



Mary Jo "MJ" Graci

July 8, 1952 - November 22, 2020

Mary Jo "MJ" Graci, 68, of Jonestown, passed away on Sunday, November 22, 2020, at her home. Her daughters Jaime Ann & Marisa Grace were by her side.

Born in Lebanon on July 8, 1952, she was the daughter of the late Vincent and Josephine Mahon Graci and a graduate of Lebanon Catholic High School Class of 1970. Mary Jo started her nursing career as a Critical Care Nurse and Nurse Manager at the Lebanon Valley General Hospital. She worked for Burlington University Hospital and at Montefiore Hospital in Pittsburgh as an ER nurse. She continued her nursing career in Harrisburg as a RN consultant for Cardiovascular Surgical Institute until she was selected for the advanced medical device sales of pacemakers and defibrillators at Guidant and later St. Jude. She retired as an Electrophysiology Nurse Specialist at Associated Cardiology in Harrisburg. Her compassion, empathy and nurturing spirit was a blessing to countless patients, whether friend or stranger. With her guidance, wisdom and positive attitude, she encouraged many young women to pursue a career in the medical profession as she was a role model of what the nursing creed charges. She always had the right words and spoke from her heart.

MJ was a selfless volunteer & member of the American Nursing Association, the American Heart Association, and Cancer Society. She made many friends everywhere she went, young and old, and everyone viewed her as fun loving and full of life. She had great appreciation for all sports and loved all of God's

wonderful creations, whether it was a puppy, kitten, flowers, trees or even a simple stone path.

She will be remembered by her family, friends, and former patients. No matter what, she always had a smile on her face and joy in her heart. She leaves behind a legacy of love, and her proudest accomplishment was being both a mother & grandmother. She loved her family unconditionally and never turned her back to anyone in need.

She is survived by her daughters Jaime Ann Rank (Craig) of Jonestown and Marisa Grace Arnold of Los Angeles, CA; grandchildren Emma and Bradley Steinkamp and Morgan and Michael Rank; brothers Samuel Graci of Fredericksburg, James Graci of Pittsburgh and Michael Graci of Newark, DE; and sisters Patricia Guerrisi of W. Palm Beach, FL, Grace Stauffer of Hershey and Connie Ditzler of Ephrata.

A viewing will be held on Monday, November 30, 2020, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Kreamer & Lum Funeral Home & Crematory, Rt. 72 & Camp Meeting Rd., Jonestown.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Assoc., 4250 Crums Mill Rd., Harrisburg, PA 17112.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

NOV **30**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kreamer & Lum Funeral Home & Crematory
5 Campmeeting Road
Jonestown, PA 17038

Tribute Wall



“ *Kreamer Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Jo "MJ" Graci*



Kreamer Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc. - November 27, 2020 at 03:40 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Jo "MJ" Graci.*



November 30, 2020 at 02:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Jo "MJ" Graci.*



November 29, 2020 at 07:31 PM

FF

“ From the Stauffer Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mary Jo "MJ" Graci.



From the Stauffer Family - November 29, 2020 at 01:34 PM

SR

“ Went to school with Mary jo. She was a lot of fun to be around. May you rest in peace.

Su rank - November 27, 2020 at 05:54 PM

DD

“ The obituary written here is an exact profile of the character and person I knew as a school days classmate of Mary Jo Graci She truly was a stand-out in many respects among our fellow students. Fearless, straight forward and to the point along with an irresistible charm was all I ever knew of her. My wife and I had the pleasure of sitting with her at our most recent class reunion and on that night, she was the same girl and woman I remember her being the last time I'd seen her in 1970. Although she was in our class, not many were in hers. You, her daughters, were truly blessed to have her as your mother. I can only imagine the strength, fortitude and zest for life that she must have passed on to you. I myself am blessed to have known her and I know many who knew her are able to say the same. I can imagine she is turning some heads and raising some eyebrows in heaven right now just as she did when she was with us here on this earthly plane.

Dean Deibler - November 26, 2020 at 08:06 AM

KU

“ *May you find peace in your hearts as you travel this hard road as a family. I know MJ from high school and working at Lebanon Valley General.*



Kathy Coonon Umberger - November 25, 2020 at 06:13 PM

YW

“ *God bless you daughters of MJ and may God hold you in His warm embrace as you grieve the passing of your wonderful, devoted mother. I have fond memories of your mother being her LCHS classmate and partner LCHS cheerleader. Although we took different and distant paths after high school, we reconnected several years later for some fun times. I will never forget how your mother helped me through the year dealing with my mother's brain cancer. Now you have your own special Angel watching over you from Heaven's throne. Love you to pieces, MJ; save a place for me in Heaven.*



Yvonne A Whisenant - November 25, 2020 at 03:43 PM

DS

“ *May you Rest In Peace Mary Jo.*



Diane Steckbeck Smith - November 25, 2020 at 10:38 AM