



## Mary Jo Behl

August 31, 1937 - October 12, 2022

Behl, Mary Jo age 85 of St. Anthony Village passed away Oct. 12, 2022. Preceded in death by husband Donald. Survived by son Jeff; grandchildren, Alissa and Colin. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to an animal shelter of your choice. Memorial service 1PM Saturday, Oct. 29 with visitation starting one hour prior at: [Washburn-McReavy.com](http://Washburn-McReavy.com) Northeast Chapel 612-781-6828 2901 Johnson St. NE, Mpls

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **29**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Northeast Chapel  
2901 Johnson Street N.E.  
Minneapolis, MN 55418  
(612) 781-6828  
[info@washburn-mcreavy.com](mailto:info@washburn-mcreavy.com)

## Chapel Service

OCT **29**. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Chapel Service for Mary Jo Behl in memory of Mary Jo Behl



Washburn-McReavy - October 14, 2022 at 12:52 PM

NL

*Mary Jo was my husband's cousin. For the short time I knew her she never had a bad saying for anyone in her life. She was always very sweet to us & we enjoyed our phone conversations a lot. She will be missed. We look forward to the time when we will see her again. Our first trip to Minneapolis she had matchbooks made with our names on them. Much Love, Eric & Nancy Lehti*

Nancy Lehti - October 23, 2022 at 01:24 AM

CW

“ I'd like to connect and share family photos I have found. Mary Jo and I would be second cousins once removed (or something like that) as her great grandma was my great grand aunt.

Christine Williams - August 20, 2023 at 07:54 PM

LM

“*Mary Jo - you were a phenomenal neighbor to my family, and we are so grateful we had such a wonderful friend and neighbor across the street. We will forever remember you for your friendship, kindness and warmth. Your love for animals was exceptional, and I will always be grateful to you for opening your home to some rescue dogs I had rescued. Both myself and the Cifuentes family send you and your family loads of love. May you rest-in-peace, our sweet friend.*

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**Luz Mortl** - May 19, 2023 at 01:03 PM

EL

“*Dear Jeff and your loved ones. My most sincere condolences to you over the loss of Mary Jo. Words fall short of expressing my sorrow for your loss. I am a first cousin of Mary Jo, in that she and I are grandchildren of our grandfather Frank Lehti. Mary Jo shared with me her first memory of meeting my mother Venus in March, 1951. Mary Jo was 13 years old when her aunt Venus Lehti (age 20) arrived from New York City to visit with Mary Jo and other relatives. Mary Jo viewed my mother Venus as very fashionable, stylishly dressed in the fashions of New York City! Mary Jo (13) was so thrilled and excited to meet her aunt Venus on that visit. When Mary Jo later got married, my mother came as guest to Mary Jo's wedding, memorialized with photographs that I still have. I treasure the several photos Mother saved in her memory box for me of Mary Jo's early childhood up through later years, and I will make copies for you. Eric Lehti, (age 69). 605 S 107th East Ave, Tulsa Oklahoma 74128 918-292-9142*

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**Eric Lehti** - November 13, 2022 at 01:09 AM

CH

“ Dear Jeff and family of Mary Jo (Lehti) Behl. I am deeply sorry to hear about the passing of your mother Mary Jo. Mary Joe was a most pleasant lady to be around. I am Carroll Dean Holmen. Mary Jo was a niece to my wife Venus (Lehti). Mary Jo’s grandfather Frank Lehti became father to Venus through his second marriage to Hattie Scott. Venus introduced me to Mary Jo early in our marriage during our visit to my birthplace Barrett, Minnesota. Mary Jo was a most gracious hostess on this and subsequent visits, even insisting that we sleep in her home. Mary Jo enriched our lives with phone calls, holiday and birthday cards to Venus and me in Arizona. I was able to attend Mary Jo’s funeral service online via webcast and reflected on memories of how Mary Jo held a special place in our hearts. Truly, there is no one else in the world quite like your mom. Sincerely Carroll Holmen, 880 Calle Rosas, Clarkdale Arizona 86324

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**Carroll Holmen** - November 13, 2022 at 12:44 AM

KA

“ Thank you for sharing the beautiful service with us this afternoon.  
Kathy and Robert

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**Kathy** - October 29, 2022 at 03:03 PM

GD

“ I don’t think of Mary Jo as gone away  
Her journeys just begun.  
Life holds so many facets  
This earth is only one.

Until we meet again ! Love, Gloria

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**gloria derrick** - October 29, 2022 at 11:38 AM

KR

“ *Kathy and Robert purchased the Beautiful in Blue  
for the family of Mary Jo Behl.*



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**Kathy and Robert** - October 23, 2022 at 01:45 PM

KB

“ Thank you, Mary Jo, for making Dad happy. You were a delightful life partner for him.

Thank you for the songs that scandalized my mother (*Frog Went Courtin'*), pranks, gossip, irreverence, feistiness, loving, and encouragement. How often you pointed me in the right direction. You made a difference.

Thank you for all the words of wisdom, some of which I still share with my students: “If nobody else wanted him, you wouldn’t want him either.”  
“All ladies are women, but not all women are ladies.”

Thank you for insisting that I take that dreaded typing class the summer after 10th grade. It has served me well throughout the years.  
Thank you for the thoughtful gifts. I loved that daisy earrings and ring set and the funny birthday poem that accompanied it. The homecoming dress you bought me was beautiful. That special Christmas gift you sent one year for the grandkids in Chile meant so much. I was elated to see you and Jeff at David’s wedding. Your presence was a gift in itself.

Thank you for your hospitality and generosity with me, my friends, and family. I still remember the *Pannekoeken Huis* (Pancake House) on our first day back in the US. Thank you for finding an allergist for Sara and for lending us your car for almost two months. You went out of your

way to  
treat us to our first yummy DQ blizzards, even holding them upside  
down!

*Thank you for sharing your family and friends with me. Our wild and  
wacky trip to California when I was 13 rose to legendary status  
between us.*

*I'm still on the lookout for Harold Bulow. I have such fond memories  
of*

*Grandma Mary and Uncle Don in Owatonna. The wedding weekend  
in*

*International Falls with your Aunt Eleanor, Uncle Richard, and  
cousins was*

*one I won't forget. Your fun-loving mom Phyllis was always a blast,  
and her*

*husband George was so gentle and kind. I have a special place in  
my heart*

*for visits to their farm in Rochester.*

*Family friend and lawyer Jack Huberty*

*impressed me with his compassion and professionalism. The  
Cifuentes*

*family across the street bridged the worlds of Chile and the United  
States*

*for us. Candy has been the housemate extraordinaire. My wonderful  
brother*

*Jeff and his family do you proud.*

*God bless you. I love you. Peace be with you. Kathy*

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**Kathy Behl-Whiting** - October 18, 2022 at 06:51 PM

KA

“ Thank you, Mary Jo, for making Dad happy. You were a delightful life partner for him. Thank you for your hospitality, generosity, encouragement, and loving. My wonderful brother Jeff and his family do you proud. God bless you. I love you. Peace be with you. Kathy



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**Kathy** - October 16, 2022 at 04:53 PM