



Joy & Jack Brandt

In 1967, shortly after Joy and Jack's graduation from Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa, the Brandt's packed up their possessions and moved to Colorado. Jack had accepted a position as a management trainee at First National Bank in Golden and Joy was to teach French to elementary students in the Cherry Creek Schools. That was a time in Golden

when the economy was vibrant and there was a store of every kind—Foss Drug, Meyer's, Plummer's Jewelry, Eakers, Hesteds, Jimmy's Shoes, Golden Furniture, gas stations on many corners, three grocery stores and a Mercantile at 12th and Washington.

Milt VanderStowe, Executive Vice President at the bank, encouraged Jack and Joy to move to Golden. It was as difficult then as it is today to find available housing, but luck was on their side. They noticed a duplex on Golden Hills Road that appeared to be vacant on one side. Talking with the neighbors, they learned that the owner was preparing to rent it as soon as it was painted. That was the beginning of their life in Golden.

Their sons, John and Jason, joined their family in the early 1970's and the Brandts became more involved in the schools and the community. Through the years they have served on the Boards of the Golden Chamber of Commerce and Leadership Golden. They helped with fundraising for the construction of the Visitor Center and Jack has served on the Visitor Center Board of Directors since its inception. Jack has served on the Foothills Art Center Board and Joy has served on both the Jefferson Symphony and Golden Civic Foundation Boards. In addition, Joy has served as an Advisor and volunteer for the annual Golden Civic Foundation Auction since the mid-1970's.

Joy was a Golden Chamber Ambassador for many years, served on the Golden Urban Renewal Authority Board and Downtown Redevelopment Committee in the late 1980's, and served on the Parks and Recreation Board for the city. Both Jack and Joy have been volunteers for annual community events such as Oktoberfest and Buffalo Bill Days. Jack was a member of the Golden Optimists Club and sold fresh cut Christmas trees for them for many years.

Jack retired from his position as branch manager of Wells Fargo Bank in Golden in 2002 after serving as Senior Vice President of Goldenbanks in Golden, and President of Goldenbanks of Westminster and Arvada. Joy has been a Realtor in Golden since 1979 and co-owner of RE/MAX Affiliates from 1989-1995. She continues to work at the RE/MAX Alliance office in Golden with Jack as her 24/7 assistant. Joy received honors as Manager of the Year for RE/MAX Affiliates in 1989, and has received both the RE/MAX Hall of Fame and RE/MAX Lifetime Achievement Awards.