



## Jo Melissa McDermott

July 18, 1960 - April 21, 2020

Jo Melissa McDermott, daughter of B.D. and Arleen Thorne, was born July 18, 1960, in Primghar, Iowa and WALKED home to Jesus on April 21, 2020.

The family moved to Bentonville, Arkansas in 1964 where Jo attended and graduated from Bentonville High School. Arkansas remained her home until she married Donnie McDermott on March 3, 1995 and moved to Oklahoma.

Jo's passion was horses. She was at her happiest while showing and riding, particularly her beloved paint, that she raised from a colt, Sweetheart; with which Jo is now reunited.

She is survived by her parents B.D. and Arleen Thorne; her husband, Donnie McDermott; her daughter, Jillian York and husband, Neil, their four children Remington, Oakleigh, Karigain, and Elizabeth; two step daughters, Ashley McDermott and Leah McDermott and her son, Rylan; her brother, John Thorne and wife, Robyn, and sister, Joy Haltom, and her husband, Dennis.

Also surviving are nieces and nephews, Hannah Scott and husband, Eric, and their two children; Krista Prieto, and her husband, David, and their daughter; Marva Haltom, Seth Haltom and wife, Claudia, and their daughter; Daniel Haltom; Wendy Forsyth, and husband, Tom, and their four children; Katie Thorne; Matthew Thorne; Christopher Thorne.

Jo delighted in her role as “Mamaw”, was loved by many, and will be deeply missed. Celebration of life service will be held June 6, 2020 at 2 pm at Hopeton Wesleyan Church, in Hopeton, Oklahoma.

In lieu of flowers, honoring Jo’s love for horses, the family ask that donations be made to Bennie’s Barn Horse Therapy Ranch; [www.benniesbarn.org](http://www.benniesbarn.org).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

Hopeton Wesleyan Church  
100 Main Street  
Hopeton, Ok

# Tribute Wall



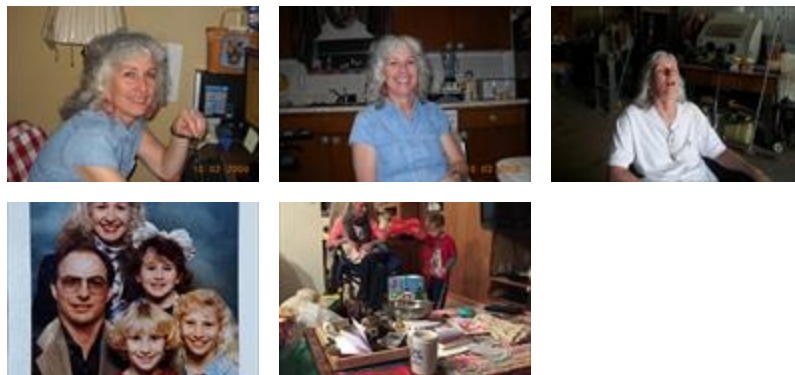
“ *Wharton Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Jo Melissa McDermott*



Wharton Funeral Chapel - May 28, 2020 at 06:19 PM



“ *13 files added to the album McDermott Album*



Robert Wharton - May 28, 2020 at 05:24 PM

KW

“ *So sorry about Jo. She was always so willing to help wherever she could with children's ministry. I remember her making costumes for our Christmas play and helping paint the scenery. Blessings to you at this time and we are praying for you.*

Kathie Wessels - April 25, 2020 at 08:45 AM

EH

“ Jo was a joy and a true friend. We enjoyed crafting and had many laughter moments until her health failed. Her faith in God and His healing was firm and strong. She fought a long hard battle and is now in the presence of her Lord and Savior - completely healed, walking, waving, and riding her horse in the greenest pasture there ever was! Praise God her battle is won and she is free!! Prayers for her faithful husband, Donnie, daughters and grandchildren which she adored and her mom and dad and the rest of the family. She is rejoicing with the family and saints that have gone on to heaven before her. May God bless each of you family members and friends. Heaven gained a faithful daughter and child of God that always believed she would be healed and now she is completely healed and high and lifted up. Blessings on you all!! Elwyn and Evelyn Hofen

Elwyn and Evelyn Hofen - April 23, 2020 at 05:37 PM

BS

“ So sorry for your loss! She is flying high with no pain and can run! She was always a blessing to see when my parents were there. Donnie you were an amazing big caretaker and her live and joy! Prayers for the whole family ! God Bless.



Barbara Sacket - April 23, 2020 at 12:56 PM

JE

“ Sorry for your loss Donnie!! Always enjoyed seeing her when I saw my parents!! Prayers 🙏🙏💕

Judy (Burkes) Elliott - April 23, 2020 at 10:49 AM

LR

*Donnie I'm sorry to hear about your loss. God be with you and your family*

**Larry Don Rose** - April 23, 2020 at 12:00 PM

VS

*“ Sincere sympathy for your loss, Donnie. Praying special memories will comfort you now & in the days to come. Vaughna Schmidt*

**Vaughna Schmidt** - April 23, 2020 at 10:09 AM



*“ Sorry to hear of the loss of your sweet Jo. Always had fun working with her. May God hold her family close during this difficult time. Jim and Trixie*



**Trixie Leslie** - April 22, 2020 at 06:57 PM