



# Mary Jo Griffiths

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**M**ary Jo Griffiths passed away Monday, October 5, 2009 at Beebe Medical Center after a courageous battle with blood cancer.

Mary Jo graduated from Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania and completed her Master's Degree at Towson University. Mary Jo taught in the Baltimore Country Public Schools for 23 years. Following retirement in 2000 she and her husband Robert, moved to Summit County, Colorado to pursue their lifelong passion for snow skiing. During the off season, the couple traveled extensively throughout Europe, Asia and the USA.

In passing, Mary Jo wishes good health and joy to family and friends who supported her during her three year ordeal. A special thanks to the doctors and nurses of the Tunnell Cancer Center who provided loving and compassionate care.

Survivors include her husband of 44 years Robert W. Griffiths; son Zeyn and his wife Tammy Griffiths of Stuttgart, Germany; sister Gail and her husband Richard Haddock of Fenwick Island, DE; and brother Jerry and his wife Emily Wanzie of Numidia, PA.

A Celebration of Mary Jo's Life will be held at Saturday October 10th, 3:00 PM at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church at the intersection of Rt. 42 (Numidia Drive) and Ringtown Mountain Road, Numidia, PA. A Graveside Service will follow in the churchyard as well as a reception in the church hall. Arrangements are being handled by Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Lewes, DE.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Tunnell Cancer Center, 424 Savannah Road, Lewes, DE 19958.

Sign guestbook at [www.parsellfuneralhomes.com](http://www.parsellfuneralhomes.com)

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## Tribute Wall

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GG

**Gil&Gaye Gilbert** posted:

Rob,Just thought I'd let you know we are thinking of you and we are here for you if you ever need us. We had so much fun with the teo of you and we always remeber the good times. You do too my friend.GilA

November 2 at 8:00 PM

GJ

**Garry & Jackie Johnson** posted:

Rob, We were saddened to hear about Mary Jo's passing. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We always enjoyed getting together with you all and will miss Mary Jo's smiling face! Come visit anytime! Love, Garry & Jackie

October 18 at 8:00 PM

MD

**Marianne & David** posted:

A new friend and neighbor taken too soon. Mary Jo, we will miss your smile.

October 13 at 8:00 PM

MF

**Marilyn Fenner** posted:

Rob and family,Sorry to hear Mary Jo lost her battle, she was such a trouper. My thoughts are with you all.

October 11 at 8:00 PM

KG

**Kerry Gibson** posted:

Rob and family,Mary Jo lit up the Mountain House in Keystone when she showed up before going to her job with the resort. I always loved talking to this wonderful woman, who had such a caring spirit and loving heart for all she knew.Will light a candle on our first day on skis for Mary Jo. OK--we will make a bunch of turns for her as well. Can you spell Mary Jo coming down Wild Irishman? Will give it a try.Love to you and your family, Rob--come see us so we can toast to your lovely wife!Kerry

October 10 at 8:00 PM



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JH

**Jim & Connie Hackney** posted:

We have had some wonderful times with Mary Jo and Rob in Colorado over the years. We will remember her beauty, warmth and courage, and we will miss her greatly. Our love to her family.

October 10 at 8:00 PM

JW

**John And Mary Warden** posted:

What a special mom you had. We wish you comfort and peace.

October 10 at 8:00 PM

CV

**Cindy Vail** posted:

De Rob,Nathan's phone call to tell me aboutMary Jo's passing was shocking. She was such a vibrant person. The time at 490Brian Ave. was best when my neighbors were you and Mary Jo, Megan, and Nathan. I always had the feeling that youguys were a great team.

October 9 at 8:00 PM

MR

**Marlene Harmon,Rn** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Mrs. Griffiths will surely be missed, I am so glad that I had the oppurtunity to meet her and take care of such a sweet person.

October 9 at 8:00 PM

CB

**Carl & Karen Beaver** posted:

May we never forget the memories-Lutheran church activities,high school,etc.ALways a happy girl !

October 9 at 8:00 PM

HH

**Hal And Jeanne Hatton** posted:

Dear Bob and Zeyn: We were so sorry to hear about Mary Jo's passing. She put up a valiant fight against such a terrible disease. Although our direct contacts with Mary Jo were too few, they were enough for us to learn what a very special lady she was. Always smiling and welcoming. She was a joy to know. Once again, let us express our deepest sympathy. If ever we can do anything for you, please never hesitate to call on us, or better yet, come see us again. Hal and Jeanne

October 9 at 8:00 PM



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SH

**Steve Hogan** posted:

We are truly sorry to learn of your loss. It just seems so tragic. You are very much in our thoughts. With sincere condolences, Steve & Linda Hogan

October 8 at 8:00 PM

PP

**Peg And Bob Penater** posted:

Our heartfelt condolences to Rob and Mary Jo's whole family. We knew Mary Jo for only a few years, but she quickly became our friend forever. In fact, she was everyone's friend.

October 8 at 8:00 PM

TG

**Tom And Gerry Gillung** posted:

Mary Jo and Griff go back a long time with us. We were college classmates. We will miss Mary Jo at our annual Bloomies get-togethers. We already missed them this year due to her illness. It certainly won't be the same. Mary Jo faced her illness with such courage that she was an inspiration to us all. She never let it get in the way of what she wanted to do. She continued to travel and have fun. She never complained. She adored Griff and Zeyn and enjoyed visiting with him and his wife, Tammy. She was a wonderful wife, mother and friend and a dedicated teacher. We will miss you, Mary Jo.

October 8 at 8:00 PM

JM

**Jim & Debby Martin** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with Rob and his family during this difficult time. Although we knew Mary Jo for such a short time, we thought that she was a lovely person. We wish we could have gotten to know her better. May she rest in peace.

October 7 at 8:00 PM

LA

**Lloyd & Laurie Andreas** posted:

Rob and Family; We are saddened by your loss. Mary Jo blessed all of us with her sweet spirit and we are so fortunate to have known her as a friend in Summit County. May God support and comfort you.

October 7 at 8:00 PM



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RB

**Roger And Janet Brooks** posted:

Mary Jo was a wonderful, considerate and fun-loving lady. The love she had for life and her family made her one-of-a-kind!! She will be terribly missed by all who knew her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Rob, Zeyn and Tammy. Rog and Jan Brooks

October 7 at 8:00 PM

PL

**Pete Lynch** posted:

Hi Rob. I was deeply saddened to hear the news about Mary Jo. She put up a strong, brave fight against a determined enemy. I hope that you are doing OK and that you'll be able to get out here this Winter.

October 7 at 8:00 PM

RB

**Renee Royle & Tony Bagapor** posted:

We became Mary Jo's next door neighbor only six months ago. There was an immediate bond between us. We feel privileged to have known her, even for such a short time. She was a wonderful, kind, sweet lady who will be sadly missed.

October 7 at 8:00 PM

LD

**Lucy & Larry Doty** posted:

We love you Rob and will miss our Mary Jo. Our hearts and prayers are with you and Zeyn and her family. We hope to see you this winter here in Summit County.

October 7 at 8:00 PM

KG

**Kathy Kells Glover** posted:

Mr. Griff:Just wanted to let you know that you and Zeyn and the family are in my thoughts and prayers. I know that Ms. Mary Jo is at peace now but I feel very blessed to have been a part of your lifes. Thank you both for lots of wonderful memories and God Bless to everyone.Love, Kathy

October 6 at 8:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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