

# MARY JO KELLY-FERSON



Mary Jo Kelly-Ferson, 68, of Prospect, Pennsylvania, passed away unexpectedly on August 17, 2023, surrounded by her family.

Mary Jo and her identical twin sister were born in Homestead on October 4, 1955, to James and Margaret (Hughes) Kelly. She graduated from Edgewood High School in 1973 and went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Clarion University and a Master's Degree in social

work from the University of Hawaii.

She spent her career in education and social work, retiring from the Midwestern Pennsylvania Intermediate Unit IV where she always advocated fiercely for her families.

She met her husband of 39 years, Mike, through the Pittsburgh Ski Club. Mary Jo and Mike had their son, Peter, and the family continued to enjoy skiing and their annual trips to Vail, Colorado. Mary Jo also loved anything outdoors including kayaking, horseback riding, and cycling. She ran several marathons with her sister. Mary Jo was an avid bargain shopper and her family and friends were regular recipients of her generosity. She loved to travel, especially to Ireland. More than anything, Mary Jo loved her family and cherished time spent with her great-nieces and nephews, who adored her.

She was the loving sister to Mary Ann (Bill) Raymer, James Kelly (Rob Mangel), twin sister Michele (Jack) Klingler, and Margaret (John - deceased) Stoeff. Loving aunt to Kelly (Joe) Schalter, Mike (Marissa) Ferson, Sarah (Brad) Susa, Johnny Stoeff, Kelly (Wayne) Fleming, Mike (Rupal) Klingler, James Frankie Polston, and Amber Marshall. Loving great-aunt to Evelyn, Alex, Rory, Marleigh, Genevieve, Nicholas, and Otto.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Mary Patricia.

Friends and family will be received on Sunday, August 20, 2023, from 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. and Monday, August 21, 2023, from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the **BOYLAN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION CENTER, INC.**, 856 Evans City Rd., Renfrew, PA 16053.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 11:00 A.M. at St. Raymond of the Mountains, 170 School House Ln., Donegal, PA 15628. PLEASE EVERYONE MEET AT THE CHURCH.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in her honor to Flying Changes Equine Rescue, 3600 Centerview Road, Gibsonia, PA 15044.

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