



JoAnn Banister

September 14, 1934 - June 25, 2019

Jo Ann Banister, died June 25, 2019 at the age of 84 in Fort Collins Colorado.

Mrs. Banister was born September 14, 1934 in Emporia, Kansas to Charles and Eunice Stine Jacobs. She was the fifth generation to spend her childhood on the family farm southwest of Emporia. Although she lived most of her life in cities, Jo Ann remained a country girl at heart. She graduated from Emporia High School in 1952 and Emporia State University in 1974.

Jo Ann married Richard E. Banister, her high school sweetheart, on December 6th 1953. They, along with their three children, lived in Emporia and several other locations in Kansas until 1974 when they moved to Sterling Colorado.

An industrious businesswoman, Jo Ann built a career through various business occupations such as bookkeeper, legal secretary, executive secretary, sales manager and realtor before obtaining her bachelor degree in 1974 and launching a career in education. Jo Ann established the Fashion Merchandising and Marketing Program at Northeastern Junior College in Sterling as she continued selling real estate part-time. After moving to Fort Collins in 1980, she taught in the Poudre School District while growing her real estate career until she retired in 1994.

Widowed in 1994, Jo Ann was very dedicated to her family. She enjoyed traveling and relaxing in her later years.

Jo Ann is survived by a daughter, Marianne Wagonhurst and her husband Robert of Hunt Valley, Maryland, a son Brian Banister and his wife Trish of Fort Collins, son-in-law David Bee, of Fort Collins. five grandchildren; Nicholas Bee and his wife Danielle of Phoenix, Maryland, Audrey Jacobsen and her husband Jesse of Clarkston, Washington, Hillary Wagonhurst of Bozeman, Montana, Ryan Banister and Rachel Banister, both of Fort Collins. She also has two great-grandchildren; Autumn and Maddie Jacobsen of Clarkston, Washington.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Eunice Jacobs, her husband Richard, her daughter Kathleen Bee and her granddaughter Claire Wagonhurst.

A Graveside Service will be held on Saturday, July 6th at 10:30 am at Haworth Cemetery near Emporia Kansas. A Celebration of Life will be held July 9th at 11am at Bohlender Funeral Chapel 121 W. Olive Street in Fort Collins. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Claire Marie Foundation, 100 Shawan Road, #313 Cockeysville, Maryland 21030 or online at www.clairemariefoundation.org.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 9. 11:00 AM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel
121 W. Olive Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Tribute Wall



“ *Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of JoAnn Banister.*



July 08, 2019 at 11:55 AM



“ *JoAnn & I worked at DVW real-estate back in the day. I just remember her as a smart business woman, fair and a kind person. DVW was my first years in the business and I remember JoAnn as very confident realtor and encouraging to me in those first years.*

Sorry for your loss, Susan Selby

Susan Selby - July 07, 2019 at 02:13 PM



“ *Patrick L. purchased the Fairest of All for the family of JoAnn Banister.*



Patrick L. - July 03, 2019 at 08:55 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of JoAnn Banister.*



July 03, 2019 at 11:16 AM



“ *Sending my sincere condolences to Jo Ann's family. She and Dick were classmates at Emporia High School. We all were part of the class of 1952.*

Pat Van Sickle Schallehn

Pat Van Sickle Schallehn - July 02, 2019 at 08:42 AM



“ *We were sad to learn of Jo's passing as we planned a surprise visit soon - so sad we missed laughing with her one last time. She was such a special friend to us from the day we met. We will miss her feisty ways! Rest in piece Jo! We love you!*

David & Kelly Harper - July 01, 2019 at 04:35 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of JoAnn Banister.*



July 01, 2019 at 10:54 AM

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“ JoAnn a lovely lady and friend. She and Dick were just the BEST. Dick the finest administrator I ever knew. A privilege to have known them both.
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nofle - July 01, 2019 at 10:48 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of JoAnn Banister.



June 30, 2019 at 02:58 PM

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“ I worked with Dick for many years at PHS and of course came to know JoAnn as well. I am shocked and saddened by her passing. Saw her several times fairly recently at rehab, which my husband was attending as well.

Deepest sympathy to the entire family. To the children, you were blessed to have two great parents.

Chloe Wolf

Chloe M Wolf - June 29, 2019 at 02:57 PM