

Jo Virden Biography for Media Use

35-Word Bio

Jo Virden is a retired RN, a mother, grandmother, author of two published books and a passionate advocate for children's literacy. She lives in Arvada, Colorado with her husband, Bill.

150-Word Bio

Jo Virden is the author of *A Passion For Life: Ruth Marie Colville*. Her first love is writing short stories. Her latest work, *My Darling Dorothy*, began as a short story and evolved into her first novel. She is passionate about promoting childhood literacy and spends many hours volunteering in reading programs throughout the Denver Metro area. She lives in Arvada, Colorado with her husband, Bill, and enjoys outdoor photography, long walks in the Rocky Mountains and spending time with her grandson, Cyrus.

300-Word Bio

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Although Jo's profession was nursing, she has been writing short stories since high school. She has written and published both a biography and a novel while, ironically, none of her short stories have yet been published. She says, "It's funny how life works. If you stay open to possibilities all sorts of opportunities arise." One of those opportunities has developed into a passion promoting childhood literacy. She spends many hours volunteering in reading programs throughout the Denver Metro area. "I don't know where this will lead, but I know I am helping to create successful adults who will enjoy reading. You could also say I'm creating future audiences for my books! Everyone wins!"

Jo Ann lives in Arvada, Colorado with her husband, Bill and enjoys outdoor photography, long walks in the Rocky Mountains, and spending time with her family.