



Josephine L. Varra

October 5, 1917 - May 6, 2015

Josephine L. Varra, 97, of Fort Collins, died at Sterling House of Fort Collins on May 6, 2015.

Mrs. Varra was born October 5, 1917 in Craig, Colorado to Walter and Matilda Winberg.

Josephine married Thomas Anthony Varra in Castle Rock, Colorado on July 23, 1935. Thomas passed away in 1999.

Mrs. Varra lived most of her life in Fort Collins. She and Tom owned and operated Varra Beauty Salon for 46 years.

Survivors include her son; Thomas Varra (Dianna) of Nunn, Colorado; and daughter, Sandra Whitman of Boston, Massachusetts; twelve grandchildren, twenty nine great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

Preceding Josephine in death are her parents, Walter and Matilda; husband, Thomas; daughter, Patty Young; son-in-law, Bob Whitman, brothers, Robert Winberg, and Burt Winberg, and sister, Edith Nay.

A Funeral Service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday at Bohlender Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow at Grandview Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to Halcyon Hospice in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive St., Ft. Collins, CO 80524.

Cemetery Details

Grandview Cemetery

1900 W. Mountain Ave.
Ft. Collins, CO 80521

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

MAY 12. 10:00 AM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel
121 W. Olive Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524
(970) 482-4244
<https://www.bohlenderfuneralchapel.com/>

Tribute Wall

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“ *Sandy, Tommy and Families,*

Cindy and I send you our heart felt thoughts and prayers for the loss of your very dear, sweet mother. We have such fond memories of Jo. She was simply a kick; high energy, high spirits; a hard worker and a real go getter who had a wonderful zest for life. As a younger couple we spent time visiting with you parents. She was always very welcoming and eager to share whatever we needed. As a young bride she took Cindy under her wing and made her feel very welcome in this sea of strange Italians. She had both empathy and sympathy for what Cindy was experiencing and showed her the ropes.

Many times I would ask your dad to tell me the secret to his spaghetti sauce. He would always respond with just "mix up some tomatoes with some salt and pepper." I never did get the recipe and only found out much later it was your mom and not your dad that was the primary sauce maker (according to your mom). I guess we'll never know for sure!

Suffice to say your mom was a very special lady who had a significant impact on many people's lives and made a difference in the world. She deserves the rest and peace that she is now experiencing with her heavenly father and all of her family and friends that have gone before her.

Love to you all!

Cindy and Donnie Smith

Don Smith - May 12, 2015 at 09:36 AM

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“ I had the privilege of having breakfast with Ms Jo 3 mornings. She had an aura around here that radiated and actually melted my heart. I was so saddened to learn she had passed away but know she was always in God's hands. It was also my pleasure to meet her daughter-in-law Dianna and her angel friends at her dining table-- Lucy, Judy, and Shirley.

Cartha Richmond
Seniors Helping Seniors

Cartha Richmond - May 11, 2015 at 10:35 AM

JS

“ To the Tom Varra Family,
Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. What a wonderful full life Jo lived and you must have some wonderful memories of her.

The Schotts
Jerry and Donna

Jerry Schott - May 10, 2015 at 10:24 AM

SM

“ Brent and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Jo was a wonderful woman, and such a sweet soul. Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you and your Family. Shari (Keener) Morrison

Shari Morrison - May 09, 2015 at 11:19 PM

DB

“ Tom -- You have my sympathy... and I rejoice with you for a long life well-lived. Dave Brown

Dave Brown - May 09, 2015 at 05:41 AM