



Mary Jo Schenk

April 11, 1930 - September 23, 2019

Rockton, Illinois lost a talented and admired seamstress and neighbor on the afternoon of September 23, 2019. Having sewn a last dress, hemmed a last pair of pants, and replaced a last button, Mary Josephine “MaryJo” Bogie Schenk passed away at River Bluff Nursing Home in Loves Park, Illinois. Born April 11, 1930 in Independence, Missouri, to John Vencil and Verdie Lee Bogie, MaryJo left this world surrounded by precious family. Living in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, she graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School, worked at Mt. Pleasant Mental Health Facility, and met Robert Schenk whom she would marry June 9, 1956. MaryJo is predeceased by her parents; husband Robert “Bob” Schenk; son Robert Kephart; daughter Carol Kephart; grandson Brian Cofoid; brother Jack Bogie; and a baby at birth. She is survived by children Sandy Cofoid (Mike), Mike Schenk, Terry Schenk; stepsons Raymond Schenk (Sheri Ashby), Ricky Schenk (Deanna); and daughter-in-law Judy Kephart. Mary Jo leaves grandchildren Erin, Brandi, Kaela, Christopher, Jessica, Jake, Charlotte, Samantha, Louisa, Jennifer, Heather, Rob, Angie, John, Katrina, Raymond, Joshua, Emilee, Michelle, and Jason; numerous great-grandchildren; and sister-in-law Marty Bogie. For many years, Mary Jo was a well-known seamstress in Rockton, Illinois, who could turn fabric into a work of art. Her handiwork was seen in weddings; in alterations of suits, pants, shirts; and under Christmas trees as handmade blankets, pillows, and even “Cabbage Patch” dolls. Though she kept busy with her sewing, she was never too busy to keep grandchildren and great-grandchildren while their parents worked. She loved her stitching, her collection of cardinals, her bird, and she deeply loved her family. Visitation will be held Monday, September 30, 2019 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am at The Old Stone Church in Rockton, Illinois, 101 E. Union St. with funeral to follow. Burial at Rockton Township Cemetery, where she will be laid to rest with her husband and grandson. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family. Share a memory or condolence at www.gracefh.com.

Comments



“ My deepest condolences to Mike, Sandy, Terry, Rick, and the rest of the family. I have very fond memories of your mother, as a person, friend and mother-in-law. She could cook up the best Sunday & holiday dinners, made the best soups I'd ever eaten and was so gifted and creative with her hands and always made everyone feel welcome in her home. I'll never forget the laughs & fun we we shared, when I worked beside her, as her assistant seamstress, while married to Mike. I'm so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May God Bless you all. With My Deepest Sympathy, Denise Howard.

Denise Howard - October 01 at 06:38 PM



“ Sorry that I was unable to express my deepest sympathy in person. Your mom was the sweetest! Keeping your family in my prayers.



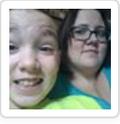
Cheryl Zinnecker Bach - September 30 at 09:26 PM



“ Sandy I'm so glad that I got to know you and your mother. I enjoyed seeing her smile and the way she looked at me and said OH HI!!! I got a kick out of most things she said and did. She will be missed. It's so sad for us fokes left behind. But..... She will make heaven a better place.



Michelle Rillie - September 30 at 06:19 PM



“ Katrina Gipple lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Schenk



Katrina Gipple - September 27 at 10:04 PM



“ Mary Jo (or Mrs. Schenk) is a Rockton treasure. So very sorry for your loss. Rest in peace Mrs. Schenk



Mike & Tracy Swanson - September 27 at 12:50 PM



“ John Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Schenk



John Ferguson - September 26 at 01:09 PM



“ Kim Morse lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Schenk



Kim Morse - September 26 at 10:23 AM



“ Your Mom was always so good to me. I can still see her sitting at her sewing machine. So many memories. She will be missed. Keeping all of you in my prayers. Love and hugs to all of you.

Kim Morse - September 26 at 10:20 AM



“ Sorry to hear of your grandmas passing Jacob. I wish I had known her years ago. She and my grandpa worked in the same facility in Mt. Pleasant about 70 years ago. Again my condolences to you and your family.

Joy Smith - September 25 at 07:29 PM



“ Sandy, Mike, and Terry...I will always remember your mama as one of the sweetest people I ever met. I am so sorry for all of you.

Beth Ferguson - September 25 at 05:34 PM



“ Thank you

Sandra cofoid - September 29 at 10:03 AM



“ Sandra Cofoid lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Schenk



Sandra cofoid - September 25 at 04:29 PM