



Mary Jo Waugh

October 5, 1947 - December 9, 2016

Mary Jo Waugh, 69, of Topeka, passed away peacefully at her home on Friday, December 9, 2016, comforted with love and surrounded by her family.

Mary Jo was born October 5, 1947, in Topeka KS to Joseph and Florence (Mock) Walsh. She graduated from Hayden High School in 1965, where she later served on the Reunion Committee. After attending Washburn University, she worked for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas and retired after 36 ½ years as Regional Sales Manager. After retirement, she dedicated her time to her family and was strongly committed to volunteerism. She served as either a Board Member or had committee affiliation with many organizations including the Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce, Sales & Marketing Executives of Topeka, Easter Seals Capper Foundation, Meals on Wheels, Kansas Blue Cross Blue Shield Credit Union, Kansas Health Insurance Association, Go Red for Women, and United Way Greater Topeka. She was also a proud member of Christ the King Catholic Church.

Mary Jo was previously married to John M. Waugh, and had three children from this union, Michael, Jenifer and Erin. On November 6, 1999, she married James D. "Dix" Waugh and became mother to Nathan and Adam.

She is survived by her loving husband, Dix Waugh; her adoring children, Jenifer Waugh (Dr. Ryan Merkow) of New York NY, Erin Waugh (Rodrigo Jurado) of Chicago IL, Nathan Waugh (Kimberly) of Fort Worth TX, Adam Waugh (Rema) of Grosse Pointe Woods MI; daughter-in-law, Lisa Schmoller-Berndt of Algonquin IL; and ten grandchildren who were the light of "Gigi's" life, Joseph, Jordan and Jameson Waugh (Algonquin IL), Eva Merkow (New York NY), Zoe Jurado (Chicago IL), Hunter, Madelynn and Parker Waugh (Fort Worth TX), Olive and Kansas Waugh (Grosse Pointe Woods MI); sisters, Teresa Massey (Dennis), Topeka KS and Donna Tryon (Denny), Ozawkie KS; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her son, Michael on January 30, 2006.

Her family expresses a very special thank you to Dr. Mehmood Hashmi, Dr. Russell Green and the staff of Grace Hospice and Blassingame Home Care for the loving and compassionate care.

Family will greet friends from 5 to 6:45 p.m. on Thursday at Kevin Brennan Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, where a parish rosary follows at 6:45 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Friday at Christ the King Catholic Church, 5973 SW 25th Street, Topeka KS 66614.

Inurnment will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Easter Seals Capper Foundation or to Christ the King Catholic Church, sent in care of the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Mount Hope Cemetery

4700 SW 17th Street
Topeka, KS 66604

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 15. 5:00 PM - 6:45 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614
(785) 272-7888
info@kevinbrennanfamily.com

Rosary

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Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 16. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Jo Waugh*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Dix and family, I am so sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in all your wonderful memories of the times you had with Mary.*

Karen Devlin - December 17, 2016 at 07:45 PM



“ *We were so sorry to hear about your loss. We have great memories from the ball field. Our prayers are with all of you. Love Lynn and Ron Tuck*

Lynn and Ron Tuck - December 17, 2016 at 02:47 PM



“ *Dix and family. We are so sorry for your loss. Mary Jo was such a nice and fun person. I personally enjoyed working with her. She will be missed.*

Benette and Curt Clark

Benette & Curt Clark - December 17, 2016 at 02:45 PM



“ *Remembering Mary Jo's wonderful smile, twinkling eyes and joyful laughter. Her laugh was certainly infectious especially when accompanied by her sisters. Keeping you all in our prayers.-Russ and Tresa Johnson*

Russell and Tresa Johnson - December 15, 2016 at 08:54 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Mary Jo was such an amazing woman. I'm so grateful we got to see her last year at our wedding. My sincere condolences to the Waugh family. - Alison Thornton*

Alison Thornton - December 15, 2016 at 08:53 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Waugh .*



December 15, 2016 at 03:01 PM



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



December 15, 2016 at 02:53 PM

JK

“ *Heartfelt wishes to the Waugh family. I knew Mary Jo mostly by reputation from her BC-BS co-workers. It is obvious how highly regarded she was by all. May your love outlast the grief.*

Jo Ann Kemp - December 15, 2016 at 12:57 PM

GB

“ *Jenny and Erin, I am so sorry for the loss of your Mom. I remember babysitting for the three of you and your Mom always making me feel like I was a part of your family. She always made me feel extra special and did so many wonderful things for me. I know you will miss her smile but know that her memory will be carried on forever. Love you both and you are in my prayers. She was such a special lady!*
Gina Knoebber Brophy

Gina Brophy - December 15, 2016 at 09:16 AM

RG

“ My heart is sad as I write my tribute to Mary Jo, because I am unable to be there for her celebration of life, but at the same time so thankful that just two months ago I was able to visit with her every day for three days when she was feeling up to a visitor. How blessed I feel for being able to spend that time with her, and I thank my brother, Tom Walsh, for always being there with the transportation. Thank you Dix, my dear, for always being such a loving and caring husband and to Adam, Nathan, Jenifer, Erin and Teresa and Donna for always being there to show love and caring.

Mary Jo and I took many trips together, laughing all the way- on two cruises and some over-the-road trips. Think we fed off each other when it came to humor and silliness and perhaps a bit of "ye old Irish wit and mischievousness". Always a laugh and perhaps a wine or two or other libation.

This beautiful woman has touched the hearts of many and will be remembered for so many qualities: faith based, genuine, honest, compassionate, and dedicated to her family as a wife, mother, grandmother, relative and friend. I will miss hearing the smile in her voice when the phone rang and she said "just called to hear your voice - Aunt Rose Anne". Thanks for all your love and memories. You will never be forgotten!

Rose Anne Walsh Gardner - December 14, 2016 at 07:34 PM

ST

“ Susan & Bill Lambert - Frisco, TX purchased the Be My Love B bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Mary Jo Waugh .



Susan & Bill Lambert - Frisco, TX - December 14, 2016 at 02:10 PM

SM

“ Dix & Family -- sorry for your loss. I've known Mary Jo since she started at BC-BS when she was in Subscriber Services (as it was called then) and then both of us working in the Marketing Division for a number of years. Mary Jo was a hard worker and dedicated to the company. She was fun to work with on projects and issues. After we both retired I lost contact with her and was sadden to learn of her illness. With sincere sympathy - SHARLEE MASON

Sharlee Mason - December 14, 2016 at 10:01 AM

LS

“ *My sincere condolences on your loss. May you find comfort in the presence of family and friends during this difficult time.*

~Lori (Mah) Slater

Lori Slater - December 13, 2016 at 11:25 PM

DP

“ *Dix,
So sorry to learn of Mary Jo's passing . Our thoughts are with you and your family at this difficult time.*

Dan and Carmen Phelps

Dan Phhelps - December 13, 2016 at 05:18 PM

NH

“ *Dix, Jenifer, Erin, Nathan, Adam, Lisa, Teresa and Donna-
My thoughts, prayers and hugs to you as you cope with the emptiness left by MaryJo. She will always be with us when family gathers and we will always be able to recall her smile and sense of humor.*

Nadyne Hagmeier

Nadyne Hagmeier - December 13, 2016 at 01:41 PM

MS

“ *Dix, Nathan, Adam and all...*

Words are inadequate at a time like this, but allow me to say that I am truly sorry for your loss. Mary Jo was a terrific person, and such a wonderful mother to Nathan and Adam; I know Judy could have never asked for better for them. I was so happy to have been able to see both of you again last year at Caitlin's wedding, and spend time with Mary Jo then talking over some old times. My thoughts and prayers are with you all as you go through this painful time.

Melinda Stenholm

Melinda Stenholm - December 13, 2016 at 01:35 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Waugh .*



December 13, 2016 at 12:59 PM

DT

“ *We shall laugh when we meet again, sis.*

Donna Tryon - December 13, 2016 at 08:06 AM

EW

“ *Our Mother, friend, mentor, confidant, and touchstone will be truly missed. I was absolutely blessed to be her daughter for 40 years. We never get to choose our family but I hit the jackpot with the hand I was dealt.*

She gave the best advice, even though sometimes it wasn't always what you wanted to hear...but it turned out to be wise and sound advice every time.

The amount of people that Mom touched are countless, her wings spread very far. She never knew a stranger and had an absolutely infectious smile and laugh that could fill a room.

As her daughter, I ask that family and friends share stories and have many laughs in the coming days/weeks/years as we speak of the very special angel that we have all been fortunate enough to share our lives with.

~Erin Waugh~

Erin Waugh - December 12, 2016 at 09:20 PM

LB

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leroy a blunt - December 12, 2016 at 02:04 PM

LB

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leroy a blunt - December 12, 2016 at 02:03 PM

ST

“ *Sealed Air / Strategic Account Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Jo Waugh .*



Sealed Air / Strategic Account Team - December 12, 2016 at 12:03 PM

MD

“ *Mark and Juanita Dolsky purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Jo Waugh .*



Mark and Juanita Dolsky - December 11, 2016 at 02:01 PM

JW

“ *Mary Jo volunteered at Easter Seals Capper Foundation swimming with children with disabilities in the Kidlink Program. Mary Jo was awesome volunteer who used words of encouragement to increase the children's fun in the pool. Mary Jo provided support for children who struggled being comfortable in the water. Mary Jo always put the needs of the children first and was a constant in the swim program for many years. As a volunteer with Evening As A Child, Mary Jo assisted in raising funds for our programs which impacted children's lives in a positive way. I considered Mary Jo to be a friend that enriched the lives of everyone she touched. Jeanette Waters, retired volunteer director at Easter Seals Capper Foundation.*

Jeanette Waters - December 11, 2016 at 07:57 AM

PM

*Dix,
Ray and I are saddened by Mary Jo's passing. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. May she Rest In Peace! The McComas Family*

pam McComas - December 12, 2016 at 12:10 PM

CW

We're sorry to hear this. Keep the memories.

carol and ken wichman - December 13, 2016 at 07:01 AM

JJ

Dix and family - Please accept my condolences on the passing of Mary Jo. She left each of you with her own special love that will last forever.

Janet Jackson - December 13, 2016 at 09:26 AM

HH

Dix, I am so sorry for your loss. Keeping you and your entire family in my prayers.

Heidi Haney - December 13, 2016 at 09:44 AM

SB

Waugh family, We are so sad of hearing about Mary Jo. Her laughter and fun will be so missed. Hugs to all of you! Larry and Sherry Blumberg

Sherry Blumberg - December 13, 2016 at 10:57 AM

LM

I had the distinct privilege to get to know Mary Jo when we volunteered together at Go Red For Women events she was kind, fun to volunteer with and very generous with her time in the community. My thoughts and prayers to her family as you mourn the loss of this lovely soul. Lisa Marsee-Long

Lisa Marsee-Long - December 14, 2016 at 09:38 PM

JV

Dix and family both Sue and I are very sorry for your loss. She will be remembered by us and our family.

John Veatch - December 16, 2016 at 10:05 AM

SJ

Dix, Jenny, Erin, Adam, and Nathan.....prayers for all of you and your families. Mary Jo was one in a million. I am so sorry for your loss.

Suzanne Jordan - December 16, 2016 at 06:32 PM

KG

Dix and family...my prayers go out to you as you mourn the loss of this wonderful lady. I met Mary Jo through work and she was the nicest person I think I met when I first started here 37 years ago. I was so sorry to hear about her illness. Keep the memories alive and she will forever live in your hearts.

Kathy "Robb" Glaze - December 20, 2016 at 08:29 AM