



Zelda JoAnn "Jo" Skinner

July 26, 1934 - May 19, 2017

Zelda JoAnn "Jo" Skinner, aka Momma Bean, was born on July 26, 1934 in Bray, Oklahoma, the daughter of Walter and Faye (Vestal) Goodrich. Over the course of Jo's life she lived and traveled around the world. It brought her great joy and afforded her some of her happiest memories.

She loved art and was particularly drawn to oil painting. Jo also loved nature and enjoyed photography. Perhaps her greatest love though was her love of children and that love was returned everywhere she went. Kids would come up to her at stores, in the park, and at work because they were naturally drawn to her. It was as if she was a kid magnet. She dedicated her life to working with children and will be remembered by many through her work at the St. Francis employee childcare center, the Ave Maria House, from 1972 through 2004.

Our mom will be remembered as a kind lady who shunned judging others, had a quick and unique wit that brought a lot of laughs, and that lived a good and rich life. She passed from this world on May 19, 2017. She is survived by her sister, Janice Rodgers, her brother, Bruce Goodrich, and she will always be remembered by her four sons: David, Erich, Hans, and Stefan.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 2448 E. 81st St., Suite 3000, Tulsa, OK 74137 or the Little Lighthouse, 5120

E. 36th St., Tulsa, OK 74135.

Tribute Wall



“ *Zelda JoAnn "Jo" Skinner*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear that Jo has passed. She was one of my bosses at my first job at the Ave Maria House. A very sweet gal with a great sense of humor.*

Pam Gennardo (Warner) - May 24, 2017 at 02:01 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Your mother was a wonderful person, and I enjoyed the years at Ave Maira House with her. Prayers for the family. Betty Van Meter*

Betty Van Meter - May 24, 2017 at 09:38 AM



“ *I'll always remember Jo as a genuinely kind and loving person who loved the children of the Ave Maria House and elsewhere. She was always calm, cool and collected and had a good sense of humor! I feel fortunate my daughter Amy was a Ave Maria House kid who experienced her special loving ways.*

Susan Jennemann - May 24, 2017 at 08:16 AM



Jo and I were hired at the same time. I remember her riding her bike to work. She wore her trench coat and her long hair would be blowing in the wind. At that time her hair was down to her waist and it was so beautiful. I never saw her 'lose it'. She just " Stuffed it" with anything that was stressful . Jo and I were pregnant at the same time. Jo with Stefan, her last child and me with my first, Allie. They were a month apart. Jo became a "fountain of wisdom for me and I went to the "well" often. peace, Jo.

Betsy Keyes - May 24, 2017 at 12:25 PM



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Hayhurst Funeral Home - May 23, 2017 at 01:22 PM



“ It is our honor and privilege to serve the Skinner family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of JoAnn Skinner.



Hayhurst Funeral Home - May 22, 2017 at 12:19 PM

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I loved Jo Skinner like a mother. She took me under her Wing when I first moved to Tulsa in 1975 and became a part of the Ava Maria House family. We shared a love of children and photography, took many classes together. Cherished memories. Peace and love to Stefan, Hans, Erich and David.

Cordell Mitchem - May 24, 2017 at 09:53 AM