



Jo Jo A. Folz

November 30, 1960 - September 20, 2019

Jo-Jo Folz, 58, passed away unexpectedly on Sept. 20, 2019 at the Florence Health Services, due to a fall at home and was there for rehabilitation. When Jo Jo first arrived there, she said to me, “Micky, I beat the cancer. Why can’t I beat this? I guess the Good Lord knew it wasn’t meant to be. For only He knows our destiny.”

She was born on Nov. 30, 1960 to her parents, Duane and Dorothy Folz of Florence, WI. Jo-Jo was a lifelong resident to the area. Jo-Jo had a quiet strength, compassion and kindness for people, especially the elderly. She went on to become an LPN for 30 years, until an injury ended her career. She never stopped being a nurse. Jo-Jo loved all animals, especially her rescue dog “Abbey,” who came to her broken, and she made her whole again. She loved her pet skunks, a Tarantula named “Spidey” that she had for 37 years, and many rescue dogs. Jo-Jo was a “fierce” fan of the Minnesota Vikings, and no one would know that better than her good friend, Nancy Klee. They watched the Vikings play together for years. I called them the “Purple Partners in Crime.” She sure missed you when you moved. Jo-Jo leaves behind Brother Todd and Sister Micky from Florence and Uncle David “Doc” and Aunt Darlene Folz from Rhinelander. Also left behind are Special Niece Mackenzie, Ken Eller and family, also from Florence, and many loving family and friends. Waiting to bring Jo-Jo home, with tears in their eyes and open arms, were her Mother Dorothy, Father George, Sister Laurel, cousin and friend Bruce Folz,

and family and friends.

A sincere thank you to Max, Ken, and Bacon-Bits. Also thank you to long time friend, Kaye Whaley. You all were there for Jo-Jo until the end, and she loved you so much. And to Erickson-Rochon and Nash Cremation Services, Tom, through your kindness and guidance, you have made this a little easier. You are a gift from God, and Todd and I are forever grateful.

Jo-Jo was diagnosed last fall with cancer. Thank you Dr. Charlene Greene for finding it. She was a true warrior. She stood in faith and courage and never faltered. When I stumbled, she would say, "Micky, it will be okay." She was so brave, and it was such an honor for Todd and I to walk beside her through her journey. With Todd at her feet and me stroking her hair as she was taking her final breaths, I finally got to say, "Jo-Jo, it will be okay!" We love you Sister.

Jo-Jo was a very private person, and in honor of her, the services will also be private. Thank you everyone for your thoughts and prayers.

Condolences to the family of Jo-Jo Folz may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *She was one of my nurses at the VA. Wonderful person.*

Richard Carlson - October 05, 2019 at 11:13 AM



“ *I played many year of softball with JoJo. She is an amazing person. Very kind hearted and full of laughter. I'm glad I was able to know her. RIP JoJo.*

Bridget Simon - October 04, 2019 at 11:08 AM



“ *With deepest sympathy! JoJo was a special part of the Class of '78! It's hard to understand what God has planned, we can only trust in His Divine mercy! Our prayers to you! God's peace-Dennis & Karen Podnar*

karen Podnar - September 29, 2019 at 08:49 AM



“ *My prayers to Jo Jo's family. I worked with her for several years at the VA. She was very dedicated to her patients and co-workers.*

Mary Gagala - September 28, 2019 at 10:10 AM

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“ Ohhh Micky and Todd~

I am so sorry to hear about your loss of Jo-Jo. She was a gem. Always positive, always happy to see you, always with a quick wit response, always your little sister...the baby of the bunch. She was never a bratty little sister either!

She'll always be a part of you and in your heart.

Sending you both a big hug....

Yvonne Rochon

Yvonne Rochon - September 27, 2019 at 09:37 AM

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“ *Jo-Jo was my best friend throughout high school, we did so many things together, riding around in my station wagon, egg fights in downtown Florence, horseback riding, swimming, smoking drinking and the like. We had so much fun and shared so many laughs. She always had me laughing, she was always playing pranks on me and her favorite name she called me was "Simple Cinde." I asked her to be my maid of honor at my wedding and it was probably the only time she wore a dress. It was a frilly floral dress and she looked totally ridiculous in it. I married and moved away and life changed for both of us. I missed her then and I will miss her now. Jo-Jo you meant the world to me, and i will never forget you. You beat me in the wheelchair race, and we will meet again someday.*

To Micky and Todd, I am so sorry for yet another loss in your family. You are both in my thoughts and prayers.

*With all my love,
Cinde Dumke Nichols*

Cinde Nichols - September 26, 2019 at 11:29 PM

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“ JO JO REST IN PEACE
MY CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS GO OUT
TO YOUR FAMILY
AND LOVED ONES



CHARLES STEVENSON

CHARLES STEVENSON - September 26, 2019 at 07:45 PM