



Mary Jo Anderson

March 13, 1931 - November 8, 2017

Mary Jo McCormick Anderson, age 86, died peacefully on November 8, 2017 in her home on Swan Creek in Toledo, Ohio, encircled by her grateful and loving family.

Mary Jo was born the fifth of six children on March 13, 1931 to Dr. Edward James McCormick and Josephine Beck McCormick. She came into this world with eyes that found goodness and beauty in all that surrounded her—vision that remained steadfast throughout her life. Her family was foundational in forming the values and convictions that guided her. Mary Jo loved her siblings, Ed, Dick, Carol, Katie, and Mike, and their childhood homes on Parkwood Avenue and Sulphur Springs. She remained loyal to her family relationships, gathering them together for meals, conversation, laughter and support. She shared this love and grace with the many children of her siblings and eventually with her cherished extended Anderson family.

Mary Jo had a lifelong zest for learning that, as a young adult, led her to the University of Michigan, where she earned a Bachelor of Education in 1952. Shortly after completing her degree, she boarded a ship bound for Europe and spent eight weeks with friends touring by bicycle. She taught fourth grade for two years, but her greatest contribution as a teacher was in her role as mother.

She married Robert Anderson in 1954, and together they had eight children: Bob (Kim), Rick (Mary), Gerry (Lizann), Kevin (Claudia), Ruth (Jerry), Judy (Dean), Joan (Jim), and Christy (Abe). Mary Jo, or “Mumsy” as many of her

kids affectionately called her, worked selflessly every day, with her husband Bob, to create a home that radiated love and hospitality. Over the years, many sought refuge, refreshment, and even took up residence in their home. Two people in particular, Andy Greco (Kathy) and César Garcia, came as guests one treasured Christmas in 1977 and became family. Holidays and family celebrations often centered around prayer and family Masses, celebrated in the living room by her beloved brother Dick, a Jesuit priest.

As her children grew and the demands of motherhood evolved, Mary Jo entered graduate school and earned a Master of Counseling in 1987 from the University of Toledo. She worked as a counselor at Tennyson Center and taught at Lourdes College. She had an affinity for books and found peace in the melodies she played on her piano. Mary Jo also deeply valued community service, contributing significantly to the YMCA of Greater Toledo, St. Ursula Academy, St. John's Jesuit High School, and The Servant Leadership Center. Mary Jo's love burns brightly in the hearts of her 42 grandchildren, each of whom felt a deep sense of being loved and known by her. She welcomed her expanding family, and all its commotion, with open arms. She was the kind of grandma who was the first in the pool to play and was always up for any game. She could take a joke and dole one out, but she also knew when to give her undivided attention and listen from her heart. Recently she was blessed with three great grandchildren.

Mary Jo's life was guided by a deep faith she expressed through her love of and devotion to relationships. She was a loyal and committed wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt, and friend. She was a source of unconditional love for many who found their way to her for counsel and comfort. She reveled in the joy of others and compassionately accompanied people in their sorrow. Her love will live on for generations.

Mary Jo is preceded in death by her husband, Robert James Anderson, Sr.; parents, Dr. Edward James McCormick and Josephine Beck McCormick; brothers, Edward McCormick, Jr. (Mary Jane), Richard McCormick, S.J., and Michael McCormick; sisters, Kathleen Brooks (Robert) and Carol Sala

(William); and granddaughter, Rachel Christine Anderson.

Visitation will be held at Coyle Funeral Home on Friday, November 10, from 2:00-8:00 p.m. A prayer service at Coyle will begin at 7:30pm. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Joan of Arc Church on Saturday, November 11 at 10:00 a.m. Interment will be at Calvary Cemetery. The family requests that contributions made in honor of Mary Jo be given to St. Ursula Academy, Toledo GROWs, or one of two scholarship funds at St. John's Jesuit High School: The Richard McCormick, S.J. Scholarship or The Dr. Edward J. McCormick Scholarship.

Please view Mary Jo's memorial video tribute and leave a condolence message at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2224 Dorr St.
Toledo, OH 43607

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 10. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Vigil

NOV 10. 7:30 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Funeral

NOV 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St Joan Of Arc
5856 Heatherdowns Blvd
Toledo, OH

Tribute Wall

PA

“ Aunt Mary Jo was my godmother, and at family functions back in the '60s and '70s, she would sometimes remind of this fact with a smile and a twinkle in her eye.

Some of my fondest memories are those years when we had Thanksgiving dinner at Uncle Bob and Aunt Mary Jo's house. It might have only actually happened a time or two. I was pretty young, so I don't recall for sure. Even so, whenever I was there, I felt welcomed and just happy.

I'll miss her.

My thoughts have been on her, Uncle Bob, and all the family...and the memories that inevitably have bubbled up. Paul Anderson (aka Lonzo/Linzo)

Paul Anderson - December 05, 2017 at 01:03 AM

MS

“ To the whole family....so sorry to hear of your loss. She was a fine lady! I always admired her! Mary Anne (Carroll) Summey

Mary Anne Summey - November 14, 2017 at 08:15 AM

TS

“ *Anderson Family*

I am so sorry I was unable to attend the prayer service or the Funeral Mass. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you. Having been a teacher at Little Flower I will always remember the help, caring and concern that your mom and dad showed me, the staff and the school. They were a true blessing to their family, friends and community.

Thank you and God bless you.

Tom Scheller

Tom Scheller - November 12, 2017 at 03:23 PM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Anderson.*



November 12, 2017 at 02:36 PM

RE

“ *Though we couldn't all be with you during the funeral mass, we took some time together to visit this page, read a little bit about her and watch the beautiful tribute video of Grandma during the time of the funeral. Wow! What a remarkable family tree. Mary Jo extended so many branches out to the world -- and the world is better for it! We feel so blessed to have been a tiny speckle on her life journey and to be a part of Mary Jo's family by way of the Ludwigs. We love you and are praying with you all this morning. Warm hugs and all our love, Rebecca, Ryan, David Jr., Carla, Giancarlo, Marie and Rosemary. xox*

Rebecca - November 11, 2017 at 11:49 AM

NM

“ We had the pleasure of being Mary Jo’s neighbors for the last year and a half. She was so sweet and kind. I will never forget how welcoming she was when she came to introduce herself and brought us something she had made. One day we were building a fence in our yard and she invited me over and offered me a drink. Unfortunately we didn’t have a lot of time to get to know her but from the little interactions we had, we knew she was a wonderful, strong, and compassionate woman who loved her children and grandchildren more than anything. We are so sorry for your loss and you are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Nicole Miller-Strauss - November 11, 2017 at 10:29 AM

CA

“ The day God allowed us to know your beautiful family and become great friends it was far more than a precious gift ; tomorrow , even if just in mind and spirit , will be with you during the funeral .
Carla & Gian

Carla & Giancarlo Amadei - November 10, 2017 at 02:26 PM

AB

“ Abimbola lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Anderson



Abimbola - November 10, 2017 at 01:21 PM

AB

May happy memories of Mary Jo be a source of comfort for you at this time.

May the Lord's blessings also bring you comfort.

*Comfort Wishes,
Abimbola
(YMCA Storer Camps)*

Abimbola - November 10, 2017 at 01:25 PM

CF

Christy & family, I am so sad to hear of your mom's passing. She was so kind & welcoming. I can only imagine the welcome she received from your dad though. Love & prayers to all of you!

Christine Murawa Foetisch - November 10, 2017 at 10:20 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Anderson.*



November 10, 2017 at 12:32 PM

CH

“ *1 file added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE*



Coyle Funeral Home - November 10, 2017 at 12:08 PM



What a beautiful video, beautiful family, and a beautiful woman ❤️

Kathy Kelley - November 10, 2017 at 04:42 PM

AR

“ So sorry you’ve lost this great woman. On to join her husband in heaven. Love, Anna

Anna Rivera - November 10, 2017 at 10:34 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Anderson.



November 10, 2017 at 09:55 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Anderson.



November 10, 2017 at 09:43 AM

CH

“ 1 file added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



Coyle Funeral Home - November 10, 2017 at 08:44 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Anderson.*



November 09, 2017 at 11:33 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Anderson.*



November 09, 2017 at 09:30 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Anderson.*



November 09, 2017 at 07:37 PM



“ *Peace Eternal Wreath was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Anderson.*



November 09, 2017 at 07:36 PM

KK

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



kathye kelley - November 09, 2017 at 04:50 PM



RIP Mom Anderson! Thank you! ❤️Kathye & Kracker

Kathye Kelley - November 09, 2017 at 06:58 PM



“ Garden of Memories was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Anderson.



November 09, 2017 at 04:12 PM



“ A Full Life was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Anderson.



November 09, 2017 at 03:31 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Anderson.*



November 09, 2017 at 02:02 PM



“ *Maryjo it was such a honor to clean for you and you made me laugh and you were always a great listener when life was beating me down. Im at such a loss of words, but I can say this.. I will miss you and always remember your kindness and making me feel like I was someone. So sorry for your loss. Just grateful I got to know her and have a relationship with her for so long.*

Anne Snyder - November 09, 2017 at 01:57 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your lost. Your friends at Sunshine have the family in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Tammy Palmer
Sunshine Vocational Director*

Tamra Palmer - November 09, 2017 at 01:39 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Anderson.*



November 09, 2017 at 01:34 PM

BH

“ A short list of life lessons learned from "Aunt MaryJo"/Mumsy:
-how to make strawberry jello - particularly delicious for Sunday
summer dinners.
-how to laugh more and not take things too seriously.
-how to solve some of the "problems of the world" on our "W(h)ine
Wednesdays.
-how to ski - we shared a lesson together on our first family ski
outing at Boyne.
-how to "evaluate" boyfriends throughout college, especially after
my parents moved.
-most importantly - how to make "Aunt Mary Jo's Cheesy Potatoes"
- nothing else will do at my family gatherings. (For a complete list,
see Ruth Miller.)
I love you all - come visit me in the mountains! Barb Bertke
Holdcroft

Barb Holdcroft - November 09, 2017 at 01:16 PM

MC

“ We want her back!
We don't want her to die!
We have trouble letting go!
But wait, we can keep her!
We can learn from her graciousness
and try to carry it on into our own lives.

"Everyone you meet today is carrying a burden you know nothing about.

Be kind. Let your words heal and not hurt." Plato

Mary Jo lived Plato's message.

We can honor her by mirroring her heart.

Mary Jo. You were loved by so many because you loved first!

Hopefully we shall meet again in Paradise!

Marge Clark

Marge Clark - November 09, 2017 at 12:52 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased
for the family of Mary Jo Anderson.*



November 09, 2017 at 12:42 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Anderson.*



November 09, 2017 at 12:41 PM



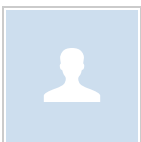
“ *I am so sorry for your great loss. May the God who "binds up the brokenhearted" and "comforts all who mourn" sustain your family during this challenging time. (Isaiah 61:1,2) With heartfelt sympathy.*

JJ - November 09, 2017 at 11:55 AM



'Be not afraid, I go before you always. Come, follow Me, and I will give you rest'. May these words of our risen Lord Jesus in song bring you hope and encouragement as they have for us over the years. Mary Jo will not be forgotten in the hearts of all who knew her. In the days ahead, may Jesus our God of comfort and peace hold you all in the palm of His hand.

JJ - November 09, 2017 at 02:23 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Anderson.*



November 09, 2017 at 10:39 AM

FH

“ *What a gift she was to us all! I share your grief at Mary Jo's passing, but even more rejoice in her goodness and the glory she's been called to. She's certainly in my prayer.*

Blessings to you all.

Fr. Tom Helfrich, OSFS

Fr. Tom Helfrich - November 09, 2017 at 10:39 AM

ER

“ *What a testimony to a life well lived. She was truly a beautiful gentle soul. So sorry for your loss Anderson family, but so happy for her in Heaven.*

Eileen Rattay - November 09, 2017 at 10:28 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Anderson.*



November 09, 2017 at 10:09 AM

AB

“...For what is it to die but to stand naked in the wind and to melt into the sun? And what is it to cease breathing, but to free the breath from its restless tides, that it may rise and expand and seek God unencumbered?



Only when you drink from the river of silence shall you indeed sing. And when you have reached the mountain top, then you shall begin to climb.

And when the earth shall claim your limbs, then shall you truly dance." Gibran Khalil Gibran

*May she sing, climb and dance in heaven,
Amal Berry
DTE Energy*

Amal Berry - November 09, 2017 at 09:49 AM

CS

“ Cheryl, Jen, Katie, Christine, Sue and Sharon purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Mary Jo Anderson.



Cheryl, Jen, Katie, Christine, Sue and Sharon - November 09, 2017 at 09:39 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Anderson.



November 09, 2017 at 09:32 AM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Anderson.



November 09, 2017 at 09:08 AM



“ Aunt Mary Jo was one of the kindest people I have ever met. You are now with Uncle Bob and the rest of the family members that have gone before you. Prayers and thoughts to her family. Lots of hugs surround you all. Linda Anderson

Linda Anderson - November 09, 2017 at 08:52 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Anderson.



November 09, 2017 at 08:32 AM

KA

“ 8 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Kim Anderson - November 09, 2017 at 05:51 AM



“ *Pretty Please* was purchased for the family of *Mary Jo Anderson*.



November 09, 2017 at 03:26 AM

NR

“ *From the moment we met Mary Jo we were comfortable and felt like family. We have the fondest memories of sitting with her at Audrey and Todd's rehearsal dinner. She had the remarkable ability to make others feel special and we are so lucky to have been two of "her kids."*

Nancy and Spencer Roberts - November 09, 2017 at 01:59 AM

MR

“*“Never separate the lives you live from the words you speak.” - Senator Paul Wellstone, MN*

MaryJo, you embodied this exhortation. The world is less lovely today with your passing, but I am profoundly grateful for the gift of your friendship and the example you left us. And, wiith that example, you'll always be present. Thank you.

- Mike Rataczak

Mike Rataczak - November 08, 2017 at 10:16 PM



“*Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Anderson.*



November 08, 2017 at 09:57 PM



“*Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Anderson.*



November 08, 2017 at 09:55 PM

JF

“ *James Gajewski, MD, MACP and family purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Mary Jo Anderson.*



James Gajewski, MD, MACP and family - November 08, 2017
at 09:53 PM

KO

“ *So sad to see this notice. Mary Jo was a bright light in the world in more ways than can even be mentioned. Bless her heart. May she rest in peace and enjoy eternity with her dear Bob.*

Kate Oatis - November 08, 2017 at 08:57 PM



“ *Gosh darn it, Aunt Mary Jo, why did it seem you would live forever? Maybe because you had the most life-affirming energy. Your greatest strength was your ability to take into account another's hurts not to mention your boundless empathy and big heart. You had an amazing capacity for listening- really listening. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for loving me. I gave up a long time ago trying to emulate you because there's simply no one like you. My hurting heart is filled with gratitude for having known and loved you. You were the best.*

Lu Anderson Stauffer - November 08, 2017 at 08:27 PM



“ Aunt Mary Jo always had a twinkle in her eye that made me feel like something fun was about to happen. Sending much love to all who will miss her.

Maggie Dziubek

Maggie Dziubek - November 08, 2017 at 08:02 PM



“ Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Anderson.



November 08, 2017 at 05:22 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Anderson.



November 08, 2017 at 04:39 PM



“ "Her love will live on for generations." Amen to that.
Love you all,
Francie and Mike

Frances Larkin - November 08, 2017 at 04:29 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Anderson.*



November 08, 2017 at 03:44 PM