



Josephine Caroline Arena "Jo" Sullivan

November 16, 1933 - March 10, 2024

Josephine Caroline Arena Sullivan, born November 16, 1933, passed at 90 years old following a long illness in Hospice care in Sisters, Oregon on March 10, 2024.

Jo was born and raised in San Francisco, and while working there as a secretary to the Democratic party to elect John F Kennedy, met Raymond Sullivan, the head of the electrical union. They married on August 28, 1964 and welcomed their son, Michael Patrick Sullivan a year later. The family enjoyed many happy years in Daly City, California.

In 1979, the Sullivans left the city for a "wee bit of heaven" at their home in Klamath River Estates. Over nearly 40 years in that community, Jo worked as a medical transcriptionist, court interpreter and as a beloved kindergarten aide in Montague. She was the President of the local RPEA, an enthusiastic Elkette and enjoyed singing in choir with her church.

Following the death of her husband, Jo moved to Bend, Oregon to be closer to her son and his family. She enjoyed 10 full years of busy social life there.

Jo is survived by her son Michael Sullivan (Paula) and grandchildren Nickolas Sullivan, Ellie Cuff (Kevin) and great grandson Leo James Cuff.

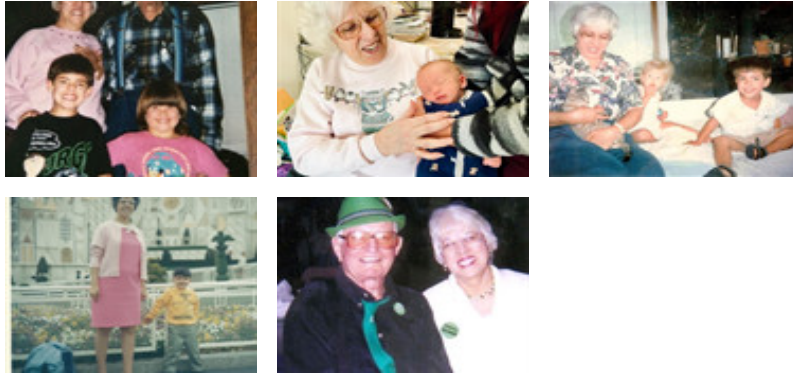
A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St Joseph Catholic Church in Yreka, California at 10 am on Tuesday, March 19, with internment to follow at Henley-Hornbook Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Josephine would be honored to have contributions made to Boys Towne or to the Siskiyou Community Resource Collaborative.

Tribute Wall



“ 10 files added to the album Obituary Wall



Girdner Funeral Chapel - April 27 at 03:42 PM

MR

“ My Aunt was so loving and kind, I will never forget her. May her memory live on as this tree blossoms and grows. Forever in my heart, Maureen @ Cam

Maureen & Cam Rawlings - March 27, 2024 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ I'm so sorry for the loss of Jo . I had the pleasure of working with Jo at Eastman /Henderson orthopedics several years ago . Jo always had a smile on her face . She will be missed . Rest in peace sweet lady

Shawn Owens - March 21, 2024 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Josephine Caroline Arena "Jo" Sullivan

Paula Sullivan - March 15, 2024 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ I remember Jo so well. I worked with her at Dr. Eastman and Dr Henderson's office. I loved working with her she was pretty funny. I also have fond memories of her husband Sully. Sending prayers out to your entire family.

Ellen Janson - March 14, 2024 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Girdner Funeral Chapel

A Memorial Tree was planted for Josephine Caroline Arena "Jo" Sullivan -
March 14, 2024 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Thank you so much Ellen. She loved working at that doctors office, and she and Sully had so many great memories of that time in their lives. Your kindness and warm thoughts are deeply appreciated!

Paula Sullivan - March 14, 2024 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Oh thank you Judy. She truly loved those years and the incredible team at the office. Wonderful times!

Paula Sullivan - March 14, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Jo was a very 'special' friend! We worked together at the office of Dr. Eastman and Dr. Henderson. Always fun and cheerful! She will be missed....

Judy Grensted - March 14, 2024 at 12:00 AM