



JoAnn Martha Pettersen

July 27, 1935 - October 28, 2024

JoAnn Martha Pettersen joined her family in heaven on October 28, 2024. JoAnn was born on July 27, 1935 at the county hospital in Glendive, Montana to Fred and Martha Rilla. She grew up with her siblings, Alice Entzel, Lois Hansen, and Fred Rilla, and enjoyed carrying the flag at events, the follies, and the chorus line.

Lavern Pettersen was the love of JoAnn's life. They met in high school and at Our Savior Lutheran church in which she was a member for most of her life. Lavern asked her to dance after the Follies and they never looked back. They married quickly, in September 1953, before Lavern was drafted because he was afraid she would be taken after he returned from the Army. They were happily married for 55 years.

JoAnn and Lavern were blessed with two children, Loni and Brad, giving her the family she always cherished. They started out living out in the country moving all over but never straying further from Glendive after returning from Lavern's stationing in California. JoAnn was active in her community, including rodeo, bowling, golfing, and many clubs (Moose, Saddle, Elks, and Cow Bells), and she worked hard all of her life. She hosted the family gatherings, brandings, and holidays. She also worked at Frosty's, the Jordan News Stand, Dairy Queen, First National Bank, PCA office, Chevron Bulk Plant, and F&G Pharmacy, where she worked until she was 82.

JoAnn also knew how to have fun and had too many friends to name here, but would want all of them to know how much she loved them. She treasured her

coffee dates, dancing, and music.

JoAnn doted on her grandchildren, Jason Hanzlik (Michelle), Amanda Hoskins (Brandon), and Rilee Pettersen and spoiled her great-grandchildren, London and Willow Hoskins, who all lovingly called her Nana. They will all miss her dearly, particularly pinochle games, telling jokes, eating sweets, watching golf and rodeo, and dancing.

JoAnn was always tough, including during her final battle with cancer. She never complained and only begrudgingly accepted any help, but she told her loved ones she was finally ready to come home to be with Jesus, and to join her husband, parents, siblings, and daughter. For those she loved and leaves behind, we will celebrate her life on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 10:00 AM at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Glendive with Pastor Greg Lucido officiating. Interment will be in the Dawson County Cemetery. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Senior Citizen's Center in Glendive.

Remembrances and condolences can be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Dawson County Cemetery

Corner of North Sargent Ave. and East Allard
Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **12**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Our Savior Lutheran Church
322 North River Avenue
Glendive, MT 59330

Tribute Wall

PP

“ Penny Preston lit a candle in memory of JoAnn Pettersen



Penny Preston - November 11, 2024 at 04:37 PM

CP

“ Condolences to all of JoAnn's family. I always enjoyed our chats when I would meet her doing errands or at the stores. She always had a great disposition. Cherish the many wonderful memories.

CHERISE PATTERSON - November 11, 2024 at 02:36 PM

LM

“ I have known JoAnn probably most of my life through church and then working for JoAnn and Lavern in the late 70's at the Chevron Station. I owned them a lot for getting me into my career of bookkeeping. I always enjoyed visiting with her when I was in Glendive. Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers.
With deepest sympathy,
Loretta McDanold Miller



Loretta McDanold Miller - November 10, 2024 at 09:09 AM

FF

“ My husband Joe and I always admired Joann, she was always smiling and friendly and kind to us, She is home now,

FRONA E. FILECCIA - November 09, 2024 at 04:52 PM

DS

“ *Denise Stoddart lit a candle in memory of JoAnn Pettersen*



Denise Stoddart - November 08, 2024 at 02:43 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of JoAnn Martha Pettersen.*



November 08, 2024 at 02:13 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of JoAnn Martha Pettersen.*

November 08, 2024 at 02:13 AM

CW

“ *My thoughts & prayers are with you all. I always enjoyed visiting with JoAnn when I ran into her.*



Carol Wolff - November 07, 2024 at 10:09 PM

JJ

“ To the family and friends of JoAnne Petterson . Joyce and I are sharing in your grief. We are saddened by her passing. It's been a long time since I visited the Pettersen home , but I never forgot the hospitality they showed me. JoAnn had a way of making you feel like you belonged there, even when talking on the phone you felt that . We hope the good memories of her will help ease the grief you are feeling. Jim & Joyce TePastte

Jim & Joyce - November 07, 2024 at 06:28 PM

GK

“ Grace Koffler lit a candle in memory of JoAnn Pettersen



Grace Koffler - November 07, 2024 at 12:41 PM

SB

“ Sharon Bain lit a candle in memory of JoAnn Pettersen



Sharon Bain - November 06, 2024 at 10:01 AM



“ Andeen Raymond lit a candle in memory of JoAnn Pettersen



Andeen Raymond - November 05, 2024 at 12:49 PM

CH

“ *Connie Hilger lit a candle in memory of JoAnn Pettersen*



Connie Hilger - November 04, 2024 at 09:16 PM

DV

“ *Deb Pete Vogel sent a virtual gift in memory of JoAnn Pettersen*



Deb Pete Vogel - November 04, 2024 at 04:18 PM

JB

“ *Janette Bogar lit a candle in memory of JoAnn Pettersen*



Janette Bogar - November 04, 2024 at 12:22 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of JoAnn Martha Pettersen.*



November 04, 2024 at 12:21 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of JoAnn Martha Pettersen.

November 04, 2024 at 12:21 PM



“ Brad and family, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Our parents were friends for many years and your mom was such a sweet lady. I'm sure they are all dancing in heaven now. Cara (Sampson) Seborg

Cara Seborg - November 04, 2024 at 11:34 AM



“ Petersen family
Sorry about your loss.

Tyler Pust - November 03, 2024 at 06:40 PM



“ Prayers to the family. Such a beautiful woman has been sent to be with our dear Lord. May God grant her family peace in upcoming days.

Lory Heltemes - November 03, 2024 at 09:40 AM



“ JoAnn and I were schoolmates, Jo Ann and Family lived across the street from my Mom and Dads home on East Towne St, So Sorry for your Loss, JoAnn was Wonderful Person always, enjoyed seeing her and visiting with her, it's been many years since seeing her, moved from Glendive in 1973. My Sincere Sympathy to all the Family and Friends !!

Chuck Heinrich - November 02, 2024 at 01:09 PM

KS

“ *Joann was always a friendly lady with a smile a mile long. RIP* ”



Karen and Noren Shanley - November 01, 2024 at 11:40 PM

JL

“ *Janette Legato lit a candle in memory of JoAnn Pettersen* ”



Janette Legato - November 01, 2024 at 08:40 PM

PZ

“ *Penny Zimmerman lit a candle in memory of JoAnn Pettersen* ”



Penny Zimmerman - October 31, 2024 at 08:51 PM

BV

“ *Becky Vetter lit a candle in memory of JoAnn Pettersen* ”



Becky Vetter - October 31, 2024 at 02:25 PM

BK

“ *Bonita Keel lit a candle in memory of JoAnn Pettersen*



Bonita Keel - October 31, 2024 at 12:02 AM

SW

“ *shirley wolff lit a candle in memory of JoAnn Pettersen*



shirley wolff - October 30, 2024 at 09:19 PM

KP

“ *Krista Page lit a candle in memory of JoAnn Pettersen*



Krista Page - October 30, 2024 at 07:39 PM



“ *So sorry to hear JoAnn has passed. I remember her from the drug store. She was always so helpful and kind. Cherish the memories.*

Sherry Corneliusen - October 30, 2024 at 06:44 PM



“ *Diane Crockett lit a candle in memory of JoAnn Pettersen*



Diane Crockett - October 30, 2024 at 01:35 PM

PE

“ *Brad, Riley, Amanda and Jason
I have no words for the loss I know you're feeling, my heart goes out to all of you!
Joann and I were friends for almost 60 years, it's hard to think she's gone, we won't share a cup of coffee, a meal or just a chat again! We shared so much, I will miss her forever!
I'm so sorry for your loss!
Patty*



Pat Eiker - October 30, 2024 at 12:50 PM

LI

“ *Lynn Ingraham lit a candle in memory of JoAnn Pettersen*



Lynn Ingraham - October 29, 2024 at 10:36 PM