



## Jo Ellen "Jody" Kirberger

October 13, 1929 - June 4, 2014

Jo Ellen "Jody" Reynolds Kirberger

Jo Ellen "Jody" Reynolds Kirberger, age 84, died peacefully in her sleep June 4, 2014 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, with her family by her side.

Jody was born in Tulsa on October 13, 1929, to Ruth and Charles Reynolds. She attended Tulsa Central High School and college at OSU. She married William Jordan Kirberger on June 4th, 1948. They were married for 66 years, to the day.

In 1957 the Kirberger's brought their four children to Bartlesville, where she spent the rest of her life. Her parents, Ruth and Charles Reynolds, moved to Taos, New Mexico in 1945 where he painted and she ran the Reynolds Art Gallery, and through her connection to Taos Jody met many artists. At her father's suggestion she opened the Talisman Gallery in 1963, which became a mecca for the arts in Oklahoma for over 45 years.

Her many contributions to the community included her work with OK Mozart, the ARC group home, and the Bartlesville Animal Shelter. She is remembered for her energetic dedication to many projects, and for her lifelong philanthropy to various causes.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her brother Charles, and her son William Kirberger, Jr. She is survived by her husband Bill, her sister Ruth Ann Treon, her daughters Karol, Jan and Laura and her grandsons Lyle Baker, William Wadsworth, Alex Wadsworth, Jesse Kirberger and Marlon Savinelli.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be sent to The Journey Home, Bartlesville Community Foundation, 415 E. Silas, Ste 100, Bartlesville, Oklahoma 74003. The Journey Home provides hospice support for the late stage terminally ill free of charge through community support.

The family would also like to extend heartfelt thanks to all who have been supportive to us during this time. A celebration of her life will be held later in the summer.

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jo Ellen "Jody" Kirberger*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Jo Ellen "Jody" Kirberger*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers to all of the Kirbergers. Jody was special to all of us.  
She will be missed.*

*Marie & Sue*

**Freiberger's** - July 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jody will always be my inspiration. She helped my ex-husband and I start our gallery in Owasso, and not only gave me Richard Schmid autographed prints, she sold me my only original that was a resale from her. I love it! Everytime I look at it I think of her!*

**Rebecca Hutton** - July 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ My condolences to Jody's family. She was a beautiful, generous soul. I began my art collection in 1986 with a purchase of Richard Schmid's painting, "Nanette". Jody was my advisor and guide, introducing me to America's finest masters, and helping me create an amazing collection. She became a dear friend, and will be very sorely missed.

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**Mary Linda Strotkamp** - June 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ I had the great pleasure of interviewing Jody for an article in Bartlesville Magazine a few years ago. To be in Jody's presence was to be elevated to a world of generosity, fresh wonder, celebration of fine art and creative expression, and a deep appreciation for objects of historical significance. She spoke her mind and had fabulous stories to tell. The world feels a little flatter without her and Talisman Gallery in it.

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**Lori Roll** - June 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Jody is truly one of the very best. I love her dearly for a multitude of kindnesses. My world is a little less bright without her, but my life is so much more wonderful having the privilege of calling her my friend. Jody is just a beautiful, beautiful soul and I will never forget her.

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**Jon Newman** - June 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ The Carlson family wishes to extend our heartfelt condolences at the passing of Jody. The Kirberger family is in our prayers.

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**Mrs. Alan (Karen) Carlson** - June 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ We felt it a honor, to know Jody. She brought so much joy into our lifes. My wife, and I miss her, we hope her loving husband, and amazing daughters know they are loved.

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**Brian E. Wallace & Carolyn C. Warnke/Wallace** - June 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ My Aunt Jody was a incredible woman. I will never forget the times I was able to sit down with her and my cousin Billy in Taos. N.M.. Truly a land of Enchantment with the Pueblo, and Art. I will truly miss her.

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**brad kirberger Sr.** - June 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Dear Bill, Karol, Jan and Laura,

*I trust you know how sad I am for you on the loss of your beautiful and very special wife and mother. My thoughts will be with you as you go through this difficult time. Thankfully, along with my own sadness, I will always recall the happy times and memories of Jody, of our families, and all that entailed our introduction to her world of art, something I'll always be grateful for and that would never have happened without her. I can only smile when I think about Jody in these ways, as I'm sure you do too, and I believe she also is viewing the world in the same friendly way.*

*I am also so lucky to have had such a nice conversation with Jody, mostly about her and my Mom, in the Hobby Lobby parking lot a couple of months ago as Karol ran in on an errand. That's the nicest, freshest memory anyone could ever ask for as we covered a lot of old ground. I hope their spirits have already met again.*

*Again, my thoughts and prayers are with all of you, and I send you my sympathy and best wishes.*

*Mike Burris*

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**Jo Ellen Kirberger** - June 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Jody was a very special woman.

*Through all the years of my friendship with the family, she always treated like one of her own. She will sadly missed, but always loved.*

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**Richard Gagle** - June 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GO

“ to the family of ms jody kirberger i want to give my upmost condolences to u i am a seamstress at marthas task she was a inspiration to my life she will be truly missed she may be gone but never forgotten i will miss her smile may god be with the family love u guys

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**gwen ogans** - June 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Please accept my deepest condolences. Jodi will always hold a very special place in my heart and memories. Love and light to you all.

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**Molly Schmid** - June 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Jo Ellen "Jody" Kirberger

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**Butch & Carroll Sturm** - June 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ God bless you all she was an awesome lady  
Prayers to you all especially Bill

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**Debbie** - June 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ It was such a privilege to be able to take care of your mom. And I enjoyed getting to know all of you! Thinking of you all.

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**Tracy Edmison** - June 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *The Staff at Stumpff Funeral Home wishes to express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends. We hope that everyone shares a favorite memory and that this memorial brings the life experiences shared with Jo Ellen to the family and friends.*

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**Staff at Stumpff Funeral Home** - June 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM