



Mary Jo Roth-Marko

July 6, 1956 - August 10, 2017

Mary Jo Roth-Marko, 61, of Boulder Creek, California, died peacefully in her sleep at 3:00 AM, Thursday, August 10, 2017 at her home. She was born July 6, 1956 in Rensselaer, Indiana, to Malcolm and Janet Roth. She married Joseph Marko on May 6, 1983 in Wheaton, Illinois and he survives.

Also surviving are her brothers Richard (Joann) and Ed (Starr). Mary Jo's brothers Tommy and Jerry (Cathy) preceded her in death.

After leaving Rensselaer, Mary Jo attended Valparaiso University, where she received a B.A. in Art. She settled in Cincinnati upon graduation. Mary Jo met her husband at her brother Jerry's wedding, and together they lived in Chicago, Albuquerque, Phoenix and Delray Beach prior to Boulder Creek, where she was a long-time resident.

An accomplished artist, Mary Jo primarily worked in gouache, acrylic, pencil and pastels. While her style evolved over the years, much of her work is reminiscent of stained glass. Mary Jo had love and respect for all animals. In addition to several cats and dogs, Mary Jo cared for everything that walked on four legs or flew into her yard.

A very private person, Mary Jo had a long battle with diabetes and its many complications. In later years, she required coronary bypass surgery and dialysis. She was a fighter with a strong will to live and a zest for life. Mary Jo held strong Christian beliefs and found great solace in her faith in God.

Graveside services for Mary Jo will be held at 1:00 PM on Friday, August 25, 2017 at the Weston Cemetery in Rensselaer, with Dr. James Blanchard

officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Cemetery Details

Weston Cemetery

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Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5626

Previous Events

Graveside Services

AUG 25. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ *Judy Burvan lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Roth-Marko*



Judy Burvan - August 23, 2017 at 09:07 AM

MS

“ *Fond memories of Mary Jo at St A's.*



MaryAnn (Walter) Stockberger - August 21, 2017 at 09:21 PM

MB

“ *Myles Beeching lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Roth-Marko*



Myles Beeching - August 21, 2017 at 07:53 AM

MS

“ *Class of 1974 will miss you. Lots of wonderful memories.*



Melinda Blue Schantz - August 20, 2017 at 08:04 PM

DC

“ *Fond memories of Mary Jo from school.*”



Deb Minter Campbell - August 20, 2017 at 03:09 AM