



Mary Jo Fiscus

October 27, 1939 - February 3, 2016

Mary Jo Fiscus (1939-2016)

CEDAR FALLS - Mary Jo Fiscus, 76, of Cedar Falls, died Wednesday, Feb. 3, at Covenant Medical Center, Waterloo.

She was born Oct. 27, 1939, in Cedar Falls, daughter of Edward and Mary Bonn Kofron. She married Roger T. Fiscus on Sept. 5, 1964, at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Cedar Falls. He died Oct. 3, 2011.

Mrs. Fiscus graduated from Cedar Falls High School in 1957 and attended Iowa State Teachers College (UNI). She worked for Prudential, and then was a daycare provider for many years.

Survived by: five daughters: Martha Wegenke of Oconomowoc, Wis., Sarah (Chris) Miller of Norwalk, Laura Fiscus of Waukee, Katie (Michael) Claeys of Ankeny and Amy Fiscus of Washington, D.C.; seven grandchildren: Elizabeth Condit, Alex and Sam Miller, Andrew Wegenke, Brady, Charlie and Jack Claeys; and two brothers, Charlie Kofron of Arizona and Clem (Betty) Kofron of Lime Springs.

Preceded in death by: a daughter, Jennifer Lynn Fiscus; a son-in-law, Rob Wegenke; and three brothers, Robert, Tom and Phil Kofron.

Services: 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Patrick Catholic Church. Visitation from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Sunday at Richardson Funeral Service, where there will be a 4 p.m. rosary, followed by a vigil service. Inurnment will occur at a later date in Greenwood Cemetery, Cedar Falls.

Memorials: may be directed to the church.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Rosary

FEB 7. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Vigil

FEB 7. 4:30 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 8. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church
705 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3523
<http://saintpatrickcf.org>

Tribute Wall

PG

“ No heart breaks alone for God is always near. When a prayer is whispered God is always there to hear. When sorrow's overwhelming, He comforts tenderly. A single tear never falls that he does not hear. (Psalms 65:2) Sorry for your loss

Peggy Gienau - February 10, 2016 at 10:54 AM



“ Heavenly and Harmony was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Fiscus.



February 08, 2016 at 12:59 PM

JY

“ Judy York lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Fiscus



judy york - February 08, 2016 at 10:28 AM

SS

“ Sandra Seeks sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Jo Fiscus



Sandra Seeks - February 07, 2016 at 12:48 PM

SS

The butterfly represents freedom and that my 'forever' friend is now free to rest in God's arms.

Sandra Seeks - February 07, 2016 at 01:00 PM

JH

“ *So sorry to hear the news and sorry for your loss. So many memories of love and laughter. She lived life well. Mary Jo and Roger will always be in my thoughts for the many ways they cared for me and so many others.*

In love and sympathy,

Jim Hayes Family

Jim Hayes - February 07, 2016 at 10:02 AM

SL

“ *Shirley Lincoln lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Fiscus*



Shirley Lincoln - February 06, 2016 at 10:01 PM



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



February 06, 2016 at 11:30 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Fiscus.* ”



February 06, 2016 at 10:56 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Fiscus.* ”



February 06, 2016 at 05:17 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Fiscus.* ”



February 05, 2016 at 10:27 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Fiscus.* ”



February 05, 2016 at 07:32 PM

MK

“ How well I remember Mary Jo as a fine pianist for our chous. She was such an upbeat person and I often think of her now as I remember the golden years of high school in the late "50s when it was great to be alive.
I also had the pleasure of working with her daughter, Laura at the Waterloo Post Office. Michael Klein(Cedar Falls High School Class of 1959).

Michael Klein - February 05, 2016 at 05:20 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Fiscus.



February 05, 2016 at 05:17 PM

WB

“ With love, Jean Shane and Jesse Bolling purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Mary Jo Fiscus.



With love, Jean Shane and Jesse Bolling - February 05, 2016 at 05:03 PM

DL

“ I was a classmate of Mary Jo's from elementary school through high school and fondly remember her as an incredibly friendly and welcoming young lady. Her home was regularly the gathering point for us high-school "kids" to hang out, plan other gatherings, and do many of the stupid things common to that age. After graduation I lost touch with Mary Jo for about 40 years until my wife and I attended one of the Class of '57 high school reunions and thoroughly enjoyed her company.

In the last couple of years, We again reconnected by regular email messages, and even through some of the worst episodes of her illness, she always shifted attention away from herself and to my family and other classmates.

The world has been deprived of a truly wonderful person, but I am sure she would prefer that we minimize our sadness at her passing but rather do what we can to make life better for others, and especially for children.

With heartfelt sympathy,

*Bert (and Cozette) Lamb
Tucson, Arizona*

David "Bert" Lamb - February 05, 2016 at 04:45 PM

DC

“ I got to know your Mom at Curves. She was a lot of fun to know these past 10+ years. She sure loved all of her family. Enjoyed hearing about all of her grandchildren.
My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Sincerely,
Diane Corley

Diane Corley - February 05, 2016 at 03:41 PM

SH

“ So many condolences to the family. Mary Jo was a fantastic woman! She was much more than just a babysitter, she was a part of the family! She will be remembered with a lot of love.

Our sympathies.
Sara, Alayna and Westin Hansen

sara hansen - February 05, 2016 at 02:49 PM

KM

“ What a wonderful woman your mother was, she touched so many lives. I have always enjoyed visiting with her as she taught me so very much. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Karen Mackey

Karen Mackey - February 05, 2016 at 02:18 PM

SG

“ Your Mom was a wonderful woman. I always enjoyed talking with her. Know you will miss her a lot, but she will always be with you. (Your Dad too!) I believe now you not only pray for her, but pray to her. Sorry I will not be able to make it to the funeral or visitation. I will think of all of you. My love and prayers. Sr Marie Gemar

Sr Marie Gemar - February 05, 2016 at 01:13 PM

MW

“ I have very fond memories of Mary Jo in high school. Although I live in Waterloo area, never kept in contact with her but did keep up through other classmates. Condolences to her family. Mary Lou (Needs) Weber

Mary Lou WEBER - February 05, 2016 at 10:53 AM



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



February 05, 2016 at 10:28 AM



“ *Mary Jo was like a member of our family, and I always felt like a member of her's. She helped care for my sisters and me from the time we were babies and has been a part of our lives ever since. Mary Jo was one of the most caring people I have ever met, but I also knew as a young child that you better mind what Mary Jo said or you would end up sitting in the corner (which I'm sure I frequented quiet often). I still use Mary Jo-isms, like when my kids as me what's for dinner and I tell them, "bread and water." And we ate Totino's pizza last night, cut into squares, not triangles, just like she always served us.*

We had the privilege of seeing Mary Jo around Christmas time, and even though she had lost a lot of her strength, she still had that smile and special sparkle in her eyes. She even laughed when my son, Thayer, instead of hugging her on the way out, gave her a high five and almost hit her in the face.

She will be very missed!

Mallory (Smith) Swenson

Mallory Swenson - February 05, 2016 at 08:54 AM

JZ

“ My connection with the Fiscus family goes way back.....Roger and Linda were always, and still remain, my favorite cousins. When Mary Jo joined the family, she quickly joined that group of favorites. Her attributes are many - great mother, great friend, possessor of strong faith, and a host of other positives. But for me, the thing I will always remember was that she had the best laugh I have ever heard - regardless of how inappropriate my joke was. In the end, leaving behind the best laugh ever might just be about as good as it can get. My sympathy and love to all the Fiscus girls.
Jerry Zinn

Jerry Zinn - February 05, 2016 at 07:59 AM

LK

“ Love, Becky and Kristen purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mary Jo Fiscus.



Love, Becky and Kristen - February 05, 2016 at 02:11 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Fiscus.



February 04, 2016 at 07:53 PM

JL

“ So very sorry to hear about Mary Jo's passing. The Fiscus's were our first neighbors when we moved to Cedar Falls in 1981. Mary Jo, Roger and the girls were very welcoming and I have fond memories of hanging out with the Fiscus girls. She is now at peace with Roger and I am sure they are having a beautiful reunion.

Judy Franke Lacy

judy lacy - February 04, 2016 at 04:40 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Fiscus.



February 04, 2016 at 04:17 PM

JS

“ Martha, Sarah, Laura & Katie,

I have many fond memories of your mother and dad. I enjoyed working with your mom on the Liturgy Committee as well as the building committee for the new addition when I was pastor at St. Patrick's. I also enjoyed socializing with your mom and dad. Your mom always kept me on my "toes", especially in regard to not neglecting due honor to St. Joseph's shrine in church! May he now lead her to his foster-son, Jesus. May Jesus the Good Shepherd give her eternal rest. I shall remember her in my prayers and in the Masses I celebrate here at St. Cecilia in Ames this coming weekend.

Fr. Jim Secora

James L. Secora - February 04, 2016 at 02:54 PM

CD

“*Mary Jo was the most amazing woman. She was like an extra Grandmother to all of us who were in her care as young kids. She will be deeply missed.*”

Courtney Durbala - February 04, 2016 at 02:54 PM