



## Josephine "Jo" Renken

November 30, 1924 - July 21, 2021

A Memorial Service for Jo will be held on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Geneva, Nebraska with Pastor Doug Griger presiding.

It was Jo's wish to be cremated.

A Book Signing will be held Monday, August 2, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with family present from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva, Nebraska.

A Private Family Inurnment will be held on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at the Spring Creek Cemetery in Ruskin, Nebraska.

In Lieu of Flowers - Memorials are to be directed to the UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief).

Josephine Odessa Renken was the daughter of Ray and Mary (Phillips) Andres, born November 30, 1924 in Bostwick, Nebraska and passed away on Wednesday, July 21, 2021 in Geneva, Nebraska at the age of 96 years.

Jo was one of 9 children in the family. Her siblings are Myrtle Meyers, Ralph Andres, Alverta Baylie, Blanche Jensen, Albert Andres, Beulah Otte, Virginia

Landkamer. and Eunice Ells.

She married Everett LeRoy Renken on February 5, 1944 and to this union 4 children were born, Gaylord, Sandra, Michael and Rodney.

Jo followed Everett from coast to coast during his World War II service in the United States Navy. Worked on both coasts while waiting on him. At the end of the war they moved to Hebron, Nebraska where children Gaylord, Sandra and Michael were born. In 1950, they moved to Geneva for work where Rodney was born. She was the best mother and home manager and helped run a home where decisions and discipline were handed out evenly by both mom and dad. Jo helped Everett in his hobby of remodeling houses and was generally the layout designer and quite competent assistant. She worked as bookkeeper for Doud-Faimon Pharmacy for years.

Jo's children remember traveling with their parents. Always in a car and usually on what became known as the most "squiggly" road on the map. She would frequently choose two different routes to and from a location because she wanted to see something new. Jo would also choose to go any other route than an Interstate and in fact hung a map on their patio marked with every road they had traveled in the United States. They traveled many as they delivered trailers for a few years. Her goal as her grandchildren became adults was to visit each of their homes around the country even if they moved from one location to another. She loved her grandchildren and she loved to travel. Her most recent trip was just two years ago to visit a granddaughter in Florida and a grandson in Georgia in the same trip. She would choose to travel whenever the opportunity arose.

She served in numerous positions at the United Methodist Church in Geneva. If something needed to be done, she would volunteer to do it and make sure it was done correctly. She was active in the hospital auxiliary, which she enjoyed greatly. She was very fond of her prayer shawls which had warm and

countless hearts woven in them.

Jo is survived by her children; Sandra (Darrel) Hoffman, Michael (Sue) Renken, Rodney (Sandra) Renken, grandchildren; Stacy Hoffman, Katie Hoffman, Sam Renken (Maggie), Mary Uher (Jason), Meghan Wilke (Clint), Alisha Renken, Ryan Renken, great grandchildren; Jeremiah and Addison Renken, Ryden Renken, Zuri, Ella, and Indie Renken, Reese, Macy and Thor Wilke, sisters; Virginia Landkamer and Beulah (Billy) Otte and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Everett, son, Gaylord, parents, Mary and Ray Andres, and siblings, Myrtle, Alverta, Blanche, Albert, Ralph, and Eunice.

# Cemetery Details

## Spring Creek Cemetery

Highway 136 & Road 4600  
Ruskin, NE 68974

# Previous Events

## Book Signing

AUG 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home  
242 N 10th Street  
Geneva, NE 68361  
(402) 759-3617  
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

## Family Present for Book Signing

AUG 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home  
242 N 10th Street  
Geneva, NE 68361  
(402) 759-3617  
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

## Memorial Service

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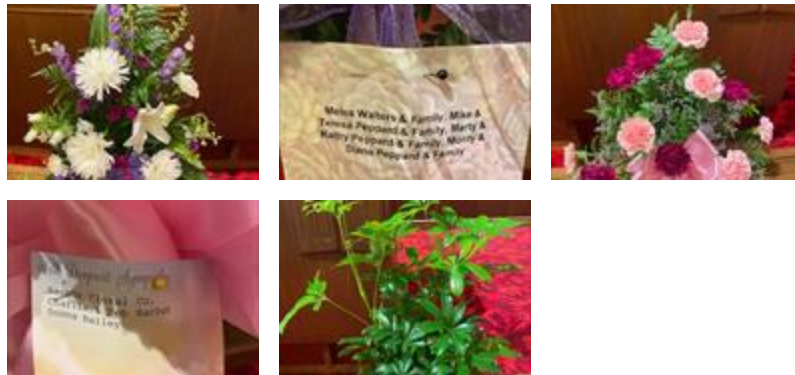
AUG 3. 10:30 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church  
942 H Street  
Geneva, NE 68361  
(402) 759-3731  
[umc@windstream.net](mailto:umc@windstream.net)

# Tribute Wall



“ 28 files added to the album Flower Arrangements



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - August 03, 2021 at 04:36 PM



“ Your Baltimore Friends and Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Josephine "Jo" Renken.



Your Baltimore Friends and Family - August 02, 2021 at 07:31 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Josephine "Jo" Renken.



August 01, 2021 at 06:39 PM

RS

“ Randy & Rhonda Schkick lit a candle in memory of Josephine "Jo" Renken



Randy & Rhonda Schkick - July 31, 2021 at 01:59 PM

DM

“ Jo was a classy lady! I enjoyed having her in my life as a fellow member in extension club & bridge groups. She was a good role model for all of us.

Dorothy Moravec - July 31, 2021 at 12:43 PM

VJ

“ Virginia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Josephine "Jo" Renken



Virginia Johnson - July 30, 2021 at 09:00 AM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Josephine "Jo" Renken.



July 29, 2021 at 03:40 PM

LE

“ Rod and Sandi,  
Our sympathy in the loss of Rod's Mother. I remember her as a great lady who worked hard on the hospital auxiliary. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, now and in the days ahead as you adjust to your loss.  
Larry and Barbara Eichelberger

Larry Eichelberger - July 28, 2021 at 05:36 PM

MH

“ My condolences on your loss and prayers to your family. The stories I heard of her always made me smile. May your cherished memories of her bring you comfort.



Morgan Hermanek - July 28, 2021 at 10:45 AM



“ Carol Best lit a candle in memory of Josephine "Jo" Renken



Carol Best - July 28, 2021 at 10:32 AM

RK

“ Rosalie Kleinschmidt lit a candle in memory of Josephine "Jo" Renken



Rosalie Kleinschmidt - July 27, 2021 at 12:36 PM

YA

“ Your friends and family at APA purchased the Adoring Heart for the family of Josephine "Jo" Renken.



Your friends and family at APA - July 27, 2021 at 12:09 PM

VJ

“ Virginia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Josephine "Jo" Renken



Virginia Johnson - July 27, 2021 at 10:34 AM

DW

“ Darlene Webb lit a candle in memory of Josephine "Jo" Renken



Darlene Webb - July 23, 2021 at 05:14 PM

PA

“ Mike, Sandi, and Rod,  
We will all surely miss Aunt Jo. I have fond memories of staying at your house and having Jo be our “substitute Mom”. The more Mom reminisces about her growing up years the more I have come to understand how important your Mom was to her.  
Rest peacefully Aunt Jo.

*Paula (Landkamer) Holder*

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**Paula** - July 22, 2021 at 07:37 PM

SS

“ Steve & Barb Sadd lit a candle in memory of  
Josephine "Jo" Renken



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**steve & barb sadd** - July 22, 2021 at 10:46 AM

MW

“ Melea Walters lit a candle in memory of  
Josephine "Jo" Renken



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**Melea Walters** - July 22, 2021 at 12:11 AM

VY

“ We are sorry to hear of Jo's passing...she always had a special hug for me at church which I loved....what a sweet, gentle person...she helped with our Prayer Shawl group and she did beautiful work and was such an asset to our group...cherish the memories of a special lady...she has been a blessing to so many...

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**Verlene Yates** - July 21, 2021 at 03:23 PM

GG

*So sorry to hear of Jo's passing. Thinking of her family at this time.*

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**Gary & Liz Gerberding** - July 22, 2021 at 12:22 PM

RK

*Such a sweet super lady. Loved working with her on Aux.*

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**Rosalie Kleinschmidt** - July 27, 2021 at 12:36 PM