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In Memory of Jo Rich  
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It is with great sadness that we report that long-time resident and activist, Jo Rich has passed away. Jo was the Membership Chairwoman for the Shadow Hills Property Owners Association (SHPOA) for the past 2 years and active on the Board for many years prior to that. She was a local realtor who took great pride in finding horse keeping properties for newcomers to Shadow Hills. Her consistent goal was to promote and preserve the lifestyle of this community by pairing the interests and dreams of homebuyers with compatible homes in the neighborhood. Jo will be missed both personally as a dear friend and from a volunteer's perspective. She was a blessing to our community.

Jim Chatten, longtime resident shared these memories:

"I am her neighbor of 27 years and a good friend. I have spent the last 4 months at her side helping her get past the loss of her son John, who was her caretaker. Like Debby Reynolds, after hearing her daughter Carrie Fisher had passed, days later she also just let go of this world. Jo is survived by her other son Ian Rich, a Paramedic at Burbank airport. Ian, married with 2 young children, will administer her estate.

Jo was a fascinating woman who worked 35 years in Shadow Hills as our local Realtor. Her late husband, John and Jo ran a Sports Car and Motorcycle Yamaha dealership in Glendale thru the 70's. John passed years ago leaving her son John to stay with her and help her thru life. He was my friend too. His passing caused her great grief, so I spent these last months as her companion and friend.

Jo was born and raised in Hollywood and graduated from Hollywood High School in the 50's. She was a neighbor and friend with Ozzie and Harriet Nelson and constant friend of Ricky and David. She was a neighbor to Betty Davis. She knew many actors and people of that era and grew up at Catholic school. She loved all animals having chickens, roosters, cats, and dogs.

Jo was always there to help her friends, neighbors, and clients in Shadow Hills, working as the membership organizer for the SHPOA organization. Jo was always in a good mood and loved to laugh and enjoy life. She loved all her friends and constantly helped them with any matter she could. Sadly, she will be missed. She was one classy lady who was proud to call Shadow Hills her home.... I am proud to call her "My Friend".

God Bless her soul. My friend Jo Rich. I will miss her greatly. Things won't be the same around here."

And from Lynne Toby, longtime resident and SHPOA Board member:

"I can't believe it!! She was so wonderful and gave so much to this area. I didn't really know her outside SHPOA but she always had a positive attitude and anyone who's willing to stand outside East Valley and drum up membership is excellent in my book. She loved this area and was a real booster. She will be missed."

Cindy Bloom, SHPOA Board member and Shadow Hills resident states, "Jo sold us our house here in Shadow Hills back in 1993. She was a joy to work with and made the transaction a super smooth one. I was thrilled a few years ago when Jo reached out to me about joining the SHOA Board. Her ready smile and always joyful attitude always lifted my and others' spirit. She was a shining star in our community and is a true loss."