



Anna Marie Petty

August 30, 2015

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Anna Marie Petty, nee Musso, aka Mama Mia, 94, passed quietly on the evening of August 30, 2015. She was surrounded by her loving family. She is survived by her two sons Ryan and Mark; their wives Melissa and Marty; Ryan and Melissa's children, Scott and Ashley; Mark and Marty's children, Lindsay and John; two great grandchildren; and her brother Carl Musso.

She is predeceased by her husband John Michael Petty, with whom she celebrated 50 years of marriage. They met in Pueblo, Co., where John was teaching flight school in the Army Air Corps, after flying 50 bombing missions over Italy (Sicily to Rome) from North Africa in B-17s. Within a year after the end of WWII, they relocated to John's native Tulsa, OK and raised their sons.

For Mom, a first-generation Sicilian Catholic who grew up with an adobe oven in the back yard of her family's farm in rural Vineland, Colorado, moving to the Bible belt in Tulsa was quite a change. She was a very resilient, resourceful woman. Her mother Rosalia, died in 1936 when Mom was 14 years old. She took on many household responsibilities at that time. A member of National Honor Society, she earned her associates degree at Pueblo Junior College instead of going to a four-year university because she

was needed at home. In exchange for staying in Pueblo, her father, Joseph Musso, bought her a ♦turtle back♦ Model A Ford she nicknamed Gallopin♦ Gert. While in PJC she was a writer on the campus paper The Arrow.

Mom♦s amazing feats include fly fishing with her father in the Colorado mountains in the 1930s, learning to waterski in Oklahoma behind a tiny aluminum boat as that sport began to grow across the nation in the early 1950s, marathon lasagna dinners, knitting countless caps for preemies at St. Francis Hospital and ♦honking her horn♦ for any wrong she wanted to right.

A consummate cook who owned countless cookbooks, she always relied on a pinch of this and a dash of that, plus some dill, which always seemed to be included. The only family recipes she sadly could never get from her beloved mother-in-law, Grandma Sade, were the recipes for Sade♦s cherry pie and the spice mixture for her fried chicken. We are sad to this day. Fortunately Mom gladly shared her lasagna recipe. Though it was always wonderful, that recipe changed constantly.

The only time her sons traveled more than 100 miles per hour in a car was when Mom was at the wheel of the family♦s 1960 Oldsmobile 88. She was obviously in a hurry to get to Carlsbad Caverns on family vacation.

Despite being a child of the Big Band era, she was a fan of the Grateful Dead and Eric Clapton. A tear would come to her eye when she listened to Janis Joplin sing Piece of My Heart. Her adoption of these musicians illustrates her enduring, open mind and willingness to entertain new ideas at important times in her life.

Mom dedicated more than 25 years at the Education Service Center at Tulsa Public Schools and she shared her husband John♦s commitment to the Tulsa Public Library system. Together in retirement they committed time as literacy

volunteers, teaching adults to read. They also found time to make deliveries for the Meals on Wheels program.

In Lieu of Flowers

Due to Mom and Dad's commitment to volunteering, we ask that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to the Tulsa Library Trust:

Katherine Silvey, Director of Development
918.398.6681

400 Civic Center
Tulsa, OK 74103-3830

<http://www.tulsalibrarytrust.org/>

Mass

A mass will be said for Mom at
Most Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church,
8:00 p.m., September 30th
5800 15th Avenue South, Gulfport

Tribute Wall



“ *The family of Anna Marie Petty uploaded a photo*

August 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ritalena - family friend posted a condolence I am so so sorry for your loss. Ami was such a wonderful, great an warm Mum and grandmum. I had a nice time in Oklahoma with her and Bumpi. For me it was a plesure to know her. She will be missed. Sending love from Germany and a big hug Ritalena*

Ritalena - family friend - September 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Christina März - family friend posted a condolence So sorry for your loss... She was a very special woman and I'm glad I've met her. She will be missed. With love, Christina*

Christina März - family friend - September 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Barbara Guarino - Family friend posted a condolence So sad for your loss. It was truly a pleasure to have known such a warm and gracious lady. Her love and pride for her family will live on the memories she leaves in your heart and soul.*

Barbara Guarino - Family friend - September 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *Saranan McCune Lauck - friend posted a condolence Such a beautiful, gracious and elegant lady. She and our Mother (Bernice McCune) were so close and shared many winks and smiles across the bridge table at Pasadena high rise. I am so thrilled that Mother now has her bridge partner with her again. Anna was always so gracious when I would meet with her and she loved sharing the beautiful pictures of her family, whom she cherished. Please accept condolences from me and my sisters, Pat LaMonde and Mary Delano Newport, who also loved visiting with Anna.*

Saranan McCune Lauck - friend - September 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *Laura & Mike Frost - Family friends posted a condolence Such a beautiful tribute to a woman we never met but know how special she was through our friendship with the Petty family. Your photos and words say it all...she was a precious, dear woman who was loved by all who knew her; she will be missed. Hugs and prayers to all.*

Laura & Mike Frost - Family friends - September 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

IF

“ *Ines Hildebrand - family friend posted a condolence Our prayers are with you as you have to say good bye to a wonderful Mum and Grandma. I will not forget her loving kind and the best lasagne ever, it felt like home at her and Bompis house. We'll see her again. Yous Ines*

Ines Hildebrand - family friend - September 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ *angelia Childers - 2nd Cousin posted a condolence I wish to express our sympathy in your loss and to let you know that our thoughts are with you.*

angelia Childers - 2nd Cousin - September 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *Andrea Trebitsch - Friend posted a condolence So sad to hear about Ami. She was such a great woman. Nice to read that she left surrounded by her family, I'm sure it meant a lot to her. I prayed for her. Sending you all a big hug from Austria, Andrea*

Andrea Trebitsch - Friend - September 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ *Genevieve Martin - family friend posted a condolence It is so nice to read about Anna. Such a smart woman. So sad to be so far away and not being able to be with you all. I'll pray for Anna. Genevieve*

Genevieve Martin - family friend - September 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM