



Mary Jo Bagosy

October 11, 1941 - May 31, 2025

Mary Jo Bagosy, devoted wife, loving mom, proud grandmother and faithful servant of God passed away peacefully on May 31, 2025 at her home in Estero, Florida. She was 83 years old.

Born in October 1941, Mary Jo (Mom) was the beloved daughter of Josephine (Mimi) and Terrence (Papa) Donnelly and the oldest of four siblings. Raised in a close-knit Irish Catholic family in Southwest Detroit, Mary Jo attended Holy Redeemer High School where she developed countless lifelong friendships, including the love of her life, Richard (Dick) Bagosy. Together, they shared 61 beautiful years of marriage. Their life was rooted in family, friends and faith – raising three wonderful children in the northern suburbs of Detroit before enjoying their later years in the warmth of Estero, Florida.

A fiery, Irish redhead, Mom was full of life and fun to be around. If you could hear her laughter above the din of a get together with family or friends, you knew things were going well. She also loved to sing. Be it in a choir, to her kids and grandkids or simply out of joy – her gifted voice was always a sweet sound to hear.

Mom loved to entertain, was a superb cook and had a keen sense of style. She often described her efforts in these areas as exquisite and was teased unmercifully for it. At the end of the day, though, there could not be a more

accurate description of the fashion in which she did things. Exquisite is how we will remember Mom and the word will undoubtedly bring a smile to those who remember hearing her say it - frequently.

Mary Jo is survived by her loving husband Dick, her children Rick (Pam), Beth (Chris) and Christopher (Kerri), her grandchildren Kate, Erin, Evan, Lauren, Brendan and Christian and her great granddaughter Grace. She was preceded in death by her dear sister, Patty, and is survived by her two brothers, Terry (Elaine) and Bob (Becky) who will remember her as a source of love, strength and support.

A Memorial Mass to honor the life of Mary Jo will be held at 10:30 AM on Friday, August 8, 2025 at Our Lady of Light Catholic Community 19680 Cypress View Dr., Fort Myers, Florida 33967..

Family and friends meant everything to Mom and she poured her heart into whatever role she played with them – whether taking charge, offering wisdom, sharing a laugh or simply being present. She was a guiding light to her family and a kind soul and source of strength to all who knew her. Her legacy of love and kindness will live on in everyone she touched.

The family would like to thank Hope Hospice and their nursing staff for the excellent care giving to Mary Jo in her final days. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in memory of Mary Jo may be made to Hope Hospice 9470 HealthPark Cr., Fort Myers, FL 33908 or online at <https://hopehcs.org/donate/>

To sign her guest register or to leave online condolences please visit www.ShikanyFuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

AUG 8. 10:30 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Light Catholic Community
19680 Cypress View Dr
Fort Myers, FL 33967-6201
(239) 267-7088

Tribute Wall

DF

“ *Diane Ferrando lit a candle in memory of Mary Bagosy*



Diane Ferrando - June 23, 2025 at 06:19 PM

DF

“ *Mary Jo you brought light and love to everyone in your presence. I am honored to call you my friend. Selfishly I miss you and our "girl" extended lunches. Heaven gained a beautiful red haired Angel that I know is watching over her family that you loved so very much. I know we will meet again; I'll look for your beautiful smile and red hair. Love you always. ❤️. Diane and JD.*

Diane Ferrando - June 23, 2025 at 06:16 PM

TD

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Terry Donnelly - June 05, 2025 at 04:29 PM

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Terry Donnelly - June 05, 2025 at 04:25 PM

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Terry Donnelly - June 05, 2025 at 04:12 PM

RB

Such a nice memory!

Rick Bagosy - June 06, 2025 at 08:40 AM

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Terry Donnelly - June 05, 2025 at 03:56 PM

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Terry Donnelly - June 05, 2025 at 03:25 PM

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Terry Donnelly - June 05, 2025 at 03:21 PM

CB

Love this one of Aunt Patty, Mimi and Mom!

Chris Bagosy - June 08, 2025 at 10:18 AM

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Terry Donnelly - June 05, 2025 at 01:59 PM

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Terry Donnelly - June 05, 2025 at 01:42 PM

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Terry Donnelly - June 05, 2025 at 01:30 PM

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Terry Donnelly - June 05, 2025 at 01:28 PM

ED

“ We are all in debt to Dick, Rick, Beth Anne, Chris, and their extended families for their loving care of Mary Jo in the past few weeks. The narrative describing Mary Jo's life perfectly captures her personality and the memories that all of us were fortunate to share. Many years ago, Mary Jo welcomed me into the Donnelly family with a big smile and warm hug. Getting married, having kids, celebrating birthdays, sharing fun experiences -- Mary Jo was a role model for me and a leader who created beautiful things and wonderful family experiences, no matter what was happening. I will miss our phone conversations, which always involved many laughs, and the way that Mary Jo always made new friends instantly. And her devotion to Dick never failed. Love you, Mary Jo. It is comfort to know that you are in the presence of God. Elaine

Elaine Donnelly - June 05, 2025 at 01:21 PM

BS

Thank you Aunt Elaine - that's beautiful. ❤️

Beth Sandman - June 06, 2025 at 04:23 PM

CB

Thanks Aunt Elaine :)

Chris Bagosy - June 08, 2025 at 10:20 AM

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Terry Donnelly - June 05, 2025 at 01:13 PM

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Terry Donnelly - June 05, 2025 at 12:18 PM

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Terry Donnelly - June 05, 2025 at 11:08 AM

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Terry Donnelly - June 05, 2025 at 10:08 AM

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Steve Jarzembowski - June 05, 2025 at 08:27 AM

DW

“ Doug, Yamilka & Adam White purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mary Jo Bagosy.



Doug, Yamilka & Adam White - June 04, 2025 at 08:40 PM

DW

“ Doug, Yamilka & Adam White planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jo Bagosy.

Doug, Yamilka & Adam White - June 04, 2025 at 08:40 PM

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Rick Bagosy - June 04, 2025 at 08:23 PM

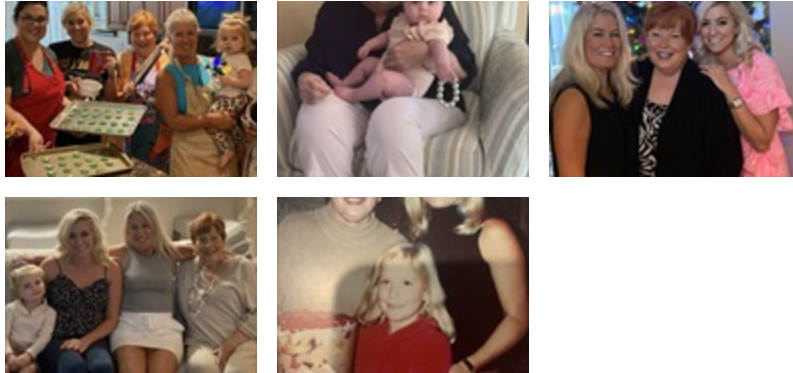
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“ For the Bagosy family... I have known the family ever since I was very young. In every move from house to house & city to city as we were growing up. The memories we have are the best for a life time. From neighborhood get togethers, watching Michigan football games, Going to Tawas with the family for vacation or to the cottage in the winter to snowmobile. Mr & Mrs Bagosy I have always referred to them as my second set of parents to me. She always knew exactly what to do for skinned knees and having lemonade on their patio on a hot day or hot chocolate after sledding. I will miss her everyday as she taught me so much. Beth & I became life long friends. I will always remember her laughs & celebrating St Patrick's day

Colleen Huyghe - June 04, 2025 at 07:35 PM

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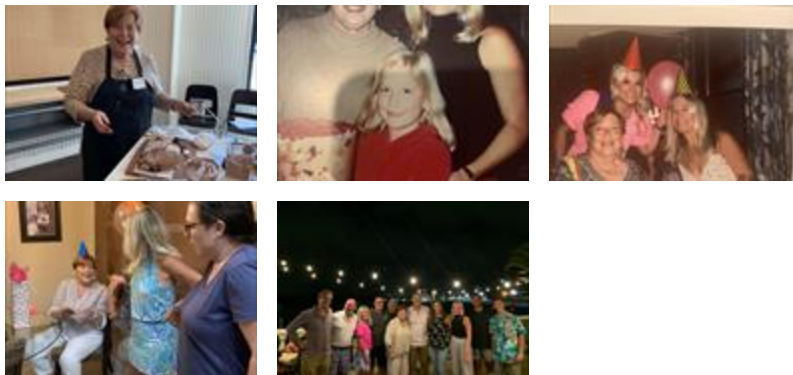
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Lauren Sandman - June 04, 2025 at 06:54 PM

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Beth Sandman - June 04, 2025 at 06:25 PM

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“ Nancy A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jo Bagosy.

Nancy A. - June 04, 2025 at 04:49 PM

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Beth Sandman - June 04, 2025 at 03:34 PM

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Beth Sandman - June 04, 2025 at 03:24 PM

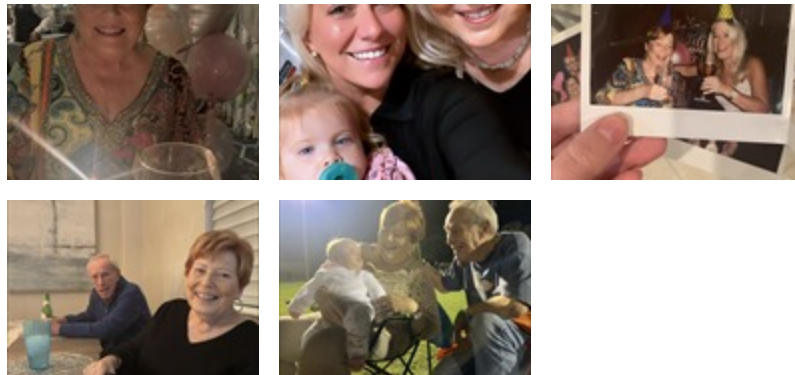
 Lauren
Nicole

“ How lucky am I to have had nearly 32 years with my beautiful Grandma “M”. There are so many beautiful and valuable memories I have with you. I have to think my love of jewelry came from admiring your jewelry my whole life. I remember running upstairs everytime we would visit your house in Michigan to try on all your rings. I truly thought you were royalty and you were! The countless holidays traditions and birthdays we shared together as a family will always remain in my memory from baking cookies, to dressing up fancy on christmas day just open gifts in the living room, to drinking baileys on christmas eve together. I’m so sad we won’t be able to drive down the street to visit you anymore just because. I will miss your laugh and your huge hugs the most. There are so many valuable things you’ve taught me over the years that I am so grateful for. One of my proudest moments was being able to gift you with a great granddaughter and it’s been a highlight and honor of my life being your granddaughter. I love you so much and will miss you forever.

Lauren Nicole - June 04, 2025 at 02:29 PM

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Lauren Sandman - June 04, 2025 at 02:25 PM

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Terry Donnelly - June 04, 2025 at 02:06 PM

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“ *This Obituary for my beloved big sister is incredibly insightful. Each and every special characteristic of Mary Jo that is highlighted in this beautiful tribute inspires for me several happy memories over my lifetime with her. I am proud to be Mary Jo's brother, and I will deeply miss her as she is now in Heaven with God, our sister Patty, and our Mom and Dad. Rest in Peace, MJ. Love, -Terry*

Terry Donnelly - June 04, 2025 at 01:56 PM