



## Mary Jo DeSilva

January 19, 2019

Mary Jo DeSilva, 69, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family on Saturday, January 19, 2019. She shared 42 years of marriage with her loving husband, Eric DeSilva.

Mary Jo was raised in Hudson, WI and was the daughter of the late Carl R. Obermueller and Mildred (Wink) Obermueller.

Mary Jo worked with children as a Speech-Language Pathologist for the Dighton-Rehoboth school district and Taunton Early Intervention for many years. Some of her proudest professional accomplishments include D-R Teacher of the Year and receiving her Master's degree while working full time and raising her children. Mary Jo had a natural flare for fashion and her style was always impeccable. She enjoyed going to the beach, weekend joy rides with her inseparable group of close friends, dancing to live music, and watching the Red Sox. Family came first above all else to Mary Jo, and she particularly enjoyed the annual summer trips with her family and friends to Provincetown.

Surviving in addition to her husband are her children, Matthew DeSilva of Dorchester, Katherine McCool and her husband Sean of Portsmouth, NH; Aaron DeSilva and his wife Michelle of Wake Forest, NC; Meghan Volpe of Townsend; and Erika Madden and her husband Mark of Taunton; brother, James Obermueller and sister Kathy Gardner and her husband Brian all of Hudson, WI; eight grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2019, from 9am-12pm, in the Crapo-Hathaway Funeral Home, 350 Somerset Ave., Taunton. Followed by her memorial service beginning at 12pm in the funeral home. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Mary Jo's memory may be made to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, 450 Brookline Ave., Boston, MA 02215.

# Events

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**FEB** **Calling Hours** 09:00AM - 12:00PM

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Crapo-Hathaway Funeral Home

350 Somerset Avenue, Taunton, MA, US, 02780

**FEB** **Memorial Service** 12:00PM

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# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Hathaway Family Funeral Homes** - January 31 at 12:15 PM



“ What a wonderful, wonderful video. Mary Jo and I were friends in high school and in her 20's until I left Hudson. So wonderful to see my friend and to see how full and happy her life was. Thank you for doing this for those of that were touched by Mary Jo's specialness but can't be there. Quite a gal and a wonderful friend. My heart goes out to the family and I hope their memories help to carry them through this very tough time of loss. She's up there watching over you all now, listening and watching each day with no pain and able to smile again.

**Edna Anderson** - February 02 at 10:47 AM



“ 32 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Hathaway Family Funeral Homes** - January 31 at 10:52 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Mary Jo DeSilva.

January 30 at 10:15 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



**Billy Hopkins** - January 30 at 08:59 AM



“ Ginny Jensen, Billy Hopkins, (Mary Jo), Mary Kay Petersen, Kevin Hale, Cindy Pugh, Brian Hale: The 1st Street Gang, Hudson WI ca 1954. We will always have Mary Jo in our hearts and minds. Our condolences to all her lovely families and wonderful friends. Miss you already Mary Jo.

**Billy Hopkins** - January 30 at 10:03 AM

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“ Denise and I send our deepest sympathy to Eric and your family for your loss! God Bless you all ! Dennis and Denise De Silva

**Dennis De Silva** - January 29 at 07:30 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of meeting MaryJo at Taunton Early Intervention. I would often have children that she assessed assigned to my caseload. Families often mention how she had such a loving way with their children. Her reports were thorough to the point that I saved some just to emulate her style. I also had the pleasure of renewing my CPR certification on the same day as MaryJo. She was impeccably dressed with a smile and a cheerful attitude. When we spoke during break, she gently encouraged me to consider going back for my masters in speech pathology. Prior to hearing of her passing, just this week I was recalling what she said to me. Perhaps my encounter with MaryJo was limited, but she certainly made an impact. Sending my condolences. Rest In Peace MaryJo. Michele LaSalle

**michele lasalle** - January 24 at 05:36 PM

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“ This breaks my heart. Mary Jo is one of the nicest and greatest people I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. Eric, I'm so sorry for your loss. I love running into you guys every now and then. Sending tons of love, strength and prayers to you and your family. May she rest in peace.



**Jonathan Furtado** - January 24 at 02:49 PM

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“ My deepest condolences to the whole family. MaryJo worked in early intervention after she retired from public school. She was not only a phenomenal speech pathologist but a genuinely kind, hardworking and caring person. She was thoughtful and creative in the activities she shared with the families and the staff that worked with the children. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. Rest In Peace.  
Zulmira Allcock



**zulmira allcock** - January 24 at 06:41 AM



“ Eric, our thoughts are with you and your family. MJ was a beautiful women inside and out. We have allot of great memories and will never forget the good times we had. I am so thankful she was a part of our lives. RIP Dear Friend  
Ray & Denise Cripps

**Denise Cripps** - January 24 at 10:13 AM



“ I am so incredibly sorry for the loss of Mary Jo. I know from being a friend of Katie's what a vibrant, fun, and loving person she was. Eric, Katie, and Matt, my thoughts are with you during this difficult time. Love, Laura Goehner

**Laura Goehner** - January 24 at 01:39 PM



“ To Eric, Katie, Shawn and baby Charlie. .Our sincere sympathy  
for your loss and ours too. Mary Jo was a fun, lovely lady and  
a great partner with Eric, a good mother and grandmother. We  
have many wonderful memories. It was good to be together  
last fall when they came to Wisconsin. I will always cherish the  
memory and picture her in the beautiful blue dress she wore at  
Katies wedding. Much love from cousins

Craig and Carol Froke

**CarolFroke** - January 25 at 04:23 PM



“ Eric, my deepest condolences to you and your family. I am so sorry to read this. May she  
RIP.  
Nancy Bumbaugh.

**Nancy Bumbaugh** - January 25 at 07:21 PM



“ Eric, Our sincere condolences to you and your family. So sorry to hear about Mary Jo passing.

David & Karen ( Obermueller ) Smith

**Karen R Smith** - January 26 at 12:57 AM



“ Our condolences! She was a beautiful lady! Jack and Mary McGann

**Jack and Mary McGann** - January 28 at 10:08 AM