



## Mary Jane Flores

June 21, 1936 - May 24, 2026

Mrs. Mary Jane (Poirier) Flores, age 89, of Toledo, passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 24, 2026. She was born on June 21, 1936, in Waltham, Massachusetts.

Mary Jane graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1954 and from Newton-Wellesley Hospital School of Nursing in 1957. In 1959, she was commissioned as a Naval Officer and proudly served for two years as a nurse at Bethesda Hospital, Maryland before being honorably discharged in 1961. During her service, she cared for her future husband, Joseph Flores, who was also a Naval Officer. Their first date was over Mexican food on January 21, 1961, the same evening as President John F. Kennedy's inauguration.

Dedicated to advancing her education and career, Mary Jane attended St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nurse Anesthesia and became a certified nurse anesthetist in 1970. She was employed by Anesthesia Services Associates for 30 years. Her passion for helping others extended far beyond her profession. For 20 years, she traveled annually to the Dominican Republic with Midwest Medical Mission, providing medical care to families in need. She was also instrumental in establishing the first mobile migrant health clinic in northwest Ohio and volunteered with the F.L.O.C. Migrant Camp Summer Health Clinic for more than 20 years.

Mary Jane was a lifelong Catholic, who not only practiced her faith but lived it. Mary Jane and her husband, Joe, shared a passion for serving the Mexican community. A mission she continued faithfully even after his passing. Another

passion of hers was telling jokes, a sure way Mary Jane could pull a smile from anyone. To many, she was lovingly known as "Memere," a name that began with her first grandchild and quickly became what everyone called her. Her compassion, humor, generosity, and unwavering dedication to others touched countless lives.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Judge Joseph A. Flores, and her brother, Paul Poirier.

She is survived by her son, Andre (Jessica) Flores; daughters, Maria (Jeffre) Flores Sendelbach and Judith Winhoven; and her cherished grandchildren, Mia, Alex, and Alaina. She is also survived by her sisters, Nancy Dintino and Barbara Tate, along with many loving nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

Friends may visit at Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., Toledo on Sunday, May 31 from 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. where a Rosary Service will be held at 5:00 p.m. Additional visitation will begin on Monday, June 1 at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, 2535 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo, OH 43610 from 10:00 a.m. until the Funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, Mary Jane requested that memorial contributions be made to: Helping Hands of St. Louis, 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604 or to The Padua Center, 1416 Nebraska Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43607.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 31. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

## Rosary

MAY 31. 5:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

JUN 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral  
2535 Collingwood Blvd.  
Toledo, OH 43610

## Funeral Mass

JUN 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral  
2535 Collingwood Blvd.  
Toledo, OH 43610

# Tribute Wall

CK

“ MJ will be so missed-a little dynamo with her Massachusetts accent who continually served others. It was truly amazing how many people and places MJ reached out to. Hearing her love story of meeting Joe and how she embraced the Hispanic culture was delightful. One mark of MJ that stands out to so many is her joke telling. She would often come into Mass and say " I have a joke for you after Mass". Her eyes would light up at the punchline. A better roommate I couldn't have had on our trip to Mackinac several years ago. She took such interest in all the wait staff and made certain to compliment them on their hard work. MJ's story can go on and on, but I give my sympathy and prayers to Maria and Andre and their families. A hole is left in many hearts, but a gratefulness to have shared time with Mary Jane.

Christine Keran - May 31 at 12:03 PM

CV

“ 2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - May 30 at 02:09 PM

BV

“ Baldemar V. purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Mary Jane Flores.



Baldemar V. - May 29 at 07:21 PM

BV

“ Baldemar V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jane Flores.

Baldemar V. - May 29 at 07:21 PM



“ In Heaven's Arms Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Flores.



May 29 at 11:55 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Jane Flores.

May 29 at 11:55 AM

TS

“ Ted & Linda Steele purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary Jane Flores.



Ted & Linda Steele - May 28 at 10:05 PM



“ Love's Tapestry was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Flores.



May 28 at 03:39 PM

PB

“ Thank you for sharing your Mom with the surgical staff and patients at St. Luke’s Hospital. I looked forward to seeing Mary Jane on the days she worked. Her heart was golden. She always had a smile and kind word for everyone. She was truly a blessing to our surgical department!

Pat Burmester - May 28 at 03:03 PM

MO

“ I remember the first time I met Mary Jane. It was at Rosary Cathedral’s Bible Study. She introduced herself as “Mary Jane Flores, like in Mary Juana” and then smiled with a twinkle in her eye. Then she told a joke. What an introduction to a spiritual force and friend! Thank you to her Family for sharing her with us.

Margaret Ostrowski - May 28 at 10:05 AM

DW

“ Duane and Maria Rodriguez Winter purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Jane Flores.



Duane and Maria Rodriguez Winter - May 28 at 08:59 AM

DW

“ Duane and Maria Rodriguez Winter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jane Flores.

Duane and Maria Rodriguez Winter - May 28 at 08:59 AM

DS

“ *Mary Jane was a joy to have participating in Taoist Tai Chi with me.*

Daniel Snyder - May 28 at 08:24 AM

MA

“ *I got to know Mary Jane while I worked at Lourdes University and through our work with Diamante. Her smile and that twinkle in her eye drew you in to get to know more about this wonderful woman. We would dance and laugh and have great times as our paths crossed at various community events. I will miss her. Mary Arquette*

mary arquette - May 28 at 08:15 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Flores.*



May 27 at 08:08 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Jane Flores.*

May 27 at 08:08 PM

PB

“ *Mary Jane was one of the most wonderful people I had the pleasure of knowing and working with for many years. Her sense of humor was infectious. Both of our Sons knew each other and enjoyed summer camp together. Both Joe and Mary Jane were two people who never met a stranger and were always ready to help wherever help was needed and never ask for anything in return. A life well lived does not even begin to describe Mary Jane. Rest in peace Sweet, Sweet Mary Jane. Patricia Bishop*

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**Patricia Bishop** - May 27 at 07:52 PM

CK

*MJ, how you're missed! You were a little dynamo with your Massachusetts accent. Your story of how you and Joe met was so interesting. You embraced his Hispanic culture and gave so much to that community. You never sought notoriety in all the things that you did for individuals or for groups. You lived life as a humble and caring Catholic Christian. You would come to church saying "I have a joke for you after Mass". The Prayer Posse enjoyed your jokes so much that we wanted them in writing. I'd marvel at your fashionista style of dress and you'd proudly say "\$7 at the Discovery Shop". Many hearts have a hole in them now, but we are grateful to have had you as a friend. We know that you are side- by-side with Joe and our Lord. Prayers for Maria, Andre and your families as you walk this difficult road.*

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**Christine Keran** - May 27 at 10:01 PM

JH

*I met Mary Jane as a volunteer at Cathedral. We shared our nursing skills and took parishioners' blood pressures after masses for several years. Whenever I saw her, her eyes would sparkle with kindness. She was especially kind when I was caring for my dad. May she rest in peace.*

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**Joyce Hammer** - May 30 at 01:25 PM

CB

“ *Mary Jane was a wonderful friend and member of the Spanish-American Organization. She donated money to the yearly scholarships for Hispanic Youth. She will be missed. She was such a beautiful friend. God Bless her now in heaven*

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**Carmen Barbosa** - May 27 at 04:00 PM

TO

“ *Trudy Desmond and Margaret Ostrowski purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mary Jane Flores.*



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**Trudy Desmond and Margaret Ostrowski** - May 27 at 03:11 PM

TO

“ *Trudy Desmond and Margaret Ostrowski planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jane Flores.*

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**Trudy Desmond and Margaret Ostrowski** - May 27 at 03:11 PM

TF

“ *The Jones Family purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Mary Jane Flores.*



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**The Jones Family** - May 27 at 02:16 PM