

BOISE, IDAHO REALTOR® JODY HINTON EARNS MILITARY RELOCATION PROFESSIONAL (MRP) CERTIFICATION

BOISE, IDAHO, USA, November 3, 2015 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Jody Hinton is an Associate Broker at Group One Real Estate in Boise, Idaho with 17 years of residential real estate experience. She and twin brother, Joseph were named after their father, Major Joseph D. Witmer.

Jody was born at Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota where both parents were nurses at the base hospital. Captain Dorothy M. Abbott, outranked Joseph Sr. when they met. Both had recently returned to the U.S. following deployment to Korea. Jody says, "I was always very proud of my parents who cared for the enlisted Soldiers during the Korean conflict and committed their lives to service to our country."

Following her parents' marriage and the birth of the twins the Witmer family transferred to Fairchild AFB in Spokane, WA where their second daughter, Kathleen, was born. Jody's dad received orders for anesthesia school.

Dorothy reluctantly gave up her commission in order to stay at home to raise the children. With three children in diapers and Joe in school, they lived on very little money. Somehow they found a way, as most Military families do.

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Next the family got orders for Westover Air Reserve Base in Chicopee Falls. Joe traveled to Massachusetts ahead of them to find housing. At this time, Dorothy was pregnant with their third daughter, Mary Theresa, and everyone felt it was best for her and the children to stay near Joseph's family in Nampa, Idaho. Sadly, Mary Theresa was born with spina bifida, a birth frailty where there is incomplete closing of the backbone and membranes around the spinal cord. Mary Theresa spent most of her life in the hospital and passed away at the age of two in 1965 after the move to MA.

As difficult as this situation was for the family, they joined Joseph in Massachusetts just prior to Mary Theresa's death and it was there that they welcomed their second son and fifth child, Stephen, into the world.



New orders came and Joseph was transferred and traveled ahead of the family again to Lajes Field in the Azores Islands, Portugal, which is a multi-use airfield and home to the Portuguese Air Force. It would be three months before the young family would be reunited.

Jody reflects on the incredible strength and fortitude of her mother “My mother had to make all of the arrangements and travel overseas with four young children under the age of five. Her spirits were buoyed by her faith, amazing Military family neighbors, and the letters that she exchanged with my dad. I have those letters today. This is an example of some of the everyday challenges and sacrifices that our Military families face on a daily basis. My heart goes out to all of the Military families then and since.”

Jody’s parents devoted their lives to the United States Military, Additional stations included Dyess AFB in Abilene, TX and Broomall, PA where Joseph earned his Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania.

The family was transferred to Chanute AFB in Rantoul, IL where Jody’s mother earned a Master’s Degree in Community Health from the University of Illinois and was inducted into the Veterans Honor Society. “It was 1972. At 13 I remember attending base functions and checking the Vietnam MIA list for the name on my MIA bracelet. I still have that bracelet.”

In 1974 Joseph was transferred to Adana, Turkey at Incirlik Air Base – home to the 39th Air Wing, which provides vital support to 20 Units, including the Squadrons of the 39th Mission Support and the 39th Medical Group. It was there that Joseph Witmer died on Active Duty. It was suspected he had contracted hepatitis which was something he frequently treated Military personnel for in Turkey.

Jody says, “My father died on December 28th, 1976. He and my mother gave me a rare life. Life as a Military dependent offered me a chance to experience the world abroad and to gain a greater appreciation for my own country. My perspective on the world has been indelibly changed and broadened as a direct result of our Military life. I learned to develop empathy, understanding, and acceptance for cultural differences. I am profoundly grateful. I cherish every moment as a 'Military brat' and I wouldn't trade that for anything.”

Jody reflects on this monumental moment in the life of her family, especially her mother. “When my dad died overseas, my mom had to move all of us back to the United States. We mourned not only my dad, but the end of our life in the Military. My father had a huge family in Boise, Idaho and she felt it was best for us to live here. Mom is 86. She runs a parish nursing program at St. John’s Cathedral in Boise. Even at 86 she can’t deny her calling.”

Jody’s trajectory in life has been greatly influenced by her Catholic parents. She graduated from Bishop High School and the University of Idaho with a Bachelor’s Degree in Communications specializing in Marketing, Public Relations and Advertising.

She married and has four beautiful children; Abby, Charley, Hailey and Aryn and makes her life, as



her dad had always imagined, in Boise, Idaho.

It was after Jody accompanied her mom during her own home purchase that she decided on Real Estate as a profession. Jody appreciated her Real Estate agent's role as a trusted advisor. Jody felt that to fill that role in someone else's real estate transaction would be a worthy pursuit and suitable career. Her lifetime spent relocating and learning to communicate and empathize with new people and surroundings was a rich training ground for her chosen path as a Realtor.

Jody is now a well-established and respected Real Estate Associate Broker in the State of Idaho.

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