



## Mary Jo Martin

September 3, 1927 - July 20, 2024

### Remembering Mary Jo (Grandma Mary)

With heavy hearts and profound sadness, we share the passing of Mary Jo Martin, our beloved grandmother.

Born on September 3, 1927, in Blackfoot, Idaho, Mary Jo was the daughter of Nicholas and Rosario Hernandez. She was born 9th out of 16 children (7 girls and 9 boys) and a twin to Margurite.

Mary Jo moved to California in the early 1950s, where she eventually met and married the love of her life, Donald R. Martin (aka Grampy) in 1960, and together they raised 5 children (her 3 boys and his 2 girls) and spent 62 wonderful years together filled with a lot of experiences and memories.

Mary Jo was a very hard worker. She had many jobs throughout her life; however, she enjoyed a successful career as a top-secret circuit board engineer for Litton, which allowed her to travel internationally.

Mary Jo led a lively and fulfilling life. She traveled to Germany, Paris, Italy, and many states throughout the United States. In her spare time, she enjoyed reading up on the latest celebrity drama in the tabloids or playing a game of cards. She loved her family, friends, bowling, eating, shopping, and hosting.

Seeing others enjoy her food and hospitality made her happiest.

After fighting a courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease and breast cancer, she passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 20, 2024, at the age of 96, with her granddaughter Aleta and great-granddaughter Sarina right by her side.

Mary Jo was preceded by her parents, 5 sisters, 8 brothers, her husband, two sons, and a granddaughter. Mary Jo is survived by her eldest son, her two daughters, a long list of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

Mary Jo touched the lives of many. Her kindness, generosity, and unwavering support made a lasting impression on everyone she met, and we were all so blessed to have her! Our Grandma Mary leaves an irreplaceable void in our lives, but her memory will forever be etched in our hearts.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG **16**. 11:00 AM (PT)

Utter McKinley San Fernando Mission Mortuary  
11071 Columbus Avenue  
Mission Hills, CA 91345  
(818) 361-4751  
<https://www.uttermckinley.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ Laura C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jo Martin.

Laura C. - August 15, 2024 at 08:39 PM



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



August 14, 2024 at 03:57 PM



“ Diana P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jo Martin.

Diana P. - August 14, 2024 at 03:03 PM



“ Missing you both so much. Love you both.



Caprice Gifford - August 14, 2024 at 02:38 PM



“ Mom, when I was little, I didn't appreciate you. You always said, wait until you have kids of your own. You were right! You gave up so much of your life to take my sister and I into your home and do your very best to raise us right. When I got older, I tried to make amends for all the crap I gave you as a kid and as young adult. We had some great visits later but distance was always a problem. I wish I had lived closer to you in your later years but I know you were blessed by having Aleta and Sarina to be there with you. You will always be a huge part of my life.  
Love you mom.  
Cappy



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**Caprice Gifford** - August 14, 2024 at 02:31 PM

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“ Maria purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Mary Jo Martin.



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**Maria** - August 14, 2024 at 01:24 PM

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“ Annett Hucks & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jo Martin.

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**Annett Hucks & family** - August 14, 2024 at 07:56 AM

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“ *Annett Hucks & family purchased the Healing Tears - Lavender and White for the family of Mary Jo Martin.*



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