



## Mary Jo Travillian

July 30, 2025

It is always difficult saying goodbye to someone we love and cherish. Family and friends must say goodbye to their beloved Mary Jo Travillian of Athens, Alabama, born in Detroit, Michigan, (grew up in Ann Arbor, MI.) who passed away at the age of 88, on July 30, 2025. You can send your sympathy in the guestbook provided and share it with the family.

She was predeceased by her parents, Clyde A. Kinsey and Florence R. Kinsey, and her husband of 62 years, Robert M. Travillian. She is survived by her children, William Russell Travillian of West Palm, FL and Lisa Jo Travillian of Athens, AL; her brother Richard; and her sister-in-law Sally Kinsey of DeWitt, NY.

Mary Jo was a devout Christian who loved and trusted the Lord with all her heart. She and Robert lived in Grosse Pointe Farms, MI, and attended Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church for 25 years. They then moved to Florence, AL, and attended Florence First United Methodist for 18 years, then to Valdosta, GA, where they attended Crossroads Baptist for 18 years. Once Robert passed in 2024, Mary Jo moved to Athens, AL, to be near her daughter, where she became a member of Lindsay Lane Baptist Church.

Mary Jo's highlights: Loves the Lord, Music (Worship), Friends & Family, and giving. She served as Pink Lady Volunteer - South Georgia Medical Center,

Valdosta, GA (3,000 hours). Mary Jo and Robert also went on Mission Trips for over 20 years, serving the Lord. She always put everyone first over herself and genuinely cared for others.

A highlight of her life was visiting the Holy Land and riding a Camel.

A memorial service to honor Mary Jo will be Thursday, August 7th, 2025, at 10:30am, at Limestone Chapel Funeral Home. Friends and family are invited to gather prior to the service at 9:30am pay their respects at the visitation.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 7. 9:30 AM (CT)

Limestone Chapel Funeral Home  
322 Hwy. 31 N.  
Athens, AL 35611  
(256) 232-1051  
info@limestonechapel.com  
<https://www.limestonechapel.com/>

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

JE

“ Seven years ago we came to Crossroads Baptist church, walking into the sanctuary we were looking for a place to sit & low & behold there were your parents sitting in the middle 7th pew & we sat right behind them. They introduced themselves & from there out that’s where we always sat was right behind them & sometimes I’d sit right with them bc David would be deployed & they didn’t want me sitting by myself. We would always talk & catch up about our week or where they ate out at. Your parents were the best & sweetest people & David & I miss them so much. When your mom moved I made sure that David & I now sit in your parents middle 7th row pew to remember them & the people who sat around them & us were always asking how your mom was doing & I gave them updates. They too were sad to hear she had passed but she is now with your dad & Jesus & one day we will get to see them again. She & your dad were such precious people.

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**jennifer** - August 07, 2025 at 09:16 AM

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“ Shannon vandiver planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jo Travillian.

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**Shannon vandiver** - August 05, 2025 at 09:57 PM

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“ Shannon vandiver purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Jo Travillian.



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**Shannon vandiver** - August 05, 2025 at 09:57 PM

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“ Dick purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mary Jo Travillian.



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**Dick** - August 05, 2025 at 11:16 AM

MM

“ Even though Mary Jo was my friend for just this last year, I feel blessed from getting to know her. I loved her stories about her life, the places she had lived, memories of her husband and their Israel and mission trips. Her smile was contagious and her love for Jesus so evident. I know her impact on her family and friends will continue on for years. And I look forward to meet this wonderful lady in heaven!!

*Marilyn Merkel—from Lindsay Lane Connection Group and Monday Bible Study*

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**Marilyn Merkel** - August 03, 2025 at 08:36 PM

JF

“ Jeff & Beth Ford purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mary Jo Travillian.



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**Jeff & Beth Ford** - August 02, 2025 at 05:57 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Travillian.*



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August 01, 2025 at 07:56 AM



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“ *Lisa and Family,  
Thinking of you during this time and praying you find comfort in the memories of special times spent together. You will continue to be on my heart and in my prayers.  
Shannon Vandiver*

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**Shannon Vandiver** - July 31, 2025 at 03:58 PM