



## JO ANN KOCHIE

June 15, 1953 - October 12, 2019

Jo Ann Kochie (JoJo), 66 years of age, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Saturday, October 12, 2019 at her home in Hokah, MN. JoAnn was born June 15, 1953 in La Crosse, WI to Ralph and Betty Senn. Growing up in Hokah, she was the third oldest of six girls. JoAnn went to grade school at St. Peter's Catholic School in Hokah, and then graduated from Hokah/La Crescent High School in 1971. After high school, she attended the St. Mary's School of Practical Nursing in Rochester, MN where she then worked at St. Mary's hospital and met her future husband, Jim Kochie. Jim and Jo Ann got married in April of 1975. In their first 6 years of marriage, Jim and JoAnn moved around for work and school, eventually making their way back to Hokah where they raised their three children. Throughout most of her adult life, Jo Ann spent her time surrounded by children. Around 1983 she opened her in-home daycare and stayed open right up to her diagnosis of lung cancer in 2016. For 33 years, JoJo has helped raise and nurture countless daycare kids.

Jo Ann was an active member of the community as a 4-H and Girl-Scout leader, city council member and unofficial counselor to anyone looking for advice, a suggestion, or just a kind ear to listen. Jo Ann was also an active volunteer within her church. She taught confirmation and marriage classes for several years.

Jo Ann was a quilter, bowler and a card player. She rarely missed a Monday burger night with family and friends at Main Street Saloon. Since the early

90's she was the holiday hostess for the family's Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter celebrations. The house wasn't that big, but the more she could pack in, the better. All were welcome.

Jo Ann spent her life helping others whether it was a member of her own family, a friend, or one of her daycare families. Through this giving of herself, Jo Ann has touched so many lives and will forever be missed and will never be forgotten. "To know her was to love her." Jo Ann leaves her loving memory to be cherished by her husband Jim, children, Jon (Shannon) Kochie, Adriane (Mike) Fisher, and daughter-in-law Kristy Kochie; 5 grandchildren, Harper, Cooper, and Connor Kochie, Mikah and Aiden Fisher; sisters Pat (Dan) VonArx, Peg (Smoky) Johnson, Barb Rohrer and Geri (Doug) Patschull, brother-in-law Michael Otto, her aunts Margaret McCauley and Ardelle Schaffer, uncles Bill Senn and Jack Senn, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. She was preceded in death by her son Nathan, parents, and sister Connie.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to St. Peter's Church or School. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 am on Friday, October 18, at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Hokah. A rosary will be said at 3:30 pm Thursday at the church, and visitation will be from 4 to 7 pm following the rosary. Visitation will also be from 10-11am Friday morning before the service. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Hokah.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St Peter's Hokah  
34 Main St  
Hokah, Minnesota 55941

## Mass

OCT 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

St Peter's Hokah  
34 Main St  
Hokah, Minnesota 55941

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Kochie family,  
So sorry for your loss! Jo Ann was a great  
lady! Praying for peace in strength in the  
coming days. May she R.I.P.* 🙏🏻🕊️✝️

*Bob & Pat Lemke*



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**Bob & Pat Lemke** - October 17, 2019 at 10:04 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of JO ANN KOCHIE.*



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October 16, 2019 at 10:48 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the  
family of JO ANN KOCHIE.*



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October 16, 2019 at 10:37 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of JO ANN KOCHIE.*



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October 16, 2019 at 08:41 AM



“ *I so remember working with Jo at St Peter's when she was little & learning her prayers, She learned them well & went on to teach others through the years. Her smile & soft spoken ways were a blessing to all her knew her. Due to my health I Wil not be able to attend her service or Mass but will be praying for her family and friends. RIP Jo you've earned your wings!*

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**Sandra Langen** - October 15, 2019 at 09:23 PM



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October 15, 2019 at 02:13 PM



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October 15, 2019 at 01:39 AM

GP

“ During very difficult time I my life ( all of Hokah knows )... Jo was there for me! She helped me more than words can say raise Dante, my son! She talked me into St. Pete’s school! She talked me down off many “ledges” during some tough years single-parenting and running several businesses. She was my rock through years of morning chats at her kitchen table! Her heart is the biggest I know! I love you to the heavens Jo, and you’ve shaped our families lives in too many ways to count. The Pizzini’s will miss you till we meet again :( Much love to your family during this difficult time...

gerri pizzini - October 15, 2019 at 01:31 AM

 Heidi Olson

“ Jo was such an amazing person, so motherly. I always enjoyed seeing her. My condolences to the entire family. May she now rest peacefully. Heidi Olson

Heidi Olson - October 15, 2019 at 12:32 AM

RH

“ Jo was a special human being. When my kids were with her I knew they were loved and cared for. Her kindness was a special gift. I am so grateful for that my kids and I had the chance to know her. My condolences and prayers to Adri, Jim, and the rest of the family.

Renee Holzer - October 14, 2019 at 11:11 PM



“ *There was a special time for me personally with Jo that I remember, when she and Jim drove up to a barrel race to watch Adri race her horse at the MEC, Winona....Jim and her had just arrived out in the Parking lot and I happened to be helping Adri with either the horse or her little one, and I got to visit with Jo, ...just really had a sweet , no hurry type of visit....she was a wonderful listener and always a positive attitude...made you feel special...just talking....it was very special...will never forget her kind manners and low, sweet voice....May your rest peacefully in your Saviors Arms.... signed...Carlotta*



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**Carlotta Callahan** - October 14, 2019 at 10:33 PM

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“ *Jim there are no words, so sorry for your loss, again.*

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**Tom and Debbi Davy** - October 14, 2019 at 09:00 PM