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Mary Jo Austin, a beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully on October 31, 2023, at the age of 86. Her life was a tapestry of love, family, and cherished pastimes.

Mary Jo was born on December 20, 1936, in Detroit, Michigan, and went on to become a resident of Troy, where she had lived since 1961. Her love for her family was boundless.

She was the wife of the late Richard Austin, who passed away on January 20, 2020. Mary Jo was the cherished mother of Michael (Beth) Austin and Timothy (Tracy) Austin. She was a loving grandmother to Ryan (Macy) Austin and Jacob Austin, and a great-grandmother to Ellis Austin.

Mary Jo had a special fondness for puzzles, both crossword and jigsaw. These activities allowed her to engage her mind and find solace in the challenge of solving them. Gardening was another of her joys, and she found fulfillment in tending to her yard.

In years past, Mary Jo and her husband loved to embark on cruises, creating

lasting memories while exploring new places together. Her affection for animals was evident in her home, where her cat, Wendy, found a loving and caring companion. Many neighborhood felines visited her home, adding to the warmth and comfort of her surroundings.

A nightly ritual involved watching "Wheel of Fortune" and "Jeopardy," often with her son, Tim. These moments were not just about entertainment but also a time for connection and shared experiences.

At her request, no public services will be held at this time. In honor of Mary Jo's memory and her love for animals, the family kindly requests that memorial contributions be made to the Michigan Humane Society, an organization dedicated to the welfare of our furry friends.

Mary Jo Austin's life was a reflection of love, simplicity, and the deep bonds of family. Her memory will continue to bring comfort and inspiration to those who had the privilege of knowing her. Share your cherished memories of Mary Jo at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com, ensuring her legacy lives on through the stories we tell.

Tribute Wall

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“ Our heartfelt condolences from the entire Molly Maid team. We cherished the opportunity to assist and be part of her home. She is deeply missed.

Molly Maid of Troy - November 10, 2023 at 08:55 AM

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“ Rick Swider planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jo Austin.

Rick Swider - November 09, 2023 at 12:58 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Austin.



November 09, 2023 at 12:58 PM

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“ It really was a privilege to know Mary Jo (or more affectionately; Mrs. Austin) We were the benefactors of her joy filled way on many a "Bridge Night" with my in-laws through the years. In my heart I can still hear her voice (with Mr. Austin's laugh in the background of course) They were always so fun to chat with. I will always remember her varied talents & collections and her generous kindness to me as a young bride and mother. May she enjoy puzzles with the Angels. God Bless & our loving condolences to the Austin Family. Marybeth & Kurt Schlau

Kurt & Marybeth Schlau - November 05, 2023 at 08:29 PM

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“ *I have many good memories as I grew up with Tim. Thank you for helping to make my life better for it. God bless Mary Jo Austin*

Mike Kenealy - November 03, 2023 at 10:04 AM