



## Mary Jo McKeever

January 3, 2014

Mary Jo McKeever, age 70 of Willow Street, PA died on January 2, 2014 after an eight year battle with cancer. Mary Jo was the wife of T. Jug McKeever with whom she spent 48 years of marriage.

Born in Lancaster, she was the daughter of the late Wayne W. Winters and Betty Jo Winters. Surviving in addition to her husband are two children, Christine R. McKeever and Daniel H. McKeever, Sr. and his wife, Iona. Also surviving are two grandchildren, Daniel H. McKeever, Jr. and Rhiannon M. McKeever.

Mary Jo was a registered nurse for 50 years. Professional work for over 30 of those years was in the field of oncology and hospice. While working in hospice she served as a home care nurse, team leader in administration, and then in community education and outreach. Following retirement from nursing she pursued further study in clinical Pastor Education, later being employed as chaplain in a family medicine practice.

Commitment to her faith was important throughout her life. In the church she sang in the choir for over 30 years, she served as co-founder of parish nursing ministry in Lancaster County, served as co-chair of the pastoral search committee and on the larger church board at the regional and national level. She was also president of the church council and later church administrator.

She was named, Honored Lay Woman by the national board in 2001.

Mary Jo was a graduate of Leadership Lancaster. She served on several community boards.

Mary Jo's focus on God and her family brought joy throughout life. Her many friends added a richness to life which she always treasured. Her hobbies included music, sharing meals and hospitality in her home, flower gardening, and travel.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Mary Jo's Celebration of Life Service at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 11, 2014 at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 301 St. Thomas Road, Lancaster, PA with Reverend Thomas Dodge officiating. The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until time of service. Private interment will be held at the convenience of the family. Please omit flowers, memorial contributions in Mary Jo's name may be made to Hospice and Community Care, PO. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Jo McKeever*

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October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Mr Jug McKeever sorry for your loss. It's been many years since I was one of your students but your insight and honesty has always been an inspiration to me.*  
*Your former student, Greg Rogers*

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**Greg Rogers 68** - March 18, 2014 at 06:30 PM



“ *Condolences*  
*from Penny Palmer Adkins*  
*John Palmer*

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**John Palmer** - January 10, 2014 at 03:40 PM



“ *Good times shared with Mary Jo at Lancaster's St. Paul's Methodist Church - especially, MYF (Methodist Youth Fellowship) on Sunday evenings - are treasured memories.*

*With sympathy and friendship,*

*Cindy Hampton*

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**Lucinda Englert Hampton** - January 09, 2014 at 09:18 PM

FD

“ You often hear people talking about others who “touched their Life” and it is now a common term of endearment given to friends and relatives who have passed away. How many people however, really touch your life in such a manner that they change your life? I can honestly say that Mary Jo, in the short time we knew her, changed our lives and created a bond that the Atlantic Ocean could not sever.

*Our visits to Pennsylvania and Mary Jo and Jug’s visit to Scotland only reinforced the charm and charisma of the very special lady, who even in the depths of her own personal struggle, could write uplifting letters of faith and encouragement that, could fill you with joy and inspiration.*

*You will be sadly missed but never forgotten by your special friends in Scotland.*

*Forbes, Anne, Joanna and Andrew.*

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**Forbes & Anne Dowling** - January 09, 2014 at 12:30 PM

SW

“ My husband and I met Jug McKeever in the spring of 1963 where we shared the same apartment house in Boiling Springs. Glenn and Jug became good friends and went hunting and fishing together. After Jug met and married Mary Jo they moved to Cockleys Meadows, about a mile from Boiling Springs. She and I became the best of friends and our friendship continued for over 48 years even after they moved to Lancaster. We have children around the same age and have shared vacation time in Bar Harbor, Maine, as well as other activities. When we knew we were going to her house or they were coming to ours I would gather a collection of good jokes and she would laugh and laugh. We have so many wonderful memories of Mary Jo and her family.

*Mary Jo was one of the most classy, wonderful and loveable ladies we have ever met. We will miss her laughter, nursing advise, good recipes and love.*

*Rest in peace my dear friend.*

*Love,  
Sandy & Glenn Wise*

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**Sandy & Glenn Wise** - January 07, 2014 at 09:33 PM

DF

“ Dear Jug,  
*Perhaps they are not the stars, but rather openings in Heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy.... Author Unknown*

*What we remember most about Mary Jo is the energy she brought with her when she walked in the front door at Mom & Dad's toting a 5-star delectable dish she had prepared for dinner.*

*With warm thoughts....  
DeDe Foore & Michael Lehman*

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**DeDe Foore** - January 07, 2014 at 03:38 PM

CM

“ Dear Jug, Dan, Chris, Martha and Jeanne,

*We were saddened to learn of Mary Jo's passing. I have fond memories of times spent at St. Paul's UMC in Lancaster, Rawlinsville Camp Meetings, and babysitting the three Winters girls during our youth. Mary Jo's parents, Betty Jo and Wayne, were a great influence in my life and through our grandparents, we have a history that goes back well over 100 years. I am grateful for all these memories and that Mary Jo was a part of my life.*

*Charlene (Morrison) Metzler*

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**Charlene Metzler** - January 06, 2014 at 12:53 PM

SK

“ Our sons always tried to shock us with the amount of mud they could get on them while they were playing. We will always remember Mary Jo's laugh and understanding.  
Our sincerest sympathy to our never forgotten friends from long ago.  
Sharon, David and Christopher Kirchner

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**Sharon, David and Chris Kirchner** - January 06, 2014 at 12:25 PM

SU

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family. She will be missed

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**Sunshine** - January 06, 2014 at 12:02 PM

TW

“ Each day is a gift full of memories you store away. While growing up, I can honestly say I met a gift named Mary Jo McKeever. I can remember our family spending the weekend at Mary Jo's house with Jug, Dan and Chris. I remember days down at the creek fishing with Dan, or playing football in the backyard or basketball in the driveway. I remember at the end of the day, you would go inside for dinner, say a prayer and feast yourself until you could not eat anymore. I remember Mary Jo's home made ice tea....it was simply the best! I also remember the after dinner conversations sitting around the table. I remember us telling jokes and Mary Jo laughing so hard it would bring her to tears...which brought everyone else to tears and laughter. They say memories are a lot like a bank account, you withdraw from what you've put in. THANK YOU Mary Jo, for your part in filling my memory bank!!

*Todd Wise (and family--Holly, Corey and Sarah)*

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**Todd Wise** - January 05, 2014 at 09:55 PM

AW

“ I am so sorry about Mary Jo. She was a classmate of mine at MTHS and one of the brightest and best. A higher quality person you could never find. Anyone who came in contact with her was better for the meeting. She will be greatly missed by those who knew her and loved her.

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**Art Webster** - January 05, 2014 at 01:33 PM

CH

“ Dear Chris , I am so sorry to see your Mom has passed away. I don't have your address but hope this finds you . Please accept my condolences. You and your family have gone through a difficult time. I am thinking of you and wish you strength. Corien

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**corien heyn** - January 05, 2014 at 08:49 AM