



Jo Ann Barley

December 7, 1939 - October 27, 2023

On October 27, 2023, Jo Barley passed away peacefully. Jo was born on December 7, 1939, in Corona, New Mexico, to James Elvin Robinson and Edna Thelma Griffin Robinson. She was studying occupational therapy at the University of New Mexico when she met her future husband, Lee James Barley Sr., whom she married on August 30, 1958.

Jo's passion for sewing began while raising her children, and it eventually led her to establish her own company, Jo Barley Originals. She initially started with smocking, Brazilian embroidery, and French handsewn lace garments. Jo further expanded her business by designing and sewing figure skating and ballet costumes for her daughter, JJ. Her talent and dedication allowed her to extend her business, designing and completing costumes for numerous others, including entire ice shows. Jo has been sharing her outstanding design and sewing talents by giving lessons and presentations to the local community.

Jo was a long-time active member of the First Presbyterian Church, where she served in various capacities in the past 51 years. She served as the nursery coordinator, wedding coordinator, and engaged in many fellowship groups across the years.

Jo is survived by her children: Lee James Barley II (Shelly), Robin Carol

Barley-Stock (Mark), Stephen Keith Barley, and Jennifer Jo Barley-Dunning (Jason). Her dearest grandchildren: James Robert Cunningham (Rachel), Jessica Robin Preble (Michael), Amanda Marie Barley-Hopkins (Jesse), Josephine Carol Hofstetter (Jason), Lee James Barley III (Rosalie), Aurora Elizabeth Dunning, and Holden Elias Dunning. Her beloved great-grandchildren: Rebecca Carol Cunningham, Alexandra Lee Yoke, Noel Marie Hopkins, Olivia Ann Preble, Weston Gideon Hopkins, Elizabeth Anna Hofstetter, Roxy Eileen Hopkins, Irene Felicity Cunningham, Myles Lee Hofstetter, and Emmanuel Lee Cunningham. Jo was preceded in death by her loving husband, Lee James Barley Sr. in 2018.

A Memorial Service honoring Jo Barley will take place on Sunday, November 5 at 2:30 pm at First Presbyterian Church, followed by a reception. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations go to the sewing ministry group, The Humblebees at First Presbyterian Church. To send condolences, please visit bohlenderfuneralchapel.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 5. 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (MT)

First Presbyterian Church
531 S. College Ave.
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Tribute Wall

CS

“ My sincere condolences to the Barley family. I wanted to share with you how Jo has influenced my life. I met Jo at First Presbyterian church in the late 80’s. Many years later my daughter Jessica was an ice skater and Jo taught me to sew skating outfits at her house. She wouldn’t let me pay her, it always made her happy to share her sewing knowledge. Most recently I began sewing classes at the sewing circle and Jo was there to teach me again! I began with the garment sewing classes and mentioned to Jo that I wanted to learn smocking, her face lit up! She had me come over to see her that week so we could find a pattern from her “stash” to start working on. Smocking was definitely her passion! She was very patient teacher, I am going to miss her and the friendship we developed. Cheryl Schiager

Cheryl Schiager - November 23, 2023 at 10:22 PM

JB

Thank you for sharing.

Jennifer Barley - March 16, 2024 at 10:44 AM

SD

“ Our deepest condolences to the Barley family. My daughters and I knew her through sewing classes. Jo was a wonderful and kind person who loved to share her knowledge and years of sewing expertise with us. I always loved chatting with her. We’ll miss her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Samina, Inaya and Imana

Samina Dossani - November 19, 2023 at 10:26 PM

JB

Thank you.

Jennifer Barley - March 16, 2024 at 10:45 AM

MM

“ Jo was such a large part of our sewing family! She joined the staff when the store when *The Sewing Circle* opened in 2010 and continued teaching even after the COVID pandemic. She was a dear friend and will be missed!

Melissa Mangan

Melissa Mangan - November 19, 2023 at 08:17 PM

JB

“ Jo was such a sweet lady & quite the accomplished seamstress! I've gotten to enjoy a BEAUTIFUL jacket she made for me to wear for my daughter's wedding. It's very lovely! She was a patient teacher as well & she will be so missed!

Jan Bradshaw - November 10, 2023 at 12:08 AM

JL

“ Our deepest sympathies to the entire Barley family at this sad time. Jo was so talented, intelligent, hardworking and a good friend always, doing so much for so many. We'll treasure the many great memories over the past 29 years...We love you, Jo, and wish you eternal peace as you reunite with your beloved Lee.

Jodee and Mark Loury - November 05, 2023 at 12:36 PM

LS

“ I've only known her for a few years, but she was so much fun and such an inspiration when it came to sewing. I will miss her

Leta Smith - November 03, 2023 at 07:25 PM

ME

“ I took a serger class from Jo. Learned to use my serger. She also hemmed my granddaughters wedding dress. I have many fond memories of Jo. She will be missed. Marcia Elwood

marcia elwood - October 31, 2023 at 12:13 PM