



# Jo N. Ditto

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**J**o N. Ditto, aka JoJo, age 95 of Lewes, DE passed away peacefully on Monday, July 09, 2018 at the Moorings in Lewes. She was born on March 2, 1923 in Fairchance, PA, the daughter of the late Ralph and Angela (Angeline) Nepa.

Mrs. Ditto graduated from Fairchance Borough High School, class of 1941. She entered the three-year nursing program at Heiskell Memorial Hospital in Morgantown, WV. In March 1945 Mrs. Ditto joined the United States Army Nurse Corp where she served during World War II. She proudly served for 32 months as a Second Lieutenant and was promoted to First Lieutenant. Upon her marriage in 1947, she was honorably discharged.

Mrs. Ditto attended the University of Delaware for two years and studied an additional semester of Geriatric Nursing. Throughout her long career in this field which she so loved, she served as a charge nurse, head nurse, and an assistant director of nursing.

In her spare time, Mrs. Ditto loved gardening. She was an avid reader, kept abreast of current political events, and loved receiving visitors of all ages. She was a member of the Columbiettes of St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church in Lewes, the Zwaanendael Women's Club, GFWC, the Elks Club, and a volunteer at the Overfalls Lightship in Lewes. She was an active member of a Bereavement group and belonged to numerous civic and religious organizations throughout her lifetime. She was committed to helping others through volunteering. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, cousin and friend who will be dearly missed.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Ditto was preceded in death by her husband, Richard S. Ditto, her son, John Scott Ditto, her son-in-law, Nicholas A. Cofrancesco, her sister, Mary (Steve) Polink, her brother, Joseph (Patricia) Nepa, and her companion, John Turansky, Sr. She is survived by her daughters: Catherine D. Cofrancesco of Lewes, Patricia S. Ditto, of Dover; her grandchildren, Kay Cofrancesco Bayne (Douglas) of Bethesda, MD, Carla Cofrancesco Brewer (Keith) of Arlington, VA, and Alexander N. Cofrancesco of Baltimore. MD; her two great grandchildren: Andrea Rose



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and Nicholas Andrew Brewer; a close family friend, Patrick Ryan of Dover, DE; her cousins: Mara Jo Sigut, Gene Marion, Bernie Blaney and Sandy Blaney; and many friends.

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the staff at the Moorings who took such loving care of our Mother in her final five months.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, July 13, 2018 at 11:00 AM at St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church, 152 Tulip Drive, Lewes, DE, where friends may visit beginning at 10:00 AM.

Burial will follow the services at Henlopen Memorial Park, 28787 Lockerman Road, Milton, DE.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Mrs. Ditto's name to ARC of Delaware, 2 South Augustine Street, Suite B, Wilmington, DE 19804, or to The Purple Heart Foundation, 7008 Little River Turnpike, Box 49, Annandale, VA 22003 or to the Wounded Warrior Project, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256.

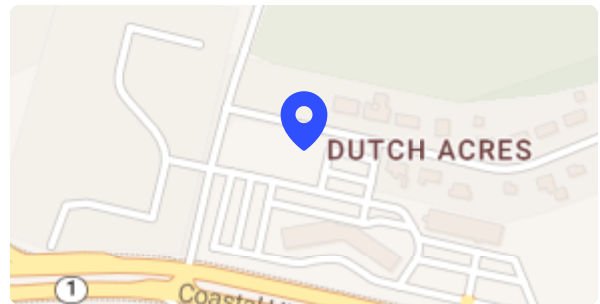
Please sign Mrs. Ditto's online guest book located on this site.

FLORSIT NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS DELIVERED BY 3 PM, THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2018 TO PARSELL FUNERAL HOMES, LEWES, DE.



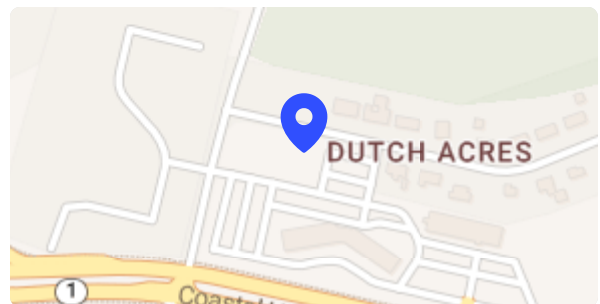
## Visitation

- Friday**, July 13, 2018
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET
- St. Jude The Apostle Catholic Church**  
152 Tulip Drive, Lewes DE



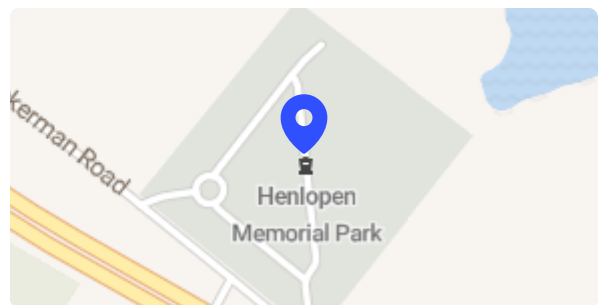
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## Cemetery Details

- Henlopen Memorial Park**  
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**Aleta Jett** lit a candle in honor of Jo.

Pat, Sending my condolences and prayers to you and your family during this time of loss. Aleta Jett

July 16 at 4:33 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Ditto family.

July 12 at 8:25 AM



**Veronica Burke** posted:

Much love to you all during this difficult time.

July 11 at 6:56 AM



**Donna Meriggi** posted:

Dear Cathy and family..... it is with deep sympathy we send our condolences for the loss of your Mother. May she rest in peace. Thinking of you all. with much love ... The Meriggi Family

July 11 at 6:56 AM



**Theresa Baker** posted:

Ms. Pat, I'm so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. Sending many thoughts and prayers to you and your family at this time. God needed another Angel. What a beautiful lady and led a exciting life. God Bless. Theresa Baker

July 11 at 5:47 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Ditto family.

July 11 at 5:04 AM





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**Cindy Ciamaricone** posted:

My mother-in-law Charlotte worked with Jo at Little Sisters of the Poor in Newark, DE. I also had the privilege, as I was a Nurses Assistant there as well. Jo was such a warm, caring nurse, but she could always find the humor in most situations. Jo taught all of us that things could get done much better if you approached it as if it were your parents. Treat others the same as you would like to be treated. My mother-in-law and I ran into Jo many years later at Cape Henlopen School as we all where evacuated there for Hurricane Danielle. I enjoyed working and learning from her. Save passage to your next adventure!

July 11 at 3:22 AM



**Dave Heebner** posted:

Cathy & Patty: Your Mom was an exceptional Lady. You know that, but so don't the rest of us. She read and understood the issues of the day and her opinions were well thought out and presented clearly and confidently. I loved my discussions with her sitting in the living room or on the porch at 108 NJ. She was so well read...always interested in the issues of the day and the facts driving them. She listened to others' views, but was not timid with her own. She loved her life as a nurse and especially her time as an Army nurse. So many stories about life in her wards and the care of patients and management of the senior officers. I think her favorite Army general was Dwight Eisenhower...but she avoided telling me straight out. She met the love of her life, Dick Ditto, through his dad, a Doctor I believe there at Walter Reed. She loved talking about those early days and had no trouble remembering the details. Like so many, I will miss Jo, but I will not forget the fun we had together. She was a gift to us all. I think we all loved her. If only we all could leave the extended, positive legacies she has created in her 95 years. She is proof all the good ones don't leave us early! I too loved your Mom. Dave Heebner, LTG, US Army, Retired

July 10 at 3:19 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Ditto family.



July 10 at 7:58 AM



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JD

**John Dean li** posted:

Cathy, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. John W. Dean II Milton, DE

July 10 at 5:52 AM

SK

**Stephen King** July 28 at 9:30 AM

Visiting with "Grandma Jo" was always a treat! They last time I was with her was an emotional time. As I departed her home, I said, "We probably won't see each other again." -- Sorrowfully, I was right. She was fun and erudite -- especially about politics. I will miss her -- as all who knew her -- will miss her, too. Stephen King

BF

**Bob Faubel** July 20 at 7:03 AM

Hi Pat thanks for your message. Immediately my mind switched to the time both my mother Edith and myself visited your mother at her home. This visit was unbelievable as I witnessed a friendship of 60+ years share life one more time together. As you probably know your dear mother was Edith's matron of honor and to quote my mother her closest friend. As age and time passed both were unable to physically connect but I have no doubt now they are eternal friends. Our loss is the Lord's gain. May you hold onto those memories as they will sustain in the tough times they have me. Lord bless you and your family. Bob & Sharon Faubel

JH

**Joan Hudson** July 19 at 12:33 PM

I was a nurse who cared for John many years ago. John's parents were the best! I always looked forward to their visits and our many conversations. I am sorry I didn't keep up with them after John moved. I will always have fond memories of the Ditto family.

LI

**Liz** July 15 at 2:04 PM

Cathy, Patty & Family, my parents Margaret (Micki) & Joe Osborne where your parents dear friends. I have many, many fond memories especially of your mom (and dad) coming to our home in Limestone Gardens and in Lewes to visit my parents. Your mother was just the kindness, sweetest woman that I had ever met. May your memories of her bring you and your family peace. Liz Osborne Appleby

BB

**Bernie Blaney** July 13 at 4:31 PM

Cathy, Patty & family, So sorry about Jo. I regret that i never made the next trip to Lewes, i really enjoyed the visits there. Loved helping her in the kitchen. Loved picking and eating the figs off her tree. She was loved and will be missed. My love and prayers to you and yours. Bernie Blaney

MS

**Mara Jo (Marian) Sigut** July 13 at 10:26 AM

Cathy, Patty, and family, There are so many words to say about Jo. She is my cousin and the niece of my mom, Louise Marian. For several years my mother lived with Jo and her family, they were close in age and were more like sisters rather than niece and aunt. I have many



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memories of Jo, especially from the year of 2010 in Fairchance. My thoughts are with you and the family, at this time, and the many hours spent conversing and drinking coffee in Aunt Nepa's downstairs kitchen. My love to you all, may she rest in peace, along with the love of her life, your Dad.



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jo by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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