



Mary Jo Gaskins Culbertson

June 14, 1936 - December 28, 2020

Mary Jo Gaskins-Culbertson was born June 14, 1936 in Ridgeley, West Virginia to William and Mary Malamphy. She had 3 wonderful siblings who have all preceded her in death, Thomas Malamphy (Margot), Frances Chester (Charles), and William Malamphy (Sally). Mary Jo passed away comfortably in her home in Lorton, VA on December 28, 2020 with her husband, best friend, and love of her life, Earl Culbertson, by her side.

Mary Jo grew up in Frostburg, MD and graduated Saint Michael's High School in 1950 where she then went to work for the FBI and met her first husband Robert Gaskins, Sr. (preceded). They went on to have two beautiful children, Pamela (Brown) Conley and Robert Gaskins, Jr. (preceded).

She wore many hats in her beautiful life, Executive Assistant to the Chief Pilot Office at USAirways for 30 years where she retired in 2017, most recently Chaplain of the Moose Lodge and many more, however, the hat she wore best and loved most was that of a tap dancer. She competed for many years with her granddaughters and went on to light up the stage every June for 40 years right up to this very year. She was an excellent chef and an avid, long-time parishioner of St. Lawrence Catholic Church but most of all, Mary Jo was a true friend to all.

The last few years of Mary Jo's beautiful life were spent living like a teenager in love. She and Earl traveled to their heart's content and loved spending weekends together in their home on the water in Delaware where she would sit on the porch reading her books while sipping her wine. They were a true

match made in heaven and they both knew and appreciated their time together was a gift and they lived it to the fullest.

Mary Jo is an enormous loss to all of her family and friends and she will be dearly and deeply missed.

Immediate family includes her sister-in-law Ronnie Hazen (Dave), sister-in-law Mary Fortney (Bill), brother-in-law Joe Culbertson and brother-in-law Cliff Culbertson (Carol)

Bonus children includes Earl Culbertson (Lisa), Barry Culbertson (Donna) and Brian Culbertson (preceded) (Dianna).

Grandchildren includes Kristen Bushey (William), Lisa Wentworth (Ned), Charlene Thorpe, Sean Taylor (Tiffany Lewis), Katilyn Gaskins as well as bonus grandchildren Adam, Jason, Brandon, Raymond, Robert, Duke and Conner Culbertson.

Great-grandchildren include Anthony, Alex, Alysa, Rylee, Edwin, Mason, Presley, Hailee, Jameson, Brayden and Paisley.

It goes without saying that Mary Jo had an overabundance of friends whom she also loved and cherished dearly.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) at <https://www.lls.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Jo Gaskins Culbertson*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *R.I P. Mary Jo, a beautiful lady with a smile and personality to match.....J. Harris Rosharon, Texas*



John Harris - January 19, 2021 at 03:51 PM



“ *Heaven got a beautiful person. Mary Jo is now a heavenly angel.*

My heart is broken but I'm so glad you are no longer be in pain

We have so many memories, I really don't know where to start. It all started nearly 45 years ago when our two youngsters, Kathy and Bobby, found each other. You have been special to Kathy and myself ever since. All I know is that everyone who ever knew you will miss you more than you will ever know.

Mary Jo you will be deeply missed.



Margaret L Collier - January 11, 2021 at 03:27 PM

AT

“ *Such a beautiful woman. Always a smile on her face & she was a friend to all. May you rest in peace my friend*



Angie Trijo - January 01, 2021 at 07:55 PM

FH

“ *Mary Jo and I tap danced together numerous years in Chris Collins Dance Studio recitals. We became instant friends and enjoyed getting together with other tap friends from our dance class at various Alexandria restaurants. Her friendship through these decades was a treasure to me and so many others who loved her. Her smile, positive manner and caring personality could always light up a room. There is no doubt that Mary Jo is now dancing in Heaven. I once was told by a friend "that when I pass on if you don't remember me with a smile don't remember me at all." There is much sorrow in my heart in the passing of Mary Jo but I will always remember her with a loving smile.*

Friend - Flavius hall, Jr.

Flavius Hall - December 31, 2020 at 08:02 PM



“ *Gone too soon! Mary Jo was such a wonderful person, friend, and dancer. Miss her terribly. Sending much love to her family.*



Annette Skaltsounis - December 31, 2020 at 06:47 PM

KG

“*Maryjo, an earth bound angel waiting to be called home. Always a True Lady filled with grace and love for everyone she met. Always a smile that would light up a room,, I could use one of those smiles right now. Beautiful, inside and out.*

This is going to be a very hard day for so many that you have touched. To say Good-bye is breaking my heart. I can't imagine a world without your kindness.

I thought of you as a mother, because that's how you made me feel, like a daughter.

I thought of you as a best friend, because you were always there for me and your grandchildren if ever needed without hesitation.

You are one special Lady that I had the pleasure of knowing. I hope you know how much I love you and how much it meant to me when you asked me to call you mom.

*I love you mom and I will miss you forever,
Kathy Gaskins-Wood*

The family are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you all.



Kathlene Gaskins-Wood - December 31, 2020 at 04:22 AM

SD

“*MaryJo was such an incredible and caring person, she was like a motherly figure in the DCA base. I will dearly miss you. Prayers and well wishes for her entire family.*



sachin Devani - December 31, 2020 at 03:00 AM

SH

“ Stephanie Taylor Hunter lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Gaskins Culbertson



stephanie taylor hunter - December 30, 2020 at 08:52 PM

BM

“ Brian and JoAnna Mullins purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Mary Jo Gaskins Culbertson.



Brian and JoAnna Mullins - December 30, 2020 at 08:28 PM

CH

“ Broken hearts will abound with the loss of such a beautiful lady, Maryjo Gaskins. For more than 25 years as a pilot in the Washington DC base for USAir / USAirways / American Airlines I had the good fortune not only to know Maryjo but to count on her under several circumstances. Maryjo was truly a treasure and extremely reliable and at this time we celebrate her life. Maryjo Gaskins will without a doubt truly be missed may she Rest In Peace. Lovingly submitted Capt.S.D.Holloway, Ret.

Capt. Steven Holloway - December 30, 2020 at 08:13 PM

NA

“ 7 files added to the album *Memories Album*



Nancy - December 30, 2020 at 08:09 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of *Mary Jo Gaskins Culbertson*.



December 30, 2020 at 06:54 PM

BL

“ *Bill and Lucy* purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of *Mary Jo Gaskins Culbertson*.



Bill and Lucy - December 30, 2020 at 06:06 PM



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



December 30, 2020 at 05:17 PM



“ *There are no words for how much we will miss Mary Jo. She was a true friend and a wonderful person. Mary Jo made everyone feel special and her smile would make your heart warm. Love always Aggie & Bob*



Aggie - December 30, 2020 at 04:48 PM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Gaskins Culbertson.*



December 30, 2020 at 03:39 PM



“ *I'm toasting my wine glass to you Maryjo , wish we were sharing.*

Dennis Cadman - December 30, 2020 at 03:34 PM

KK

“ Our hearts are heavy with sadness to lose this wonderful woman :(She was a beautiful kind soul and very dear friend. Never had an unkind word and always that big beautiful smile that melted your heart. Lighting up a room is an understatement. We are going to miss you so much and until we meet again in heaven, please enjoy those who will be waiting for you with open arms and hugs!! God has acquired one very "SPECIAL" Angel. We want to keep Earl and all of her extended family in our thoughts and prayers for your loss. Love and hugs to all. I will toast you our friend with a glass of wine :) Love you, Krista & Kirby

Krista Kirby - December 30, 2020 at 03:07 PM

KK

“ Krista Kirby lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Gaskins Culbertson



Krista Kirby - December 30, 2020 at 02:56 PM

PO

“ Prince William County Fire Marshal Office. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Jo Gaskins Culbertson.



Prince William County Fire Marshal Office. - December 30, 2020 at 12:15 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Gaskins Culbertson.



December 30, 2020 at 11:22 AM

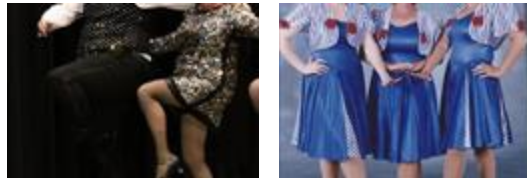


“ I've lost a once in a life friend with the passing of Mary Jo. The memories of all of the tears and laughter that we shared will be with me forever. She taught me to accept the things that I could not change. May you Rest In Peace my friend.
Oz Lamonds

Oz Lamonds - December 30, 2020 at 11:17 AM



“ Mary Jo was an inspiration to all who knew her. She lit up a room and when she was dancing she lit up the stage!



chris collins - December 30, 2020 at 11:17 AM



“ Peter & Beth Dugstad purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mary Jo Gaskins Culbertson.



Peter & Beth Dugstad - December 30, 2020 at 11:08 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Gaskins Culbertson.*



December 30, 2020 at 10:14 AM



“ *Mary Jo will forever be my "beach buddy." Walking on the sand with her in Myrtle Beach was always an adventure and I'm just glad I could keep up with her! I never saw her without that beautiful smile and her heart full of joy. Whenever you were around her, you couldn't help but be happy because of her loving nature. I will miss talking with her and enjoying her company. Until we see each other again, rest in peace my friend. Love, Barbara*

Barbara A Barnes - December 30, 2020 at 10:04 AM



“ *The Product Manager Force Protection Systems Team purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Mary Jo Gaskins Culbertson.*



The Product Manager Force Protection Systems Team -
December 30, 2020 at 10:02 AM

LH

“ Love, Marcia and Jeff Herzog purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mary Jo Gaskins Culbertson.



Love, Marcia and Jeff Herzog - December 30, 2020 at 10:01 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Gaskins Culbertson.



December 30, 2020 at 09:50 AM



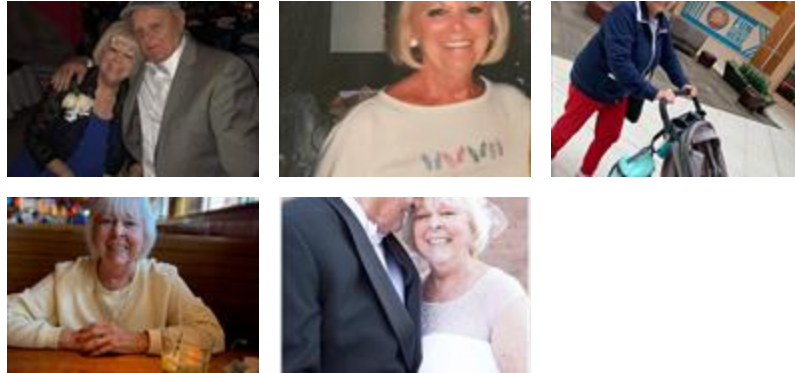
“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Gaskins Culbertson.



December 30, 2020 at 09:11 AM



“ 9 files added to the album Memories Album



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - December 30, 2020 at 08:46 AM

EH

I had the great opportunity to interact with Mary Jo at US airways. She had the best personality and she was full of life. She talked about her family a lot...and dancing. She will be missed. My deepest sympathy to all of her family and friends. ♡♡

Eileen Halligan - December 30, 2020 at 09:36 AM

HH

Please know that the family remain in our thoughts and prayers during this trying time.

Harley Horner - December 30, 2020 at 10:20 AM

MA

For the past 31 years, we shared a friendship that was so special. In good times and bad, we were always there for each other. Our families were close and we shared life's ups and downs. I'll never forget all the trips and cruises we took and how much fun we had, Your love of people and kindness will always be remembered. I'll miss you dear friend.

Marlene Adams - December 30, 2020 at 10:36 AM

BJ

Please accept the condolences, thoughts, and wishes from the Prince William County Fire Marshal's Office. Lt. Barry Culbertson (step son) is on our team and when you are family to one of us, you are also our family. May you find peace and solace during these difficult times.

Battalion Chief Thomas Jarman - December 30, 2020 at 10:45 AM

DC

Mary Jo had a hand in raising a lot of local kids in the neighborhood near the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse at Buxton during the days her children, Pam and Bobby, were growing up. Wishing the family the best and sending love, hugs and prayers from the OBX.

Danny Couch - December 30, 2020 at 06:19 PM

DW

Mary Jo was a wonderful and sweet person .I would say hi to her every time I walked past her office near the flight attendants crew room, at UsAirways.She always had a shining smile for me.It is sad that her life in retirement was so short.My thoughts and prayers go out to her family.We all miss her.She was special to us all.

David Winstanley

David Winstanley - December 31, 2020 at 03:18 PM

SB

Everyone who knows Mary Jo outside of US Air /Airways / American, should understand that she ran the DCA crew base. She was the one constant. She knew everything and everybody and she tutored and was the right hand of every chief pilot she served. After her retirement, she would get calls from the company about something specific to the DCA situation that the AA folks in Dallas couldn't figure out. Mary Jo was the most friendly face that sat behind a desk that I can remember in my 32 years at US /AA.

Stephen Bradford - December 31, 2020 at 06:00 PM

RG

Many years ago I was blessed with meeting and becoming friends with Mary Jo at USAirways. Although I have not seen Mary Jo recently, I vividly remember Mary Jo's kind heart, great laughter, and warmth. She gave Corey, my husband, and I, a beautiful Christmas ornament she had engraved for us. Each year we place this on the tree, we think of her with such special memories. Now each Christmas when I place that ornament on the tree, I will say a special prayer for such a special lady. What a class act; Mary Jo, you have have left us all with such wonderful memories. You will be greatly missed.
Rita and Corey Gramling

Rita Gramling - December 31, 2020 at 07:42 PM