



## Mary Jo (Josephine) Ceniti

December 15, 1949 - January 3, 2021

Mineral Point - Mary Jo (Josephine) Ceniti, age 71 of Mineral Point, passed-away Sunday, January 3, 2021 after a long, courageous battle with amyloid and cancer. She passed-away surrounded by her family at Upland Hills Hospital.

Mary Jo was born on December 15, 1949 to the late LaVerne and Josephine Cody (Schuerman). She attended elementary school in Linden and then later graduated from Mineral Point High School in 1968. After high school, she attended technical school in Madison. On September 27, 1969, she married the love of her life, Frank Ceniti.

Mary Jo started working at Farmers Savings Bank in 1969 in bookkeeping. She worked her way through almost every department and later became the first woman President and Chairman of the Board of Farmers Savings Bank. When she retired after 51 years, she was named Emeritus Chairman of the Board. Mary Jo was a champion of the bank and the community of Mineral Point. She was a member of many boards throughout the years. Mineral Point Chamber of Commerce, Mineral Point Library Board, Economic Development Committee, St Paul Cemetery Treasurer and Church Council, just to name a few. She was instrumental in the creation of the Mineral Point Community Foundation and was later recognized by a gift in Mary Jo & Frank's name by Farmers Savings Bank to the foundation.

Faith, Family, Friends, and Community is what Mary Jo's life revolved around. She was a long-time member and supporter of SS Mary & Paul Catholic Church. Mary Jo loved to cook and bake and loved family gatherings and meals. She was an avid supporter of Mineral Point Wrestling where she supported her brother Bob and later her grandson Ross. She also attended many girls basketball and softball games for Krista and Maddie. Frank and Mary Jo enjoyed spending time with their friends, most notable is the group lovingly known as the 6 Pack who you could always be found together at a certain place in Dubuque or on vacations together.

Mary Jo is survived by her husband, Frank; her daughters and grandchildren; Jolena (Dean) and their children, Ross and Madelyn; Krista (Josh) and their children Tatum and Mila. Her brothers Mark (Maria) Cody and Bob (Jody) Cody, her Aunt and Uncle Bob and Helen Schuerman. She is also survived by her brother-in-laws, Rocco Jr and Joe and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mary Jo was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Mike, her sister-in-law Karen Cody, her in-laws, Rocco and Lena Ceniti, her sister-in-law Florence Ceniti, a special part of the 6 Pack, Bill Schmitz, and many other relatives and friends.

A private family Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, January 9, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at Ss. MARY & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH in Mineral Point. The funeral will be live-streamed thru the Ss. Mary & Paul CC facebook page. Fr. Michael Tarigopula and Fr David Flanagan will concelebrate. Burial will be in St. Paul's Cemetery.

A public visitation with masks and social distancing will be held on Saturday from 9:00 a.m until 12:30 p.m. at the church.

Memorials may be mailed to the Gorgen Funeral Home in c/o Mary Jo Ceniti.

# Cemetery Details

## **St. Paul's Cemetery**

801 Ridge Street  
Mineral Point, WI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Jo (Josephine) Ceniti*

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss of Mary Jo. My thoughts and prayers go out to you families.*

**Debbie Kieffer** - February 10, 2021 at 04:30 PM



“ *Frank and Family,  
I am sending you my love and deep sympathy. Frank, my memories of Mary Jo are the times she, you, Pat Carey, and I went out together or met up in town on a weekend. I remember when you were married and just furnishing your first home. It was about the same time Pat and I were doing the same. What stays with me is Mary Jo saying that you both had decided to buy "good furniture" for your first home, even though it was more expensive, since if you didn't you would probably go for years with the cheap furniture. I think I remember this so vividly because Pat and I had decided to go with the "cheap stuff" and yes, she was right, it stayed with us actually until our divorce. She was wise even then.  
Again, my love and sympathy.  
Mary Dalles*

**Mary Dalles** - January 09, 2021 at 05:38 PM



“ *Mary Jo's funeral was beautiful. What a wonderful tribute Krista had. Mary Jo will be missed and forever in our hearts💕 Love and sincere sympathy, Judy and Doug Pelton*

**JudyPelton** - January 09, 2021 at 03:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mary Jo (Josephine) Ceniti.



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January 08, 2021 at 11:08 AM

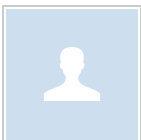


“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mary Jo (Josephine) Ceniti.



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January 08, 2021 at 10:40 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Mary Jo (Josephine) Ceniti.



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January 07, 2021 at 03:11 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Mary Jo (Josephine) Ceniti.



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January 07, 2021 at 12:28 PM

DN

“ I remember fondly the many times riding the bus to and from high school and the times she would spend the night at my house. We would sit up long past our bedtime laughing and talking. Mary Jo was a very sweet person. It was nice to reconnect at our 50th class reunion and I admired her strength and spirit as she faced her health issues. My thoughts and prayers to Frank and the family. May they take comfort in knowing she is now at peace and joined with her parents and brother.

*Donna Clauer Nelson*

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**Donna Lee Nelson** - January 06, 2021 at 05:54 PM

BB

“ **BILL AND JEANETTE BOHRINGER** purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of Mary Jo (Josephine) Ceniti.



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**BILL AND JEANETTE BOHRINGER** - January 06, 2021 at 04:17 PM

NJ

“ **Nutrien Div Office - Scott, Tara, Justin, Jim, Jim** purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Mary Jo (Josephine) Ceniti.



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**Nutrien Div Office - Scott, Tara, Justin, Jim, Jim** - January 06, 2021 at 03:52 PM

FK

“ Fred & Ann Loken Kids purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mary Jo (Josephine) Ceniti.



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**Fred & Ann Loken Kids** - January 06, 2021 at 03:10 PM

JB

“ Rest in Peace Mary Jo, you are so deserving. We grew up together on the farms on Hwy 23 and often went to high school functions together with you as the driver. You are so much like you mom or at least the Josephine I remember as kind, loving, caring and always a freind. Was so glad wr reconnected at my class reunion, will never forget that hug. Love Always, MaryJo. Sympathy and Love Frank and to your family. Judy Doan Brassington.

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**Judy Doan Brassington** - January 06, 2021 at 12:44 PM

SG

“ I met Mary Jo thirty years ago as a young lady just beginning my career. Although we never discussed what it takes to be a success female we didn't need to. Watching her was all the encouragement I needed. Thank you Mary Jo. My deepest sympathy Frank and family. She was a wonderful woman inside and out. Sharon Wahl Gundersen

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**Sharon Wahl Gundersen** - January 06, 2021 at 12:07 PM

DH

“ Dennis and Pattie Hinson purchased the Beautiful I Heart Bouquet for the family of Mary Jo (Josephine) Ceniti.



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**Dennis and Pattie Hinson** - January 05, 2021 at 09:34 PM

NC

“ Nicole Trenkamp & Ryan Cordts purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Jo (Josephine) Ceniti.



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**Nicole Trenkamp & Ryan Cordts** - January 05, 2021 at 06:50 PM

RS

“ Ross and Sue Ann Smith purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Jo (Josephine) Ceniti.



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**Ross and Sue Ann Smith** - January 05, 2021 at 03:41 PM

LS

“ Love you lots, Angie, Marta, Abbey, Kim, & Shelly purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Jo (Josephine) Ceniti.



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**Love you lots, Angie, Marta, Abbey, Kim, & Shelly** - January 05, 2021 at 01:35 PM

AD

“ *Angie D. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mary Jo (Josephine) Ceniti.*



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**Angie D.** - January 05, 2021 at 01:35 PM

LK

“ *Love, Mark & Kelly purchased the Gerberas and Palms Spray for the family of Mary Jo (Josephine) Ceniti.*



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**Love, Mark & Kelly** - January 05, 2021 at 12:04 PM

RF

“ *Randy & LeAnn Leahy Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Jo (Josephine) Ceniti.*



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**Randy & LeAnn Leahy Family** - January 05, 2021 at 11:35 AM

RP

“ On behalf of Wisconsin's banking community, we are incredibly saddened to learn of the passing of Mary Jo. She was a tremendous community banker and incredibly involved in the industry's trade associations most notably serving many years on the Board of the Community Bankers of Wisconsin. She was a leader everyone enjoyed working with, and for other women bankers, was an inspiration. Please know that your families, and her Bank family, are all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

*Sincerely, Rose Oswald Poels, Wisconsin Bankers Association*

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**Rose Oswald Poels** - January 05, 2021 at 11:31 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Jo (Josephine) Ceniti.



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January 05, 2021 at 11:17 AM

PC

“ Prayers to Frank and rest of family. She really was a sweet lady. We had so much fun at our 50th class reunion couple years ago. She has put up a courageous fight for her health for years. I really admire her spirit and faith. Let us all carry on her legacy by doing random acts of kindness.

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**Peggy Cordts** - January 05, 2021 at 10:04 AM

GJ

*Sorry Frank and family about the loss of your loved one. I remember having many heart to heart conversations with Mary Jo during my time at Farmers Savings Bank. We solved a lot of the worlds problems during our time together. I will always remember her wit and true grit during our time together. A random act of kindness is exactly what Mary Jo would do for others. Her smile and laugh will forever be remembered. Rest In Peace Mary Jo*

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**Greg James** - January 05, 2021 at 11:19 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss, dear and sweet lady. Take care Tim and Deb Riley and family*

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**Deb Riley** - January 05, 2021 at 08:58 AM

SN

“ *My most profound sympathy to Frank and family. Mary Jo was such a nice person and so devoted to her community and family and family of friends. She was a treasured classmate.*

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**sue C Nordby** - January 04, 2021 at 09:39 PM

RM

*I share your sorrow in the loss of a very special lady, Frank and all your family. I send my hugs, love and prayers at this time. Rosalie R. May*

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**Rosalie R. May** - January 05, 2021 at 01:01 AM

BP

*Our sympathy to Frank & family, Mary Jo was special to all who knew her*

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**Bonnie Pittz** - January 05, 2021 at 10:14 AM

LG

*Mary Jo was a great friend and we enjoyed so many porch visits in good weather. A great front porch to converse on and a beautiful view. We will miss you lovely lady.*

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**Linda and Gary Griffiths** - January 05, 2021 at 08:36 PM

ZR

*To the beloved husband, Frank, and family of Mary Jo...I am very sorry for your loss. Mary Jo will be greatly missed by all. I have many fond memories of Mary Jo from our High School days. She was one of those ladies that was beautiful both inside and outside. Blessing to you all.*  
*Zoya (Nies) Rausch*

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**ZOYA K RAUSCH** - January 08, 2021 at 10:45 AM