatchee, with Jo continuing to work at the clinic until 1983, when she retired after over 30 years of service, while Del worked at Chelan County PUD. Jo took pride in setting an example for her children through hard work and teaching them the value of self worth, all while having a quick smile and a sense of humor. She helped lead and encourage her kids in Camp Fire Girls, Boy Scouts, 4H, DeMolay and "Jobies". Throughout their lives together, Jo and Del enjoyed spending time snowmobiling with family and friends, trips to the cabin they built with their sons in Priest Lake, ID, and traveling to Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand, and to their condo at Wapato Point. Retirement brought a new home, at Heatherwood Condos, and a new group of close friends that they enjoyed socializing and entertaining together. They were married 51 years before Del's passing in 2002.

Jo was always willing to help anyone she met and spent her life loving those

around her. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends and the community in Wenatchee. Jo was very active in her church, Grace Lutheran, where she showed her love to the entire parish through fellowship, volunteering wherever she was needed, and through the quilting group. She was also involved in Compassionate Friends on the steering committee, and managing group communications. Jo had many groups of friends she spent her time chatting and laughing with, especially the Tuesday Lunch Bunch; a support group of clinic employees and acquaintances, who met weekly for over 30 years.

In Jo's notes to her family she writes that she wants them to remember her for her smile and sense of humor "Life is but a journey for greater things to come" "Make the most of it" and "Love one another and enjoy doing for others".

Jo leaves behind her children, daughter, Mary (Jim) Kraft, Ellensburg, sons, Robert "Bob" Larson, Chelan and Richard "Dick" (Becky) Larson, East Wenatchee; special niece, Nancy (Doug) McIntosh, Wenatchee; six grandchildren, Mike (Renee) Kraft, Ellensburg, Brooke (Greg) Miller, Seattle, Scott Larson, Wenatchee, Christin Larson, Bridgeport, WA, Tom Larson, Seattle, Laura (Carl) Zylak, Seattle; three great grandchildren, Mya & Maycen Kraft, Ellensburg and Zachary Zylak, Seattle; nephew, Ken (Maria) Griffin, Spokane.

A celebration of life will be held at Grace Lutheran Church on Friday, June 13 at 11AM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Grace Lutheran Church Quilting Guild, 1408 Washington St., Wenatchee, WA 98801 or Compassionate Friends Wenatchee PO Box 2256, Wenatchee, WA 98807. You are invited to view her online guest book at www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com . Honored to serve the family, Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

MM

“ Condolences from me and my wife Pam on the passing of a GREAT LADY.

I worked at CWH lab for 30 years. Everytime I had contact with Jo it was a pleasure. She was so pleasant, smart and laughed at my jokes. Jo, Barb Smith, Margaret, and Gary Hannon are some of the old gaurd I'll never forget. They were all a class act and your Mom was at the top of the class.

I was sorry to read her Obit.

I would have come to her funreal but was out of town.

Praying for her soul.

RIP Jo!

Michael McNamara MT - June 19, 2014 at 08:26 PM



“ lit a candle in memory of Joan Virginia Larson



June 13, 2014 at 03:51 PM

JF

“ Jo will be sorely missed by the quilters at Grace. Her lively personality and antics were a delight; we never knew quite what to expect from Jo. Would she come to quilting with a singing horse or would she walk into the room draped in a bright, wild fabric?

I admired the numerous beautiful quilts quilts she produced. She was an inspiration to me.

Joyce Fisher - June 13, 2014 at 10:26 AM

SB

“ Having had worked with Jo at Wenatchee Valley Clinic Laboratory for over 10 years and as a member of the Tuesday Lunch Bunch for the last 30 years, Jo had been one of the best who brought delight to every lunch. She will be dearly missed by me and everyone.

Sharon Beebe - June 12, 2014 at 11:02 PM



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June 12, 2014 at 01:49 AM

BS

“ I'm sorry I won't be able to attend the memorial service as I have previous engagement. Jo was a dear friend to me and a member of the board of Compassionate Friends with me. We often went together to board meetings. I treasured her friendship and will really miss her.

My love & prayers go out to her family.

Sincerely,

B J Schmidt

B J Schmidt - June 11, 2014 at 08:00 PM

KS

“ I first met Jo in 1975 when I began working as a lab tech at Wenatchee Valley Clinic. She was my mentor, role model and friend. I will miss her dearly. Her kind, caring ways will never be forgotten.

Kay Stevens - June 11, 2014 at 06:55 PM

KR

“ *I worked with Jo at Wenatchee Valley Clinic in the Lab. She was a wonderfully kind lady.* ”

Kandee Rogness - June 10, 2014 at 06:29 PM