



## JoEllen Mary Cummins

October 6, 1947 - April 25, 2022

On Monday, April 25, 2022, JoEllen Mary Cummins, formerly Cochrane, née Ripka, of Mora MN, born October 6 1947, died peacefully at the age of 74. Preceded in death by her parents Louis and Vivian, and her husbands Neil and James (father of their two children, Richard and Patrick). Survived by her sons Richard (Amy) and Patrick (Georgia), and grandchildren Ella, Maya, and Jameson.

She had many accomplishments in life, but none more important to her than her family. She taught her children what unconditional love was, and spent her lifetime teaching all around her, by example, the value of hard work and persistence. In a time when it was not as common, she raised two boys as a single mother, and yet still managed to always have time and interest in what we were up to. It is a feat that still amazes us.

For a time the world will be a lot dimmer without her smile and easy laugh. Her memory is a blessing to us and all who knew her. We love you so much and miss you already, Mom/Grandma Jo. Thank you for literally everything, you made it all possible.

A private memorial service to celebrate her life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation to either Second

Harvest Heartland ([2harvest.org](http://2harvest.org)) or the Lewy Body Dementia Association ([lbda.org](http://lbda.org))

# Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Memorial Service for JoEllen Mary Cummins in memory of JoEllen Mary Cummins



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**Washburn-McReavy** - June 09, 2022 at 10:49 AM

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“ My heart is broken to hear that my dear friend has passed away. We have been friends since the early 70s. I've been trying to reach you for the last couple of years with no response and now I know she wasn't well. I will miss you deeply my friend but I will never forget all of the memories we have together.

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**LaDell Meyer Mertens** - July 13, 2022 at 06:44 PM