



## Mary Jo Dellwo

September 3, 1955 - October 10, 2021

Mary Jo Dellwo was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, nurse, and friend. She left this world Sunday, October 10th, 2021 surrounded by her family. She was 66 years old.

Funeral Mass will be Friday, October 15, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Early, Iowa. Visitation will be Thursday, October 14, 2021 from 5-7:00 p.m. at Fratzke & Jensen Funeral in STORM LAKE. A prayer vigil will be held at 7:00 p.m. after the visitation at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the BVRMC Nursing Scholarship Fund on her behalf. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of arrangements.

Mary Jo was born to Jerome "Fritz" and Ramona Schramm on September 3, 1955. After graduating from St. Mary's High School in Storm Lake, IA, Mary Jo attended Briar Cliff College where she met her devoted husband of 45 years, Larry Dellwo. She continued her education at Saint Joseph School of Nursing, ultimately dedicating herself to a 43 year career serving the patients of Buena Vista County Hospital and Regional Medical Center.

Larry and Mary Jo were married on August 14, 1976. The union resulted in countless adventures, laughs, and memories with their four children: Joe, Tom, Alison and Emily.

Mary Jo had a zest for life. She enjoyed playing cards, spending time with family, boating with grandkids, golfing and solving puzzles, as well as traveling and cheering on the Iowa Hawkeyes. Mary Jo was a humble servant, selflessly giving of her time to lend a helping hand for anyone in need. She was actively involved in bettering her hometown community. Throughout her life she was integral in organizing events for Summer Recreation, Sacred Heart Church guild and finance committee, women's card club, Legion euchre night, the Early Betterment Committee and many more.

Mary Jo is survived by her husband, Larry; her sons Joe (Sherae) Dellwo and Tom (Janelle) Dellwo; her daughters Alison (Chris) Evangelisti and Emily (Justin) Gutzmann;

her grandchildren Liberty Evangelisti, Cole Rininger, Avery Rininger, Hudson Evangelisti, Adelyn Rininger, Evan Dellwo, Luke Dellwo, Hannah Dellwo, Lane Gutzmann, Lauren Dellwo, and Logan Gutzmann; her mother, Ramona Schramm; her brother Gary (Nancy) Schramm; her sisters Karen Cusick, Jean (Larry) Walker, Joyce (Steve) Moss; brothers-in-law Mike (Rose) Dellwo and Rick Dellwo; extended family and many friends.

She is preceded in death by her father Jerome "Fritz" Schramm; her brother-in-law, Ray Cusick; her in-laws, Luke and Opal Dellwo; and her grandparents, Gustav & Gertrude Schramm and Albert & Katherine Gard.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **14.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake  
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
(712) 732-1911  
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com  
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

## Prayer Vigil

OCT **14.** 7:00 PM (CT)

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1615 W Milwaukee Ave,  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
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## Funeral Mass

OCT **15.** 10:30 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church --Early, Iowa  
501 Church Street  
Early, IA 50535  
<http://www.nemahaweb.com/sacredheart/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Jo Dellwo*



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**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - October 14, 2021 at 02:19 PM

SM

*She was a. Unusual gal, hard to not just love her. She was so soft spoken never a bad word just a beautiful gal inside and out  
So very very sorry for her family and we will truly pray for them and their great family for healing help for them all*

*Dalton and Sharon Mason*

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**Sharon and Dalton Mason** - October 16, 2021 at 06:03 PM

AT

“ *Our thoughts & prayers are with your family, may God bless you all.  
Adrienne Thompson*



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**Adrienne Thompson** - October 15, 2021 at 12:19 PM

DI

“ *Larry and family,  
So sorry to hear of Mary Jo's passing, what a shock! The ten years we lived in Storm Lake and my time working at BVRMC, I always enjoyed seeing her. Mary Jo was so kind, caring and so professional. May she rest in peace and your family hold all your wonderful memories close to your heart in the difficult days ahead.  
Diane Hartogh*

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**Diane** - October 15, 2021 at 11:21 AM

AN

“ Larry and family, I am so sorry to hear of Mary Jo's passing. She was such a wonderful person every time I got the chance to speak with her. You are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Anna Heller



Anna - October 15, 2021 at 09:48 AM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Dellwo.



October 15, 2021 at 09:01 AM

BT

“ I knew Mary Jo in high school, and was a good friend of her sister, Joyce. Mary Jo was wonderful! She just exuded happiness and energy. Joyce, I'm so sorry to hear of Mary Jo's passing. Best wishes to you and your family in this difficult time.

Bill Toohey - October 14, 2021 at 06:56 PM

FJ

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen - October 14, 2021 at 01:50 PM



“ 247 files added to the album LifeTributes



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - October 14, 2021 at 01:28 PM



“ Mike And Patty Heuton lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Dellwo



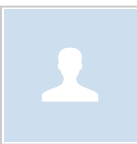
Mike and Patty Heuton - October 14, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ From Ken, Shirley, Steve and Pegg Gard purchased the Laven der & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Mary Jo Dellwo.



From Ken, Shirley, Steve and Pegg Gard - October 13, 2021 at 06:45 PM



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Dellwo.



October 13, 2021 at 05:39 PM

EF

“ Ernestine Nielsen & Family purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Mary Jo Dellwo.



Ernestine Nielsen & Family - October 13, 2021 at 03:56 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Dellwo.



October 13, 2021 at 02:44 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Dellwo.



October 13, 2021 at 02:06 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Dellwo.



October 13, 2021 at 12:10 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Dellwo.



October 13, 2021 at 11:57 AM

KC

“ As her sister there are so many memories but everyone that knew her knew the endless energy she had for helping people. She was always busy on some project, she did not know the word NO. If there was a cause her determination would see to it that it was completed and no stone would be left unturned. If only I was more like you. My love for you and your family will always be!  
Karen 💔

karen cusick - October 13, 2021 at 11:55 AM



“ Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Dellwo.



October 12, 2021 at 11:34 PM



“ Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Dellwo.



October 12, 2021 at 11:06 PM



“ Love's Embrace Roses – Purple was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Dellwo.



October 12, 2021 at 10:53 PM



“ Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Dellwo.



October 12, 2021 at 09:35 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White* was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Dellwo.



October 12, 2021 at 09:28 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket* was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Dellwo.



October 12, 2021 at 09:16 PM

KK

“ *Prayers to the entire family!* ❤️



**Katie Koopman** - October 12, 2021 at 08:56 PM

JM

“ *Sympathies to the Dellwo family. I worked at BVRMC while Mary Jo was there. She was always cheerful and pleasant. I remember (either late last year or early this year) when I ran into her at the grocery store, she had to tell me that she was retiring for good this time. She was happy to be able to do all the things you just can't do when you are working all the time. May your family eventually find peace and may Mary Jo rest in everlasting peace.*



*Julie McKinney*

**Julie McKinney** - October 12, 2021 at 08:01 PM

ED

“ *I remember Mary Jo Schramm well. She was best friends with my cousin Rosemary Dahm in high school. Mary Jo was kind, religious, caring, and full of life. She had such a big heart. Rest in peace Child of Christ.*

**Esther Drey** - October 12, 2021 at 07:20 PM

ED

“ *Esther Drey lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Dellwo*



Esther Drey - October 12, 2021 at 07:18 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Dellwo.*



October 12, 2021 at 07:01 PM

MP

“ *I remember babysitting for Joe, Tom, Alison and Emily when they lived right down the street from us. I would see her often at their home in Lake View as she was outside working in the yard or relaxing. I would also see her at mass in Wall Lake. I always remember Mary Jo with a smile on her face. My deepest sympathy to Larry, Joe, Tom, Alison, Emily are your entire family.*

*Marilyn (Drey) Peters*

Marilyn Peters - October 12, 2021 at 04:04 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Dellwo.*



October 12, 2021 at 01:36 PM

PG

“ OUR MOST HEARTFELT PRAYERS & SYMPATYHY TO THE ENTIRE FAMILY OF MARY JO. SHE IS GONE WAY TO SOON. A CANDLE LIT IN HER MEMORY. RIP.

PEACE TO ALL,  
LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE  
STORM LAKE



PATTY GUNVILLE - October 12, 2021 at 01:30 PM

TS

“ Terra Sheehan- Sievers sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Jo Dellwo



Terra Sheehan- Sievers - October 12, 2021 at 12:51 PM

TS

“ Terra Sheehan- Sievers lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Dellwo



Terra Sheehan- Sievers - October 12, 2021 at 12:51 PM



“ Yellow & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Dellwo.



October 12, 2021 at 12:15 PM

JS

“ Jay & Chris Sitzmann purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Mary Jo Dellwo.



Jay & Chris Sitzmann - October 12, 2021 at 12:07 PM

GC

“ Grace Neuroth Casson lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Dellwo



Grace Neuroth Casson - October 12, 2021 at 11:24 AM

JK

“ There are just no words at how shocked I was to hear this. Mary Jo was one of the people who helped change my life for the better 3 years ago and I owe her endlessly. She has always been of great help to me at the apartment. She also listened and had kind words many times. She & her family have been a huge blessing in my life. I also work at BVRMC & would see her there until she retired. She will be missed. My sympathy & prayers to her wonderful family.



JoLee King - October 12, 2021 at 11:08 AM



“ Cherished Memories - Multicolor Pastel was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Dellwo.



October 12, 2021 at 08:50 AM



“ Red & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Dellwo.



October 12, 2021 at 08:32 AM

PC

“ Shock...total shock... she was my friend before she was your “Mom and your Wife. Since kindergarten...she was an athlete.. dodge ball..double jump rope... tether ball...softball... . She was a competitor but with a heart.. always gracious. She was loyal.. she remembered dates/names.... Your birthday... your kids names...she was so smart... and so humble about how smart she was ... she laughed easily... but never at you.. she met your dad at Briar Cliff and never looked at another man like she looked at him. She taught me how to milk cows... and to always be careful and stay away from”number 13”. I loved your Mom/Wife... she was a lifelong friend...she loved all of you with all she had ... and was so proud of her family. I am proud to cal her my friend ... but even prouder that she called me her friend... lots of memories...I will miss her....God Bless Mary Jo... always

Pegi Cavanaugh - October 11, 2021 at 11:13 PM

MY

“ Mark/Chris Young lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Dellwo



Mark/Chris Young - October 11, 2021 at 10:35 PM

KP

“ I have so many great memories of Mary Jo from all the years we worked together at BVRMC. She was such a kind and caring person and an amazing nurse. I am so very sorry for your families loss. I pray one day your broken hearts can begin to heal.

Karen Page

Karen Page - October 11, 2021 at 10:09 PM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Dellwo.



October 11, 2021 at 08:44 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Dellwo.*



October 11, 2021 at 07:43 PM

MM

“ *Talk about a caring nurse in her profession. None better. Worked with Mary Jo at BVRMC for over thirty years. She was even a care coordinator for my mom, which I appreciated.*

**Marlene Morrow** - October 11, 2021 at 06:34 PM

PK

*Such a wonderful Nurse and Person. PRAYERS to the Family.*

**Pamela Kuhn-Schossow** - October 12, 2021 at 06:20 PM

JS

*So sorry to hear of Mary 's passing. I was an intensive care nurse who took care of Joe born premature in Sioux City Iowa. My husband was transferred to Storm Lake IA. Mary Jo and I reunited. We always enjoyed or friendship with Larry and Mary Jo! Thoughts and prayers to her family! What a lovely person!  
Joyce and Jack Steck*

**Joyce Steck** - October 14, 2021 at 10:52 PM