



Joseph Vernon Petty

September 27, 1941 - June 2, 2015

Joseph Vernon Petty, Jr. was born September 27, 1941 in Tucumcari, NM to his parents, Joseph Vernon Petty, Sr. and Gweneth (Clark) Petty. He was raised in Carrizozo, NM and graduated as valedictorian from Carrizozo High School in 1959.

He attended the New Mexico School of Mines initially, but later transferred to Hastings College where he played basketball and ran track. Most importantly, he met the love of his life at Hastings College, Janet Kay Johnson, and they married

November 2, 1963. To this union were born two children, Joseph Vernon Petty, III, and Deborah Ann (Petty) Howorth. Joe and Jan lived in Torrance, California for eight years where Joe worked at Northrop Grumman Corporation. In 1971, Joe joined ConAgra Foods and became Vice-President of Management Information Systems. Joe retired from ConAgra in 1998. Joe was a very loving husband, father, grandfather, son and brother, considered a true friend by many. Joe spent many hours watching his children and grandchildren pursue their goals in swimming, diving, school activities and any other functions they were involved in. Joe also loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing, waterskiing and golfing with his family and friends.

Joe is survived by his wife of 51 years, Janet Kay (Johnson) Petty; son Joseph Vernon Petty, III and wife Laurie of Lincoln; daughter Deborah Petty Howorth of Elkhorn; grandchildren Elizabeth Nicole and Anna Lauren Howorth of Elkhorn, and Jessica Taylor and Alexander Joseph Petty of Lincoln; brother

Michael Petty of Carrizozo, NM and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.
He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Vernon Petty, Sr. and
Gweneth (Clark) Petty; and sister, Verna Ruth (Petty) Gerk.

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Vernon Petty*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *I just heard about Joe's passing over a year ago and I don't know if the family still receives condolences but I wanted let the family know that they have our sympathy. I worked with Joe almost every day for 6 years until he left Northrop Corp. I was just starting my career and during those 6 years Joe was very influential on the rest of my Information Technology career and I still think about those days at Northrop.*

Although Joe is no longer with you please know that our thoughts and prayers are with the family and know that Joe is at peace.

Gary & Barbara Ringo

Gary Ringo - September 15, 2016 at 01:55 PM



“ *I grew up with Joe's brother Mike, and we both admired and looked up to Joe. Joe was always a kind and thoughtful person, as well as a great role model for us, leading us by his example.*

Joe was an achiever in all his endeavors and I was fortunate to have known him.

I and many more will miss him. I am grateful to have known him.

My thoughts are with all of Joe's family at this time.

Toby

Toby English - June 07, 2015 at 11:21 AM

DU

“ *Jan and Family, we were sorry to hear about Joe. He was our son's coach in baseball when he was in grade school.
What a great guy and coach. Thinking about you at this sad time.*

Don and Carol Ulness - June 05, 2015 at 11:16 PM

BF

“ *We are very saddened by the news. We know Joe is in a better place and will be praying for him and the family.
Rest in peace...*

Bob and Betsy Hay and family - June 05, 2015 at 02:39 PM

CT

“ *Dear Family and Friends of Joe V. Petty, Jr.,
The passing of our dear friend Joe is very sad. Joe was very smart and a very good athlete. As our friendship progressed from childhood to college days and to our professional careers, it was clear that from an early age his strong family values would prevail. His love for his family was great and topped his love of sports & golf.
Friendship is a life-long passion. When a good friend passes away, grief and sadness is replaced by recalling good memories of previous years and events. Do not cry because they are gone, but rejoice because of the time and joy that was experienced during a friend's life. We believe that Joe has gone to a better place and we will join him someday to continue our friendship.
We send our love and deepest sympathy. Carl and Jerilyn Thornton*

Carl & Jerilyn Thornton - June 04, 2015 at 02:39 PM

JH

“ Jan...I was so sorry to learn of Joe's death. I had hoped to see both of you at the HC 50th reunion for our class two years ago. Joe was such a good friend of Rod's....especially meaningful because of Joe's hometown of Carrizozo, our stomping ground for several years when we lived in NM.

May you find comfort in all the memories.

Sincerely, Judy Stover Hagge

Judy Stover Hagge - June 04, 2015 at 10:44 AM

AF

“ Jan, Debbie, Joe, Laurie and your families, we are thinking of you now and are remembering Joe for the thoughtful, generous and kind person we knew. He was such a force in the Petty family and know that he will be fondly remembered and immensely missed.

Ayars Family - June 03, 2015 at 12:50 PM