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Beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandma, Mary Jo Maples from Troy, Michigan lost her battle against kidney disease on May 31, 2022. She was born on April 30, 1940 to Agnes and Andrew Maples in Imlay City, Michigan and lived in Troy, Michigan for the past 20 years.

Mary Jo was a teacher in the Berkley School District for over 35 years.

"Mapes" as she was known by her students, loved teaching and had a way of reaching kids. She tried to help as many students as she could realize their own potential.

An activist, Mary Jo and fought for equal rights for everyone. She won a Mandel Fellowship to study the holocaust in Washington, D.C. She also was a teacher of the year winner.

Mary Jo's true love was her daughter and grandchildren. She was at every school function and sporting event. She even volunteered in the computer lab at her granddaughter's school. She was always there for her family and they did anything and everything they could for her. Mary Jo will be deeply missed, but never forgotten.

Mary Jo was the beloved mother of Nicole (Scott) Vollhardt; the proud grandma to Amanda Vollhardt and Alex (Alicia) Vollhardt; and great-granddaughter Phoenix Vollhardt.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Agnes and Andrew Maples; son-in-law, Scott Andrew Vollhardt; sister, Sandra Teetzel; sister, Barbara Crankshaw; and her brother, Russ Maples.

A celebration of life will be held at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road (4 blocks E of Woodward), Royal Oak on Saturday, June 11, 2022 from 2 to 5 pm with sharing of memories at 3 pm. Memorial contributions to the National Kidney Foundation, CASA or Binky Patrol are appreciated.

Share a memory at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

JUN 11. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Sharing of Memories

JUN 11. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Miss Maples was my favorite teacher. She was very special, she took the time with students & made us feel special. She had a big ❤️ heart & always made me feel special. Condolences to her family. She is at peace now.

Jennell Foster - June 11, 2022 at 11:14 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Maples.



June 09, 2022 at 01:49 PM

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“ Michelle and Craig Berger (Carver) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Jo Maples.



Michelle and Craig Berger (Carver) - June 09, 2022 at 11:41 AM

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“ So sad to hear of her passing. She was a very dear friend and co worker of my mother Dorothy Carver, she was with Mary Jo when Nicole was adopted. Nicole and family you all are in my prayers. She was a beautiful soul that was always very kind to me as a child.

Michelle Carver-Berger - June 09, 2022 at 11:41 AM