



## Mary Jo Koering

November 23, 1940 - June 28, 2024

Koering, Mary Jo

Age 83, of Fridley, MN passed away on June 28, 2024. Mary Jo is preceded in death by parents, August and Josephine Paron and brother David. She is survived by her husband Alvin Koering; children Daniel Koering, Colleen (David) Schuller, and Susan (Scot) Wirth; grandchildren Jane, Josephine and Evan; and siblings John (Carolyn) Paron, Gregory (Jean) Paron, Larry (Kathy) Paron, and Joan (Rob) Burman.

Mary Jo was born in Minneapolis, MN in 1940, and lived in New Brighton, MN with her family. She attended Mounds View High School and graduated in 1958. Mary Jo married Alvin Koering in 1970 and moved to Fridley, MN where she lived for 54 years. Mary Jo was a devoted mother and ran the household for 20 years. She worked as a Media Specialist at Totino-Grace High School for 10 years where she made many enduring friendships. Mary Jo retired in 1998.

In retirement, Mary Jo and Al enjoyed many winters on the beaches in Fort Meyers, FL and summers at Mille Lacs Lake. She made many new friends and had wonderful memories. Mary Jo was a faithful member of St. William's Catholic Church for over 50 years. Mary Jo was many things to many people - she was: a devoted and loving wife; a caring and proud mother, and an adored grandma; a supportive and caring oldest sister; a neighbor that made

the community a brighter and happier place; and a loyal friend to many.

Mary Jo was always willing to help, however she could. Her infectious laugh, bright smile, and caring demeanor will be forever missed.

Visitation will be held on Monday, July 8, 2024 from 5pm-8pm at Washburn-McReavy 4101 Central Avenue NE, Columbia Heights, MN 55421. Funeral will be held on Tuesday, July 9th at St. William's Catholic Church, 6120 5th St. NE, Fridley, MN 55432; Visitation to start at 10:00 AM, followed by Mass at 11:00 AM, lunch following service. Interment will be at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Donations for Parkinson's research in Mary Jo's memory can be made at [give.michaeljfox.org](https://give.michaeljfox.org).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 8. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Columbia Heights Chapel  
4101 Central Ave NE  
Columbia Heights, MN 55421  
(763) 789-4436  
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

## Visitation

JUL 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

The Church of St. William  
6120 5th Street NE  
Fridley, MN 55432

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

The Church of St. William  
6120 5th Street NE  
Fridley, MN 55432

## Graveside Service

JUL 10. 12:30 PM - 12:45 PM (CT)

Fort Snelling National Cemetery  
7601 34th Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55450



# Tribute Wall

PF

“ I remember the little apartment Uncle Alvin lived in, across the street from his place on Bryant. I think that’s when they were first together. I know they were very young. She was always so sweet & welcoming to us. May you rest in peace Aunt Mary Jo.

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**peggy Fishbaugher** - July 12, 2024 at 05:14 PM

JK

“ Mary Jo always made reunions and get-togethers a wonderful time. She would take the time to talk to each of us about how our lives were going and give us kindness and hope for the future, even when things weren't going well. We would return to our lives feeling loved and ready to try again. A real ray of light for us all. She will be sorely missed. With love, John Kotula and IB

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**John KOtula** - July 08, 2024 at 05:33 PM

PB

“ I was blessed to be a colleague of Mary Jo in the library/media center at TG. She made the library and media center warm and welcoming places. The photo truly expresses the kind of person she was. My sympathies to her family who have lost a bright light. Priscilla Berg

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**Priscila Berg** - July 08, 2024 at 02:38 PM

DE

“ Good Morning All!

*MaryJo and I worked at Totino-Grace together. We shared family stories while eating lunch in the sunshine on the school steps (always so proud of you all), celebrated many a birthday in the school's conference rooms, and even attempted to play golf together. Unfortunately, MaryJo and I were always the worst. 😊 She was a gentle soul, a GREAT lady, and a good friend. For certain MaryJo will remain forever in our hearts.*

*Warmest regards to all and God Bless,  
Debbie Olin*

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**Debbie** - July 04, 2024 at 09:21 AM

HM

“ *I worked with Mary Jo at Totino-Grace. We also played in a golf league together. She was one of the kindest souls I have ever known. May her family be comforted by many good memories.*

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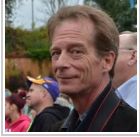
**Helen Maddix** - July 04, 2024 at 06:14 AM

AO

“ *What a wonderful and beautiful person Aunt MaryJo was. I am so fortunate to have gotten to spend a week with her and Uncle Alvin in Florida. It was so fun to visit and talk about memories we had when I was a kid. She will be missed.*

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**Anne Olson** - July 02, 2024 at 06:39 PM



“ Ouch. In a year of seemingly non-stop bad news, this hits hard. What a lovely, smiling jewel of an aunt. Always had a wonderful time visiting Alvin and Mary Jo and their beautiful children, which we did often as kids. I can't stop sobbing, like a child. My love to Alvin and the family.

*Tim Koering*

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**Tim Koering** - July 02, 2024 at 06:31 PM

PF

*She was a great aunt. I remember the place across from the park on Bryant ave, I think, is one of the first places they lived. I remember that very well*

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**peggy Fishbaugher** - July 02, 2024 at 06:34 PM

TG

*Aunt MaryJo was one of the nicest people I have ever known. She made you feel like you really mattered even if you only saw her infrequently. John and I will always cherish the time we spent at their place in Fort Meyers and when they stayed with us on Leech Lake. She and Al were so good about being there for family!!*

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**Terry and John Gardner** - July 06, 2024 at 10:39 PM

SK

*Al and family so sorry to hear about Maryjo passing. Always such a cheerful, kind loving person and such a wonderful Aunt and hostess. We really enjoyed visiting with Al & Maryjo down in Florida too. Our son DJ was only 8 months old the first time. She did have an amazing life with such an incredible partner and wonderful family and friends. Her joy for life was always reflected in her smiles and hugs. She will be so missed !*

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**sharon Kotula** - July 08, 2024 at 03:11 PM