



## Jo B. Fillmore

October 1, 1928 - July 28, 2013

Jo B. Fillmore

Died Sunday, July 28, 2013

Traverse City - Jo B. Fillmore, 84, of Kingsley, MI, passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 28, 2013 at Grand Traverse Pavilions.

Jo Bentley was born on October 1, 1928 to the late John and Florence (Sullivan) Bentley in Buffalo, NY. Jo became a stewardess for Capital Air Lines in 1952 where she met Robert L. Fillmore who was an Operations Agent at Cherry Capitol Airport. They married on May 17, 1955, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Buffalo, NY. They settled in Midland, MI to raise a family until returning to Traverse City to retire at the Fillmore family cottage on Long Lake. Robert predeceased her on August 20, 1991.

Jo worked for Michigan National Bank/First of America as a Senior Teller in the drive through from 1982 until retirement in 1995. She was a member of St. Francis Catholic Church. She enjoyed reading, watching Jeopardy & Wheel of Fortune, and was a big fan of the Detroit Tigers.

Jo is survived by three sons and three daughters; Robert L., Jr. (Clarice Smith), Jeffrey A., Pamela A., Barbara J., John B. (Liza), and Diane P. (Rick) Sharnowski; grandchildren: Chad, Krista, Angela (Emanuel) and Jacob; great-grandchildren: Shayla, Deshawn and Cali. They were her pride and joy. Also surviving are a sister, Joyce Hirsch, nieces, nephews and many other loving family and friends.

Jo was preceded in death by her parents, and two brothers and four sisters: John K. Bentley, James F. Bentley, June Fogarty, Jerri Kraus, Petey McMahan and Jeanne Bentley.

Visitation for friends and family will be held on Thursday, August 1, 2013 from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, also at the church on Friday from 9:30

a.m. until the time of the Mass.

Funeral Mass will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 2, 2013 at St. Francis Catholic Church. Rev Fr. Polycharp Mblarawa will officiate. It was Jo's wish that those attending her funeral wear bright colors. In accordance with Jo's wishes, cremation has taken place

Memorial contributions may be directed to Mass Intentions, St. Francis Catholic Church, Grand Traverse County Commission on Aging or Grand Traverse Area Parkinson's Support Group.

Please feel free to share your thoughts and memories with Jo's family at <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com>.

The family is being served by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

# Events

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**AUG** **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home  
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

**AUG** **Visitation** 09:30AM

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St. Francis Catholic Church  
1025 S. Union, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

**AUG** **Funeral Mass** 10:00AM

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St. Francis Catholic Church  
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# Comments

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“ To Jo's Family:

You do not know me, but I have known Jo for many years and would like you to know that she touched many lives. I first met her when she worked the drive through window at one of the banks in Traverse City. One of my fondest memory of her there was when I pulled up the first thing she said to me was "Well Mary Jo, do I look any different?" I didn't know just what to say because she did, so I just said yes? With a big laugh she said "I got my new teeth!!" Oh how we laughed and she said, you should have seen your face! I was always eager to go to the bank, because she could cheer you up with just her smile. After the bank closed, I didn't see her for a few years, and then God put her in my life again. I was at mass, and I happened to look across the aisles and there she was. After mass I caught her eye, and we just hugged each other.

She explained to me that in the summer she came to St. Mary's of Hannah church, other wise she went to St. Francis. I spent many hours just talking, laughing and praying with her. She was definitely a light in my life. She touched many people in our little parish and will be greatly missed. I'm sorry this is late, but I just found out about her passing. I will be having a mass said in her name at St. Mary's. Please know you are all in my prayers! God Bless you all!

Mary Jo Lhamon

Mary Jo Lhamon - August 15, 2013 at 12:30 PM

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“ Barb, Sorry to hear of your great loss. Grace and peace, Joe Black

Joe Black - August 02, 2013 at 06:03 PM

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“ Bob, Jeff, Pam, Barbara, John & Diane-

I hope you may find some comfort in knowing that many, many lives were enriched just by knowing your mom. While our visits were brief in her many trips to Bflo over the years, they were an indelible imprint in my memory each and every time. I saw beyond 'Aunt Jo' and the young kid I was, to a woman whose love of family and zest for life were undeniable. I also enjoyed her great sense of humor!

My thoughts are with each one of you and share in your grief. While you no longer may have her physical presence, she is very much present in all of you I'm sure; in a word, an action, thought or decision - or in the peanut butter you may eat :)

With love,

Kim (Fogarty)

Kim Hamm - August 02, 2013 at 01:04 PM



“ My heart breaks to hear that Jo has passed away. I had hoped to get up north for a weekend and visit with her. She was such a lovely lady. I will keep her and the family in my thoughts and prayers.

Mary Jo (Huellmantel) Hebert

Mary Jo Hebert - August 01, 2013 at 07:49 AM

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“ Fillmore families: I am so sorry to hear of Mrs. Fillmore's passing. Our neighborhood was a close one and we were lucky to have grown up together. Many memories! Ann (Conrad) Doyle, Freeland-MI

Ann (Conrad) Doyle - August 01, 2013 at 05:51 AM

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“ To all the Fillmore kids I grew up with, I'm so sorry to hear about your mother's passing. She was one of the sweetest and most genuine ladies I ever knew and I have very fond memories of her and all you kids, growing up in the old neighborhood..I lost my own mother in February of 2012 and understand how difficult these times can be. God bless you all.

Tammie Kartz  
Salt Lake City, UT

Tammie Kartz - August 01, 2013 at 12:59 AM

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“ Dearest Bob, Jeff, Pam, Barbara, John, Diane and your families: I am so sorry for your loss. I have so many fond memories of times with your mom all the way back to my first plane trip on Capital Airlines with her to Michigan. I recall fun times at the lake, helping with little kids and new babies, trips to the Buffalo Zoo when "the clan" came to visit in summer, and so many good times. Your mom was funny with a smile that brightened anyone's sad days, and I loved any chance to be around her. I hope all your good memories outweigh your sadness. Much love to you all. Your cousin,  
Pat Struebel  
Mesa, Arizona

Pat Struebel - July 31, 2013 at 07:52 PM

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“ Jo was our neighbor in Midland and we all attended the same church & our children were students at St. Brigid`s school for many years. We have fond memories of Jo as she was a very positive and cheerful person. She had a sense of humor that always perked our spirits up and she was a joy to be around. We missed her after they made the move up to Traverse City. The family will be in our prayers as you grieve the lose  
of your Mother. Sincerely,  
Frank & Evelyn Hudson  
Midland

Evelyn Hudson - July 31, 2013 at 04:10 PM

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“ Although i am sad that Jo has passed away, I am honored that I was always welcomed in as a member of the "fandamnily". I will never forget the Fourth of July get togethers at the cottage. Oh, how we laughed at her sarcastic wit! She did have an odd habit of wanting to sit on my lap but other than that, I loved her as if she were my own family. You will be missed but heaven will echo with laughter now that you are there!

Love Always,  
Dave Cousineau  
a.k.a Davie!

Dave Cousineau - July 31, 2013 at 08:28 AM

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“ Christine Linkens lit a candle in memory of Jo B. Fillmore



Christine Linkens - July 31, 2013 at 08:10 AM

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“ Dear Robert, Jeff, Pam, Barb, and Diane:

I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. She was such a fun loving person who I spoke with only a year ago. I will never forget all the wonderful times we had together on Long Lake during our summers. She will truly be missed. Take Care

Please give me a call when you are able.

Chris (Dorman) Linkens

727-459-9508

**Christine Linkens** - July 31, 2013 at 08:09 AM