



Mary Jo Johnson

April 30, 1941 - July 27, 2025

Mary Josephine (Emery) Johnson, 84 years old, born 1941 in Hickory, KY, went home to be with her lord and savior on July 27, 2025. Mary Jo is survived by her beloved husband, Don Johnson; loving son, Craig (Debbie) Johnson; daughter, Marcy (Mark) Hunter; grandchildren, Maggie (Blake) Hester; Bret Johnson; Courtney (Nick) Carrico; Cameron Hunter and one great granddaughter Georgia Hester. She was preceded in death by her parents, Aubrey & Eva Emery of Clear Springs, KY and her two brothers, Pat and Robert Emery.

Mary Jo enjoyed being involved in her children's school activities. She was an active member of Temple Baptist Church for 40 years, where she taught Sunday School for nine years. She was also an active member of Faith Baptist Church for 30 years.

Don and Mary Jo met in the youth department at Temple Baptist Church. They were married on October 7, 1960. She worked as secretary to the Executive Vice President of The Taubman Co. until their son began kindergarten; at which time, she quit work to become a stay-at-home mom.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, July 31, 2025 from 4 PM to 8 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Rd., W. (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth.

In state will be on Friday, August 1, 2025 10 AM until the 11 AM Funeral Service Faith Baptist Church 47500 Warren Road, Canton, MI 48187.

Memorial contributions may be made to Faith Baptist Church, 47500 Warren

Road, Canton, MI 48187 or Plymouth Salvation Army, 9451 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

To share a memory, please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

Cemetery Details

United Memorial Gardens

4800 Curtis Road
Plymouth, MI 48170

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 31. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
46401 Ann Arbor Road West
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 459-2250
plymouth@vermeulenh.com

Instate

AUG 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Faith Baptist Church Canton
47500 Warren Road
Canton, MI 48187

Funeral Service

AUG 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Faith Baptist Church Canton
47500 Warren Road
Canton, MI 48187

Tribute Wall

TF

“ The Anhalt family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jo Johnson.

The Anhalt family - July 31, 2025 at 03:24 PM

TF

“ The Anhalt family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mary Jo Johnson.



The Anhalt family - July 31, 2025 at 03:24 PM

KC

“ Kim Casement purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary Jo Johnson.



Kim Casement - July 30, 2025 at 02:57 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Johnson.



July 29, 2025 at 05:50 PM



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



July 29, 2025 at 05:40 PM



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



July 29, 2025 at 01:31 PM



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

July 29, 2025 at 01:31 PM



“ Donna Emery Metcalf and family. purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Mary Jo Johnson.



Donna Emery Metcalf and family. - July 28, 2025 at 08:33 PM

PD

“ *I am so honored to have known Mary Jo and call her my friend.
I always admired her cheerful disposition and genuine interest in
others.*

*To those who knew her it will leave a void in their hearts but we will
cherish*

Some wonderful memories.

Affectionately,

Phyllis Davidson

phyllis davidson - July 28, 2025 at 07:31 PM

CM

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mrs. Johnson's passing and I would like to share a few wonderful memories that I have of her. First of all she was such a beautiful woman and always dressed to the nines. When she came to my dad's funeral a few years ago, I couldn't believe how stunning she still was as she held my hand and hugged me. She was truly a great comfort to our family during that difficult time.

Looking back, I remember how her house always smelled so good with her southern cooking, and how she introduced me to such southern delights as hushpuppies and Mississippi Mud Pie! Her home was decorated perfectly and always so spotless!

She was also known on Brandywyne for her immense creativity. Marcy always had the most incredible homemade Halloween costumes (while everyone else got theirs from K-mart) and birthday cakes made with love by her mother. Mrs. Johnson didn't need Pinterest or Instagram, she WAS our 1970's version of an influencer.

Lastly, Mrs. Johnson was a woman of great faith--that is what I remember most about her. I know that right now she is right where she belongs--in the arms of God.

Mr. Johnson, Craig, Marcy and all of the grandchildren--please know that I am praying for your peace and I am thinking about you. I will never forget Mary Jo Johnson.

Cathy (O'Loughlin) Martin

Cathy Martin - July 28, 2025 at 11:05 AM

CM

“ Caroline & Phil Mayer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jo Johnson.

Caroline & Phil Mayer - July 28, 2025 at 12:37 AM

CM

“ Caroline & Phil Mayer purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Jo Johnson.



Caroline & Phil Mayer - July 28, 2025 at 12:37 AM

GP

“ I remember when I first saw Mary Jo. She was one of the most classy looking ladies I'd seen. After getting to know her, I learned that along with being a classy dresser, she was super sweet, smart, very friendly and is so funny.
We grew to love her and Don and she will leave a void but we're thankful we'll see her again in heaven!
Our prayers for our heavenly Father to give Don & his family the comfort that only He can.
Love - George & Carol

George & Carol Prater - July 27, 2025 at 07:28 PM