



Mary Jo Buckingham

November 24, 1930 - February 12, 2021

The family of Mary Jo Buckingham announces her passing on February 12th, 2021, after a brief battle with cancer.

A passionate educator and life-long learner, Mary Jo raised six children, instilling in them the same value for education that would inspire all six of them to attend and successfully graduate college. Her legacy continues as several of her children and grandchildren have become educators themselves.

She adored her grandchildren and they could always expect a book with a stuffed animal for birthdays, Easter, and Christmas. Mary Jo loved working as a media center aide for Greensview Elementary with Upper Arlington Schools, where she especially enjoyed reading to classes, helping students choose books, and assisting teachers with audio/visual technology. She adored traveling, and was able to have visited places such as Spain, Portugal, England, Wales, Italy, Puerto Rico, Mexico and Hawaii with Bill, her late husband. This past July, she was diagnosed with lymphoma and fought the battle with chemotherapy.

She died peacefully and received the Last Rites on Thursday, February 11th at the Kobacker House at the age of 90. The family would like to thank the amazing staff, nurses, Doctor Hudak, and Doctor Petros, for the wonderful and loving care she received during her stay. She left this world in dignity due to the compassionate care she received.

She will be missed by her three children: Jeri (Bob) Price, Gib (Dawn) Buckingham, Tracy (Don) Tandy, her numerous grandchildren: Eric (Meghann) Ongaro, Alyssa (Alessandro) Mogavero, Courtney (Daniel) Tolnay, Christina and Michael DaBronzo, Jessica (Jason) Timmons, Adam (Kelsey) Cellar, Chelsea (Charles) Cellar, Don Anthony Tandy, Hillary Tandy, and Heather (Bryce) Benson, as well as her great grandchildren: Ava, Tatum, Reese & Claire Jo Ongaro, Juliette & Price Timmons, Madelyn & Isaac Benson, Alex & Luca Mogavero, and Sophia Tolnay.

Mary Jo was predeceased by her parents, Claude Dolby and Margaret Allen; her husband, William Buckingham; children Tammy Cellar, Claudia DaBronzo, and Teri Jo Buckingham-Hirst; and her grandson, Paul Geoffrey Price.

A celebration of Mary Jo's life will be held at a later date at Sunset Cemetery in Galloway, Ohio, with Lt Colonel Bryce Benson officiating at the graveside service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Kobacker House, 800 McConnell Drive, Columbus, Ohio, 43214.

Tribute Wall

JA

“ My sympathy to Mary Jo’s family. She was my neighbor in Powell and always the life of the party at our ladies’ dinners out! Her eyes twinkled-sometimes with mischief! Such a sweet person who loved her family dearly! Our condo community will miss her!

Jane Andrews

Jane Andrews - February 28, 2021 at 01:38 AM

NF

“ I will miss my dear buddy. I loved her sense of humor and will always think of her as beautiful. When I asked her what her name was she said her friends call her beautiful. So here’s to my Dear Friend Beautiful. I am toasting you now my friend. With love, Norene Felzer

Norene Felzer - February 19, 2021 at 11:11 AM

DG

“ To Mary Jo’s family my sincerest sympathies. She was part of our swimming group at Premier Athletic Club. We so much enjoyed her wit and kindness and her talents of sewing as well as baking such yummy apple pies will always be part of her memory for me.

Donna Gooch - February 19, 2021 at 10:55 AM

JM

“ Mary Jo was always so nice and funny. I enjoyed going to our dinners with our condo friends and she was so proud of her family, too. She will be deeply missed by our friends but we know she will be in heaven. Jackie Maurer

Jackie Maurer - February 18, 2021 at 11:12 AM

TS

“ Me and my late wife Janet lived across the street from Mary Jo and Bill for years. She was one of the sweetest people that I have ever known. We would sometimes visit some evenings for drinks (they had a great small bar in the basement alongside Bill's gun racks) and the two of them could drink both me and my wife under the table. I remember one time me and Bill had more then we should and then decided to set off some very large bottle rocket fireworks in the rain while Mary Jo and Janet just stood back and crossed their arms, shook their heads and rolled their eyes at us! We all laughed about that night for years, and it still makes me smile! The world is a much poorer place without her.

Teel Slike

Teel Slike - February 17, 2021 at 06:30 PM

DG

“ Donald Guss lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Buckingham



Donald Guss - February 17, 2021 at 04:40 PM

JM

“ The Monday Lunch Bunch at Donato's will miss Mary Jo's laughter and bright smile.
Peace, dear friend.

Jeri Ann Milstead - February 17, 2021 at 01:51 PM

CF

“ It is with sadness that we learned of Mary Jo's passing. She was a bright fun loving person in our Stonebridge community. I remember many occasions when I helped her with little things and upbeat phone conversations. She will be missed.
Lamar (Curly) Fries

Curly Fries - February 17, 2021 at 12:34 PM

DH

“ I met Mary Jo through the West Alumni Association. Always the most pleasant person. My condolences to her family.

Dorance Hornsby - February 17, 2021 at 11:22 AM

RS

“ To all the children & grandchildren our sincere sympathy & love. Mary Jo was our dearest friend dating back to school days. Great memories of the fun we had with both Bill & Mary Jo over the years. It saddens us that she is gone, Rest In Peace dear MaryJo.
Thinking of you all, Robin & Jan



Robin & Jan Schmidt - February 17, 2021 at 10:53 AM

BP

“ So vivacious the few times I met her. Vivacious like her daughter Tammy whom I dearly love and miss. They and Claudia and others are reunited in God's love and care. How joyous for our comfort. Blessed be Mary Jo, peace to the family, warm will be your memories to sustain you here. Best regards to TK and Susan Cellar, the kids, all the families.
Becky Snouffer Cellar Price

Becky Snouffer Cellar Price - February 17, 2021 at 09:37 AM

DC

“ I worked with Mary Jo for a year at Greensview. What a wonderful person! The kids loved her kind personality. So sorry to read that she has passed. Prayers for all family members.
Diane Conley

Diane Montenaro Conley - February 17, 2021 at 08:53 AM

DG

Mary Jo was a tireless worker at Greensview and always had a smile for you and was so helpful in finding items in the library that you needed. A great asset to our school. She will be missed and we sent our best wishes to her family .She was a gem!! Don G .Principal while she was there.

Donald Guss - February 17, 2021 at 04:38 PM

JK

I'm so sorry to hear of Mary Jo's passing. I worked with her at Greensview. She was so kind and always made me laugh. My deepest sympathy to her family.

Judy Kenny - February 18, 2021 at 10:02 AM