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Jo Lea Setterholm age 85, passed away unexpectedly of natural causes on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Jo Lea was born on April 8, 1926 to Harry Spencer Horton and Catharine (Tottie) Omega Darst Horton in Arkansas City, Kansas. As a beloved only child she grew up under Harry and Tottie's wise guidance and was the joy and light of their lives. The Horton family moved to Tulsa when Jo Lea was in grade school. Her father traveled a great deal during her childhood and made sure to bring her a doll upon his return. Her doll collection was so extensive that two floor to ceiling enclosed cases were made to hold them. Her bright spirit and interest in others was a lifelong trait that made everyone who met her leave feel they'd made a new friend. Her dearest girlfriends from grade school, Norma Brown Heeter and Betty Ann Bohart Wakefield remained close until her death. She graduated from Central High School in 1944 and went on to attend Linden College where she pledged Kappa Alpha Theta, a sorority she remained loyal to the rest of her life. She also attended Oklahoma A & M College in 1946. On June 5, 1946 she married Lt. Joseph Furbee Gordon at Trinity Episcopal Church in Tulsa. After his graduation from Oklahoma University they moved to Dallas, Texas where Joe practiced architecture. They had 4 children, Laura Lea, Joseph Spencer, Scott Darst & Clark Beatty. Through a series of fortuitous associations after the birth of twins, Scott & Clark, in 1956 the Gordon family was featured in a Life Magazine photo story entitled 'A Weekend Woe with a Father Named Joe'. In 1964 Jo Lea returned to Tulsa and continued raising her children. She loved entertaining and would prepare, often with her mother, wonderful meals for the many dinner parties held both in her home and in the home of her parents. She had great fun playing golf at the Tulsa Country Club and The Oak Country Club with her many friends. In 1988 Jo Lea married Vernon Miles Setterholm and entered into the second most meaningful marriage of her life. Jo Lea loved to travel. It was joked that she always had her bags



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packed and was ready to go on a moment's notice. She had the good fortune to travel extensively all around this country as well as Europe. Dancing was another of her loves, and she took every opportunity to get on the dance floor with a partner. It was said of Jo Lea that she never met a stranger. No matter where she went she engaged people in conversation. Her interest, openness and innate ability to draw out stories and anecdotes from everyone with whom she came in contact was one of her most endearing qualities. She was preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Catharine Horton, and her husband, Vernon Setterholm. Jo Lea is survived by daughter Laura Lea Gordon, her sons, Spencer and his wife Hollie, Scott and his wife Debi, Clark and his wife Kathleen. Granddaughters include Jhanel Loretta Kies, Amber Lea and husband Ryan Pittman, Whitney Lynne Lemond, Logan Ann Gordon, Hayly Elizabeth Lemond, Sydney Raye Hansen, Shae Elizabeth Gordon and Catharine Rose Gordon. Grandsons include Kyle Beatty Gordon, Andrew Wayne Gordon and Cole Joseph Gordon, and great granddaughter Madeline Pittman. A Memorial Service will be held 10:00 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 19, 2011 at Floral Haven Funeral Home Chapel, 6500 S 129 E. Ave., Broken Arrow with a reception to follow at the Floral Haven Family Center. Jo Lea's remains will be scattered at the family cabin along the Spavinaw Creek in foothills of the Ozarks. The family would like to thank the many friends and family who have given their loving support in this time of grief at Jo Lea's sudden departure. We are comforted by their love and in the knowledge that she is set free to continue her travels.



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ER

Edward Roling posted:

My sympathy to Jo Lea's family. I work at Trinity Episcopal Church in Religious Education, and have since 1993. Jo Lea and Vernon invited my wife Joyce and me to their home off S. Riverside one evening for a delicious meal and wonderful visit. Both of them were so loving and gracious. I saw Jo Lea within the last six months at Hibdon Tire and had a good visit with her. She was preparing to go to a family holiday gathering. I will always remember her for serving at the altar at the 7:30 am Sunday Eucharist. Jo Lea ws all that the obituary conveyed. Now heaven is richer to have another saint of God living in the light, happiness and peace of God's eternal presence. St. Jo Lea, pray for us!

December 19 at 10:58 AM

JH

Jhanel posted:

Thank you for the graceful sweet life you radiated to all who have loved you. Your are and were a delicate treasure to the Great Sipirt of the Universe. I will miss you and your brilliant smile. Thank you for the time I was able to share with you."The clearest way into the Universe, is through a forest wilderness." ~ John Muir~ I will think on these words, as you find your resting place by the creek.

December 18 at 6:12 PM

CC

Carol Croskery posted:

Dear Jo Lea, I met you in the T'ai Chi class we both loved and felt immediately drawn to you. Then I found that we were sorority sisters. Your beautiful daughter, Laura (who, in appearance, is your clone), moved to Tulsa and I know you were blessed in your final years by her love and companionship. Rest in peace, beautiful Jo Lea, now that you are not restricted by a physical body. Love, Carol

December 18 at 1:16 PM

MH

Mary K. Hart posted:

I remember Joe Lea as a dear friend. Her parents and my parents were great friends and we shared a love for the Spavinaw Creek area in N. W. Arkansas. Joe Lea was such a loving person and such a bundle of joy. She was know for her gift of hospitality. Joe Lea will be greatly missed. Mary K. Hart
Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada

December 18 at 1:06 PM



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Muriel Barker Mchardy posted:

I am so glad to have had a big sister for a few years and so happy I could spend a few days with Jo Lea last May. The time I spent with her last May was such a joy. I am so glad I came to Tulsa and could spend the time with her. She was truly a lady and I will miss her very much. With all the love I can enclose I'm sending all of you my best.

December 18 at 3:13 AM



Hugh & Christine St Onge posted:

Dear Laura, Closely with you in our hearts as we support you from afar.

December 16 at 9:55 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jo by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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