



Mary Jo Gullekson

December 7, 1956 - May 23, 2013

Mary Jo Gullekson of Cadillac passed away unexpectedly Thursday, May 23, 2013 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. She was 56. She was born December 7, 1956 in Grosse Pointe, Michigan to Felix Peter "Phil" and Mary Margaret (VanTiem) Ugorowski.

Mary Jo received her Bachelor of Science degree from Oakland University. She worked as a Licensed Veterinarian Technician at Clarke-Everett Cat and Dog Hospital in Traverse City for 22 years until retiring to become a stay at home mom and grandma to her grandson, Desmond.

Mary Jo was a loving wife, mother and grandmother and loved spending time with her family. She enjoyed shopping dates with her sisters in law, Linda and Cathy. Mary Jo took pride in being thrifty and was charitable, always thinking of others. She enjoyed reading, animals, traveling, camping, decorating and gardening. Mary Jo was a long time member of the Catholic Church.

On September 21, 1985 in Saint Clair Shores, Michigan Mary Jo married Lynn Basil Gullekson and he survives her along with their daughters, Kelly Gullekson of Grand Rapids and Jill Gullekson of Maryland; a grandson, Desmond; her mother, Mary M. Ugorowski of Saint Clair Shores; a brother, Philip Ugorowski of Kansas; sisters in law: Linda (Rex) Harley of Lake City, Cathy (George) Cochrane of Lake City and Deb Podbilski of Cadillac and

many uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, Phil, and father and mother in law, Basil and Corrine Gullekson.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held 11:00 AM Wednesday, May 29, 2013 at St. Ann Catholic Church in Cadillac with Rev. Craig Haider as celebrant. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in Manton. Friends may meet the family from 2-4 and 6-8 PM on Tuesday at the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children Hospital or Michigan Humane Society. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

MJ

“ *My thoughts are prayers are with you.*

Molly (Van Tiem) Jantzen - July 01, 2013 at 10:59 AM

RC

“ *Dear Lynn, Kelly and Jill, we are so sorry to hear of your loss. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Ron and Carol Carr - June 02, 2013 at 12:03 PM

CH

“ *Mary Jo as you rest in " Heavenly Peace" know that the many lives you touched... 4 leg as well.... will be forever touched by you for a lifetime...To your family...my strongest heart felt thoughts prayers and understanding of this lose will only make you stronger as you to will always have her lifetime effects in your hearts...God Bless you all....I' m glad I had the pleasure of knowing Mary Jo a great mom...loving wife...and proud grandmother.... I will miss you and I have already chosen my star when I look in the sky...it is you!!*

Cheryl - May 31, 2013 at 07:18 AM

JF

“ We will all miss Mary Jo very much. She always played a large part in our long-lasting friendship and personal lives for the past 30 years or more. Lynn, your long distance dating, your wedding, your children and grandson, Jaime's Internship at the Vet's Office in TC, Cam's Computer Internship in Buckley and the many gatherings we all can remember. Sharing our prayers today and tomorrow. God gives us comfort in the form of good friends. May His peace be with you and your family. His love never ends. We lost my husband, Duane, on April 4, We will all miss Mary Jo very much. She always played a large part in our long-lasting friendship and personal lives for the past 30 years or more. Lynn, your long distance dating, your wedding, your children and grandson, Jaime's Internship at the Vet's Office in TC, Cam's Computer Internship in Buckley and the many gatherings we all can remember. Sharing our prayers today and tomorrow. God gives us comfort in the form of good friends. May His peace be with you and your family. His love never ends. We lost my husband, Duane, on April 4, 2013, Lynn, Kelly , and Jill " take one day at a time" , friendships last forever with our love, Jalene, Cameren and Jaime Croel

Jalene O. Croel and family - May 29, 2013 at 02:30 PM

PR

“ Our deepest sympathy Lynn on the passing of your dear wife. Prayers and thoughts will be with you and your family.

Paul J. & Dale E. Rajala - May 29, 2013 at 01:29 PM

PT

“ We are very sorry to hear about the passing of our 2nd cousin Mary Jo. Our prayers & thoughts go out to Mary and Philip that God's healing graces help them during thier time of great sorrow.

Phillip & Darlene Van Tiem - May 28, 2013 at 06:16 PM

KS

“ Mary Jo you will be sadly missed. I can remember when you took care of our dog (trouble). You remember him after many years after he passed. Lynn, Kelly and Jill our thoughts and prayers are with you during this hard time.

The Stiners (Kingsley).

Kelly Stiner - May 28, 2013 at 06:05 PM

PH

“ I was so sorry to hear about your loss. " One day at a time" should help keep your emotions in place. My husband passed away Christmas Day. 2012

Pat Hollon - May 28, 2013 at 04:54 PM

LH

“ So very sorry to hear about MaryJo. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the girls.

Linda Howard - May 28, 2013 at 04:38 PM

BF

“ You are in our prays and thoughts. May God be with you Lynn and your family in the days and years to come

Bunker-cass family - May 28, 2013 at 12:03 PM

MG

“ *My prayers are with Lynn and his family during this time of sorrow.*

Michelle Gabalis - May 28, 2013 at 09:12 AM

KS

“ *Lynn, our thoughts & prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

Kristy & Jim Somsel - May 28, 2013 at 09:03 AM

CM

“ *My heartfelt sympathy to Aunt Mary and Philip and to all of Mary Jo's family. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Wishing you peace.*

Christie (Ugorowski) Mitchell - May 27, 2013 at 06:27 PM

AN

“ *You were an angel on Earth and now you are an angel in Heaven.*

Aunt Henrietta and Uncle Norb - May 27, 2013 at 01:10 PM

LJ

“ *Mary Jo was the kindest and most generous person we knew. She always thought of her family first. She was a remarkable woman and will be dearly missed. She was a loving wife, mother, and grandma and a dear friend to all that knew her.*

Lauri and Jamie Danny and Jenna - May 26, 2013 at 07:27 PM

P(

“ *This is very sad. Mary Jo was one of my favorite cousins growing up. She was always so nice and friendly to me. I didn't realize it until later in life just how wonderful she was, and thought very fondly of her. She brought a smile to my face at our family gatherings and enjoyed talking with her. She will be missed! My thoughts and prayers go out to all.*

Patti (Ugorowski)Hofbauer - May 25, 2013 at 11:11 AM

JF

“ *Jill,*

May God wrap his loving arms around you and your family. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Joe, Deb, Michael, Jenna & Eric Fox - May 25, 2013 at 11:08 AM

AJ

“ *You will be sadly missed.*

Aunt Mary Ann and Uncle Joe - May 25, 2013 at 10:08 AM

MH

“ *I think of MaryJo every time I take my dog to see the vet. She was always so caring and helpful.*

Marilyn Horning - May 25, 2013 at 09:51 AM