



Mary Jo Maroney

Born:

6/28/1963

Died:

10/11/2009

Memorialized by:

Bisch & Son Funeral Home,
Springfield, IL



Biography

Mary Jo Maroney, (Miriam Shoshanah) 46, of St. Louis, MO, formerly of Springfield, died Sunday October 11, 2009 at Memorial Medical Center.

She was born in Springfield, June 28, 1963 the daughter of Donald E. and F. Carolyn Bregant Maroney. Her grandparents, her father, and two brothers, Robert Bregant and Jeff Maroney preceded her in death.

Mary Jo worked for GPH as a provider relations specialist in St. Louis. She was very active in civic, social and political organizations, including a member of the Green Party and a political activist. She was a member of the Central Reform Congregation in St. Louis, MO.

Surviving are her mother, Carolyn Miller of Springfield, her sisters, Jeannie (husband Steve) Koskey of Springfield, Jeanette (husband Pat) Riley of Athens, IL, and Becky (husband Chuck) Young of Loami, IL, her brother Donald (wife Tammy) Maroney of Atlanta, GA, and several nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

Cremations Rites will be accorded by the Bisch Crematory.

A memorial service will be held at 7:00 PM Thursday October 15, 2009 at the Bisch & Son Funeral Home 505 E. Allen Springfield, IL Rabbi Susan Talve will officiate. Inurnment will be at a later date in Roselawn Memorial Park.

In Lieu of flowers, those that wish may direct memorial contributions to The Sarcoma Foundation of America 9884 Main St. P.O. Box 458 Damascus, MD 20872 www.curesarcoma.org

Please visit the online Life Remembered Story at www.bischfuneralhome.com where tributes and condolences may be left for the family.

Guest Book

Message by Your loving friend, Lauren

I love you MJ.

Message by Karen Karabell

Dear, thoughtful, unique Mary Jo: Ever the intellectual, always urging her friends to clarify their beliefs, dreams, and vision. Always you will hold a special place in my heart.

May the One who comforts console us with the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Message by To Mary Jo's Family

I hope this poem will help ease the pain and heartache you are going through now; it helped me with my mom when she went to be with God:

You were a precious gift from God above, so much beauty, grace and love.

You touched our hearts in so many ways, your smile so bright even on the bad days.

You heard God's whisper calling you home, you didn't want to go and leave us alone.

You loved us so much, you held on tight, till all the strength was gone and you could no longer fight.

He had called your name several times before, you knew you couldn't make him wait anymore.

So you gave your hand to God and slowly drifted away, knowing that with our love we will be together again some day.

Mary "Scooter Jo" was an inspiration to all of us. She was a unique, special person and didn't seem to be afraid of anything. She could always make someone laugh - oh what a sense of humor she had. She tried in her own way to make the world a better place - who else would drive from St. Louis to Springfield and back on a scooter! She had many friends, a family that loved her, and she will be forever missed. She may not be physically here with us, but her wonderful memories, quick wit and love for life will forever be with us. Keep her memories close and know that someday, and only God knows when, you will see her again. She is happy and free from the pain and suffering and all the chemo crap that she had to endure. She's in peace and

tranquility. Think how wonderful she now feels.

Message by your LeeAnimal

My loving aunt, Mary Jo. I miss her so much already. She could always bring a smile to my face. MJ, thank you for blowing me kisses the last time I saw you, I will keep them with me always. Love you always,
LeeAnimal

Message by Mary Whitaker, friend-GHP

Mary Jo will always remain in my thoughts because of her wonderful spirit for life! She was always the first to volunteer to help others in need. Mary Jo, bless you for sharing your presence in my life! My condolences to her family.

Message by Marta Anderson

My thoughts and prayers are with everyone in Mary Jo's family. She will be dearly missed here at work.

Message by Co-worker at GHP

My thoughts and prayer are with the Maroney family. I have worked with Mary Jo for several years and have truly enjoyed knowing her. Her death is an extremely sad thing to come to grips with. I will miss her big smile, her fun loving ways, and her big heart. Respectfully, G. Clark, Director of Compliance, GHP.

Message by Dan Reich, friend

A great and shocking tragedy and loss. MJ was an energetic, warmhearted person. She will clearly be missed by many, including me. May her memory be a blessing and may her family find comfort in the thoughts and prayers of others.

Message by Carl and Claire Wolff

Dear Mary Jo,
I'm so sorry that you left us at such a young age. You are a sweet soul. Although we disagreed on some things, we shared a love of Judaism and we accepted

and cared for each other. I will always remember our Shabbosim together and your beautiful smile. Thank you for being our friend.

Love,
The Wolff Pack

To Mary Jo's family,
I'm so sorry for your loss. Mary Jo was very special. I met her at HealthLink in St. Louis where we both worked. She would come and have dinner with our family every so often. She was funny, passionate idealistic, kind and loving.
We will miss her.
Carl & Claire Wolff and Family

Message by Rabbi Susan Talve

in case Rabbi Talve didn't submit this here, she sent this to Mary Jo, of blessed memory's, CWE Minyan friends. "I cannot imagine the world without Mary Jo. She will continue to be one of kind. May her memory be a blessing and guide us in her own Mary Jo way as we walk this holy path together.

much love,

Susan" (Rabbi Susan Talve - Central Reform
Congregation, St. Louis, MO)

(submitted by Mary Jo's friend Nancy Benson_

Message by Rabbi Mordecai Miller

in case Rabbi Mordecai Miller didn't submit here, this was his response to my sharing the sad news of Mary Jo, of blessed memory, passing.

"Sad news indeed!

I was truly shocked. I really felt that with her determination, her will to live and with the support and prayers of her many friends Mary Jo would win this battle and that we'd again enjoy the sight of her on her scooter.

Mary Jo was a deeply principled and at the same time "fun" person. She was a warm, good friend to all of us.

May Heaven be a happier place for her presence and may she experience the loving Presence of HaShem.

We will draw strength in the memory of her.

HaMakom y'nachem...

Mordecai M"

- Rabbi Mordecai Miller

Congregation Brith Sholom Kneseth Israel , St. Louis,

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Message by Friend and former co-worker

Mary Jo was such a great inspiration on how to live life. I miss her.

Message by Rosalla Harston children, Linda, Ronnie, Herbie, Elaine, Charlie, Gary, Connie and Kelly

We are so sorry for your loss, even more so to know we did not get to know her well. I hope your mother and the rest of her siblings can ease their pain from remembering the good times.

Your Harston Cousins.

Message by Mary - GHP co-worker and friend

We had good and bad times at work and all good times outside of work. I will miss my lunch buddy and all your knowledge about many many things.

You will be missed by all.

Message by Richard and susan Burke

We wish you well on your Bardo journey. Perhaps we'll see you next time around.

Message by MARCIA QUINN DAVIS

Goodbye mi amiga. We had so many good times together!! I will miss you forever!!!

Message by Your loving mother

Our greeting to each other was always "hello my loving daughter" and her reply "hello my loving mother." I will truly miss our greetings but the loss of MaryJo is a loss greater than you can imagine. She was unique, loving, a little impatient at times, truthful, an understanding person and she loved life. She is now in heaven with her brother's Jeff & Robbie and suffers no more. One day we will all be together once again. I love her and will

miss her very much.
Love you MaryJo,
Mom

Message by Sharon Silverstein

To the Family and Friends of Mary Jo,

Please accept my sincere condolences. I met Mary Jo several years ago at a Passover seder hosted by my brother and sister-in-law, Nancy and Gary Benson. I was impressed by her spirit and passion. May her memory be a blessing to all who knew her.

Sharon Silverstein

Message by Claudia Mink

email sent to Mary Jo, of blessed memory's, friend

Lauren:

Lauren,

I am just beside myself.

Although I had heard that Mary Jo was ill, I had no idea to what extent and I feel deep regret that I didn't show her my love in her time of need.

Mary Jo was such a wonderful, unique, principled, independent woman . . . an incredible thinker. She was always Mary Jo - no airs, heart and mind in the right places.

I just don't know what to say except that I am so very, very sorry that an amazing woman was taken so early. Thank you for letting me know. My thoughts and prayers are with everyone - and there were so many from so many walks of life - whose lives she touched.

Love,

Claudia

Message by friends of Mary Jo's, of blessed memory, the Bensons

To Mary Jo, of blessed memory's, family and friends: I hope you find some solace in this poem, especially the last couple lines. I believe Mary Jo, of blessed memory, IS gazing down at us from a fluffy purple cloud from

which the view IS nice, and pray that, especially after her brave battle, she is doing just fine. We'll miss you a lot!

BIG HUG! Love,

"the Bensons" (Nancy and Gary, B.T. and H.T.)

Message by from your spacey OLD friend Nancy Benson

Dear dear Mary Jo - YOU were the computer maven; you wouldn't have left off the poem I mentioned in my message to your family and friends; here it is - oops! sigh! Uh-oh! Love, Nancy (Bet you're laughing your Mary Jo laugh, with a big smile and your eyes all crinkled up. BIG HUG! - B.T.)

"When somebody dies, a cloud turns into an angel, and flies up to tell God to put another flower on a pillow. A bird gives the message back to the world, and sings a silent prayer that makes the rain cry. People disappear, but they never really go away. The spirits up there put the sun to bed, wake up grass, and spin the earth in dizzy circles. Sometimes you can see them dancing in a cloud during the day-time, when they're supposed to be sleeping. They paint the rainbows and also the sunsets and make waves splash and tug at the tide. They toss shooting stars and listen to wishes. And when they sing wind-songs, they whisper to us, don't miss me too much. The view is nice and I'm doing just fine.
- Ashley"

Images

















