



## Mary Jo Papandrea

July 21, 1955 - February 14, 2021

Mary Jo Papandrea (Hunt), of Chesterfield passed away peacefully on February 14, 2021, surrounded by family. Cherished daughter of Patricia and the late William and Mary Lou (Kehoe) Hunt; Loving wife of Thomas for 27 years; Beloved mother of Heather (Charles) Tocco and Nicholas; Dear sister of William Jr. (Marcy) Hunt, the late Susan (John) Shank, Patricia Hunt, Denise (José) Cara, Christopher (Diane) Hunt, Rebecca (Gregory) Miller and Margaret (Robert) Wagner. Adored aunt to 17 nieces and nephews. Mary Jo was born on July 21, 1955 in Detroit and raised in Grosse Pointe Park. Following her service in the United States Navy, Mary Jo trained to be a nurse. She spent almost 40 years working in several different hospital systems across Southeastern Michigan, beginning her career as a surgical technician until her retirement in 2020 as Chief of Reprocessing for the Veteran's Administration. She loved to sew and garden, and was an avid fan of all sports, especially her son's many ice hockey teams. She was loved and admired by many and will be profoundly missed. Funeral services will be held on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Therese of Lisieux in Shelby Township, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

# Tribute Wall



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“ Mary Jo was instrumental in helping me get my job as a Surgical Nurse at, what was then, just St. John Hospital. She was always there for me in those first few years: calming my fears, guiding and teaching. What an extraordinary professional she was. Her kindness was limitless . Her sense of humor was as well. I also had the pleasure of meeting her wonderful daughter Heather, who I believe was in high school at the time and whose locker was right next to mine! Many of my siblings saw Mary Jo last at my Father, Philip Hunt's 80th Birthday celebration. Our hearts go out to her immediate family and to all who loved her. Her suffering is over. She will rest in peace. Laura (Hunt) Ver Beek

March 06, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ In Memory of Mary Jo and the beautiful things she brought to this world.

Gracious Lavender Basket - March 06, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ Thinking of Mary Jo and what a wonderful co-worker she was. She will be greatly missed! Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this time.

America the Beautiful - February 22, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Mary Jo, Thanks for all the words of encouragement and support that you brought to us at the VA. The Minor Procedure team will miss you greatly. Thank you for your service. Our prayers are with you and your family members. - Jackie, Dan and Tyrone

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“ Mary Jo, I'm going to miss you so much! Heaven gained such a beautiful soul and friend. RIP Love Cassie

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February 21, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ Words cannot express how deeply saddened I am that we lost you. You were a mentor to me Mary Jo in my younger years. Our career lives are so similar. You encouraged and pushed me to get my Nursing degree just as you did after working as a Tech! I loved getting together with you at family events to share stories about working in the operating room. We could understand one another. I will miss hearing the latest and greatest stories. I will miss you❤️

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February 21, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ You are in my thoughts.

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**Pretty Please** - February 20, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ With heartfelt condolences.

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**Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet** - February 19, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *Sending our sympathy and love.*

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**Sweet Tranquility Basket** - February 19, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mary Jo Papandrea*

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February 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ *I cherish the time I have with you, grateful for the moments you share about your loving family, dedication to your work, life experiences and many wonderful things in between. The strength you show in your fight for this Life is admirable! I am thankful to have have known you my friend. Eternal rest grant upon Mary Jo, oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace, Amen!*

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February 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mary Jo, I am glad that our paths crossed. MJ, I am going to miss you. I am going to miss the talks, the laughter, the encouragement, and everything else. I know that you aren't here physically but you definitely made your mark. Thank you for seeing something in me that many others refused to see. Thank you for your kindness. I am grateful for the memories. Rest in peace my dear Chief.*

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February 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM



*“ Mary Jo, You'll truly be missed. I only met you once, but I feel like I knew you because Tom spoke so highly of you. You're such a beautiful person, inside and out. I know you're in heaven watching over your family and friends. May you rest in peace. Sincerely,  
Celeste Johnson*

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*“ My aunt dedicated her life to the service of others. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her honor to St. Jude's Children Hospital. We love you forever, Aunt Mary Jo! <http://giffunds.stjude.org/MaryJoPapandrea>*

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*“ Rest easy my darling sister! Your bright light will continue to shine through your children, family and all those many, many friends who loved you dearly. I will hold you close to my heart forever. I love you  
- Patty Hunt.*

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February 17, 2021 at 12:00 AM



*“ So many memories of a cousin who had a contagious smile and a heart of gold!! I will always cherish our time together!! Love Tim*

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“ Dearest cousin! Pam and I cherish the times we reconnected with you and Tom in Canada! I can still see you swimming everyday in the North Channel when all of the rest of us chose hot showers in the cabin. For all of your family in Southern climates, the North Channel in the summer is only for the very brave!! We are forever connected spiritually in happy memories. Love Pam and Herg

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“ Mary Jo, I miss all the good times we had together growing up. You were one special person. Even though we haven't connected in 10 years, I still remember all the fun times. My heart is broken. RIP Mary Jo, may God bless you and your family. Gerard Huvaere

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February 17, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ So hard to say goodbye to such a beautiful soul. We have so many fond memories with you and the family, in and out of the rink. You left a beautiful footprint on this world. You will be missed 💕

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“*Mary Jo, Thank you for the light that you brought to the Detroit VA family, our veterans, and their families. You will be forever remembered for your tireless efforts to make care and services excellent for your veteran patients. On behalf of the entire Detroit VA family, we honor you, and thank you, and your family for your service to this country. We also thank you for your continued service as a veteran to your fellow veterans. Your contributions will always be remember. I will remember you for your kindness, passion, excellence in your Nursing profession, and committed partnership. Rest in peace Mary Jo. Rest in peace.*

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