



## Mary Jo Ethen

August 19, 1942 - February 16, 2019

Memorials may be made to the family for later designation.

Mary Josephine Ethen was born on August 19, 1942 in Omaha, Nebraska to Louis and Elfleda (Pojar) Bles. She grew up in Omaha where she attended grade school at St. Pius X and graduated from Benson High School in 1960. As a young girl, Mary Jo loved participating in school clubs and activities, and spending time with her family.

Mary Jo married Marcus Ethen on August 24, 1963 at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Omaha, Nebraska, and they were blessed with five children: Mark, Melanie, Terri, Jeff, and Greg. Mary Jo and Marcus made their home in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina before returning to Omaha and moving to Elkhorn in 1975.

Mary Jo worked at Sears and Northwestern Bell Telephone Company as a customer service representative. Her greatest job, however, was that of “Mom”, and later, “Grandma”. Mary Jo cherished her children and grandchildren, always taking care of everyone. Her most important memories were of times spent together as a family, whether travelling or holidays at home. When she wasn’t busy supporting the kids and grandkids in all of their activities, Mary Jo enjoyed crocheting, reading, and watching TV. Mary Jo was an avid Husker and Oakland Raiders fan, loved all kinds of sweets, and could

often be found drinking a cold Pepsi. Her family will always remember her as loving and compassionate, with a giving heart.

Mary Jo passed away on Saturday, February 16, 2019 at the Methodist Hospital in Omaha at the age of 76 years, 5 months and 28 days. She was preceded in death by her parents Louis and Elfleda Bles, husband Marcus and brother Louis. Mary Jo is survived by children: Mark (Beth) Ethen of Omaha, Melanie (Troy) YoungBlood of Omaha, Terri (Todd) Rix of Omaha, Jeff Ethen (Fiancée Lanise Barber) of Elkhorn, and Greg Ethen of Omaha; 11 grandchildren; 1 great-granddaughter; and her brother Tony (Kathy) Bles of Omaha.

# Cemetery Details

## Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn

21901 W. Maple Road  
Omaha, NE 68022

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB 21. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church  
20400 W. Maple Rd.  
Elkhorn, NE 68022

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Jo Ethen*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Ethen.*



February 20, 2019 at 08:04 PM



“ *I worked with your mom at Northwestern Bell/USWest in the Customer Service (HPS) department. I remember her as being very professional, always helpful and kind to everyone. She will be missed by all who knew her.*



**Mary Weis Assmann** - February 20, 2019 at 07:27 PM



*I worked with your Mom at Northwestern Bell/USWest etc in Customer Service. I always enjoyed your Mom and marveled at her knitting abilities! She was an excellent worker and a friend to many. I send my prayers and sympathy to all the family.*

**Jan Hrasky** - February 25, 2019 at 10:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Ethen.*



February 20, 2019 at 05:24 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Ethen.*



February 19, 2019 at 02:14 PM



“ *Kelly D Anderson purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Mary Jo Ethen.*



**Kelly D Anderson** - February 19, 2019 at 11:36 AM



“ *JoLene and Aaron purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mary Jo Ethen.*



**JoLene and Aaron** - February 19, 2019 at 09:29 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Ethen.*



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February 18, 2019 at 02:34 PM