



Mary Jo Link

November 11, 1954 - December 30, 2016

Mary Jo Link, age 62, of St. Anne, passed away Friday, December 30, 2016 at her home. She was born November 11, 1954 in Hastings, MN, the daughter of Donald & Bernadette Savoie Gundy. Mary Jo had been employed by School District 111 and retired from King Middle School, where she taught Art. She had also taught at St. Anne High School where she was the first female shop teacher in the state of Illinois. A graduate of Northern University, Mary Jo was very artistic. She enjoyed painting and making stained glass. She was active in various community art projects. She enjoyed watching the Chicago Bears and "Judge Judy," but most of all, she loved her students. Mary Jo was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee. Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Patrick & Avory Harmon Link of Williamsburg, VA; her parents, Donald & Bernadette Gundy of Crossville, TN; one sister and brother-in-law, Joyce & Matt Marzullo of Lombard; two brothers and three sisters-in-law, John & Kay Gundy of St. Louis, MO, Patrick & Tammy Gundy of Richmond, KY, and Diane Hall & Cynthia Carpenter of Kankakee. Cremation Rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. funeral mass on Saturday, January 7, 2017 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee. Rev. John Peeters will celebrate the mass. In lieu of flowers please feel free to make a donation in Mary's name to Feed Arts and Cultural Center (<http://www.feedarts.org/support/>).

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church
428 S. Indiana
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-6716

Funeral Mass

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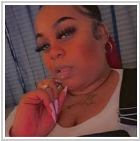
Tribute Wall

RA

“ She was my absolute favorite teacher. I always looked forward to going to her class. She even painted her door and I just thought it was the coolest thing ever. I still remember her lesson on how to make the perfect circle. “Round and round and touch down.” ❤️



Raeven - January 02, 2019 at 01:47 AM



“ Such a loving lady. I took care of her at Heritage. Rest on Mary J



Redd Velvet - January 01, 2019 at 03:35 PM

RO

“ She was the sweetest art teacher ever I remember the only reason I attempted to draw was her patience and dedication to us 😞

robyn - January 01, 2019 at 02:56 PM

TM

“ She was the best Art teacher no matter how bad I was she still had patience with me 😞

Theresa Mason - January 01, 2019 at 02:56 AM

TY

“ *She was one of my favorite teachers. She always was committed to her students. Can't believe she gone, like I remember I was going to visit her when I got the news. We miss you dearly.*

tyesha - January 01, 2018 at 06:46 PM

KM

“ *I remember you used to tell me I was such a great artist and could draw you any time and I would say no way I could draw a picture as beautiful as you rest up my angel.*



kelom mason - January 21, 2017 at 07:24 AM

DP

“ *Debra Fehr, Brandon Thompson & LaMar Pan lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Link*



Debra Fehr, Brandon Thompson & LaMar Pan - January 08, 2017 at 01:38 PM

ND

“ We are just in shock over Mary's passing. We had so many fun times and trips together! Will never forget her love of life, art, her students, but especially her love for Patrick. So sorry we lost touch over the years since we moved. She had the warmest heart and a smile that would light up a room. To Patrick, though you were small last we saw you, you may not remember us, but our deepest condolences. You were so blessed to have such an incredible woman to be your mother and friend!
Our deepest sympathy to you and the entire family!
Nancy and Mike Delgado

Nancy Delgado - January 07, 2017 at 08:22 PM

CM

“ I bought the house next door to Mary. The night I took possession, I went to check out the house. There was a knock at the door. It was Mary. She introduced herself and welcomed me to the neighborhood. I will never forget that. I will never forget Mary.

Clinton Mullikin - January 07, 2017 at 10:55 AM

CH

“ Ms Link was my art teacher during the years I was at king...she was one of my favorite teachers...I remember us making different activities and she will get up and start dancing around and saying to always believe in yourself...I thought she was amazing when it came to,art I think that's how my brother became fascinated..she had me and my siblings and my aunties as students at king I will always love and look up to,her you are greatly missed by everybody you have ever taught in this lifetime

Christina - January 07, 2017 at 09:24 AM

MG

“ I remember Mary at all of the little league games her son Patrick and my son Aaron played in. She was the cheerleader for the team. She took the time to do my daughter's name cards in calligraphy for 300 people. I remember her infectious smile and the laughs we had. She lived and breath for Patrick, he was her world. The world was a better place with Mary in it. I will never forget her kindness, generosity, beautiful smile and blue eyes. Mary called Her sons, Patrick, Aaron, Brian and Andy her boys and always welcomed them in her home. I know she is in heaven waiting for the day v we will there to meet her. Thank you Mary for being a second mom to Aaron and a friend to my family. My deepest sympathy to Patrick and Avery and Mary's family and friends. Weven will miss u tremendously. Michele (Konik) Smith.

Michele Smith Gulli - January 07, 2017 at 08:08 AM

MC

“ To Mary's family I was taught by her she was the most amazing teacher very patient with us hard headed kids well I seen her at the nail salon about a year ago and I got a great big hug from her and she had a big heart when she taught us she used to bring me home from school she also took us out to eat and gave us rewards she was great I wish there were more teachers like her she will be sadly missed your in my prayers your student Mary castro

Mary Castro - January 06, 2017 at 09:19 PM

JS

“ Joyce Shoemaker lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Link



Joyce Shoemaker - January 06, 2017 at 06:59 PM

KH

“ *Mary was a patient of mine at Presence Heritage Village. I will never forget her. My thoughts and prayers are with you Mary, and your family.*

Kathy Hines, Rehab Dept., Presence Herit - January 06, 2017 at 06:58 PM

KH

“ *Kathy Hines, Rehab Dept., Presence Herit lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Link*



Kathy Hines, Rehab Dept., Presence Herit - January 06, 2017 at 06:53 PM

CH

“ *Cindy Cotsones Hebert lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Link*



Cindy Cotsones Hebert - January 06, 2017 at 03:55 PM

CH

I enjoyed working along side Mary at CBI in the office during the summer way back in the 70's when she was going to college. Such a free spirit and so much fun to be around! I can only imagine how fun her interaction with her students must have been and what a fantastic teacher she turned out to be! My sincere sympathy to you all. Cindy Cotsones Hebert

Cindy Cotsones Hebert - January 06, 2017 at 04:00 PM

DH

“ Dawn Harper lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Link



Dawn Harper - January 06, 2017 at 07:05 AM

DH

You will be missed. Michael won't know what to do not having you call him to do something for you. Rest in peace our friend..

Dawn Harper - January 06, 2017 at 07:07 AM

JB

“ Mary taught art when I began to teach music at King. She made every effort to make me feel at home in a time when I was very upset about being placed there. She became a constant friend while she was there.

She talked often about Patrick and Avery. She loved Patrick with all her heart, and felt that Avery was the best thing that could happen to him. We talked often about Williamsburg (my favorite vacation spot) and William and Mary. She was so proud of Patrick and his choice of career. I can think of no mother more engaged or more filled with love for her son and daughter-in-law than Mary.

Mary also had an extraordinary heart for others. When my sister moved up from Tampa, we found out she was terminally ill. As a house-warming gift, Mary took the stained glass pieces I brought her and turned it into a beautiful religious picture, a piece of art my sister looked at the rest of her days. She refused to take any money from me for her work. She only asked that I stay her friend.

I also loved that she had the best honey around. I don't know how she accomplished all she did, but all her knew her were indeed fortunate people. She will be missed.

Jeanne Benson

Jeanne Benson - January 05, 2017 at 01:47 PM

RH

“ She a beautiful sweet respect lady im so glad and thankful knew her and we talk joke around and have smile and smile give her back with a muah im going miss her dearly R.I.P MJL i love u 🥺

rhonda - January 04, 2017 at 08:06 PM

JM

“ Jim &Janine Marcotte lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Link



Jim &Janine Marcotte - January 03, 2017 at 10:02 PM

JM

Jim and I are just so very sad to loose a neighbor and especially friend/family to the Marcotte's. We will remember all the fun and laughter you brought into our lives. RIP, Mary, free from so much pain, free at last. XO

Jim &Janine Marcotte - January 03, 2017 at 10:06 PM

SB

“ Mary has been a great friend and neighbor.Always will to help and a champion for those who couldn't.She was a great teacher,artist,mom,mentor. May she Rest In Peace and hurt no more,love you Ms.Mary💕💕

sue bewsey - January 03, 2017 at 09:14 AM

RB

“ Mary was my next door neighbor for many years. I will always remember the good times we shared living on the river. She will be missed...RIP Mary.



Rosemary Bacino - January 03, 2017 at 08:42 AM

DD

“ Mary's energetic and creative spirit will be missed. She guided many to truly appreciate art.

Deb Dilks - January 01, 2017 at 09:44 PM