



## Nancy "Jo" Smucker

December 9, 1940 - May 19, 2026

Nancy "Jo" Smucker, 85, of Fort Myers Beach, Florida, and a former lifelong resident of Lima, Ohio, passed away peacefully on May 19, 2026, at Hope Hospice–HealthPark in Fort Myers.

Born on December 9, 1940, in Lima, Ohio, Jo was the daughter of the late Vaughn and Zola (Roebuck) Rawls. She spent the majority of her life in Lima before relocating to Fort Myers Beach almost 20 years ago.

Jo was a graduate of Lima Senior High School and pursued her undergraduate study at Bluffton University and then earned her Master's Degree in Social Work at the University of Michigan.

Demonstrating her lifelong commitment to education and personal growth, she returned to school in the 1980s and earned an additional Master's Degree in Communications from the University of Dayton.

Jo dedicated her professional life to serving others through social work and mental health counseling. She started as a social worker for the City of Lima and from 1975 to 1980 Jo

worked for the Northwest Community Mental Health Center, where she provided vital support to individuals and families throughout the community.

In 1986, Jo established her own private counseling practice, a notable and pioneering accomplishment for a clinical social worker at that time. Through her practice, Applied Behavior Services in Lima, she worked as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker until her retirement in 2008.

Throughout her career, Jo's compassion, dedication, and professional expertise positively impacted countless lives, leaving a lasting legacy of care and service in her community.

Above all else, Jo's greatest priority was her family. She was deeply devoted to her three sons

and played an active role in supporting their academic, athletic, and professional pursuits. A

tireless worker, Jo demonstrated extraordinary determination and sacrifice in providing for and

supporting her family. Her unwavering work ethic, strength, and perseverance served as an

inspiration to those who knew her. Despite her many professional commitments, Jo cherished

time with her loved ones. She enjoyed playing baseball and games with her children and

created lasting memories through those shared experiences. She also had a passion for travel

and loved exploring destinations around the world with family and friends.

Jo treasured her many lifelong friendships, including those formed during her years at Lima

Senior High School and while living in the High Ridge Road area of Lima.

After moving to Florida, she continued to build lasting relationships and enjoyed the companionship of many dear friends at Islands End Condominium, where she resided. She is survived by her three sons, Scott R. Smucker of Fort Myers Beach, Florida, Michael K. Smucker and his wife, Kara, of Tampa, Florida, and Jimmy L. Smucker and his wife, Amy, of Andover, New Hampshire; and by her cherished granddaughter, Daniella Dunning. In addition to her parents, Jo was preceded in death by her brother, Jimmy Lee Rawls, who passed away at the age of five, and her sister, Sue Ann Evans, who died on February 8, 2025. A Celebration of Life is being planned for later this fall in Fort Myers Beach at Islands End Condominium. To sign the guest register or leave online condolences, please visit [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com). Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.