



Mary Jo Grimison

July 24, 1926 - January 20, 2012

Branchville,

Mary Joanne Belt Grimison, "Mary Jo", 85, entered peacefully into rest at home with her loving husband of 54 years by her side on Friday, January 20, 2012. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, January 26th at 6 PM at the Ott Funeral Home in Branchville, South Carolina. Mary Jo was preceded in death by her mother, Marjorie Slocum Belt, her father, Earl Clifford Belt, and her brothers, Richard Earl Belt and Laurance James Belt, and one grandchild. Mary Jo was born in Dayton, Ohio on July 24, 1926. As a child, Mary Jo loved reading and spending time with her family on the golf course. She also spent countless hours traveling with her mother, a journalist, to various cities and states researching their family's genealogy. Mary Jo was a Tenth Generation Belt in America and a Twelfth Generation Jewett in America. Mary Jo attended the University of Dayton for two years before her family relocated to Los Angeles, California. She attended The University of Southern California and then transferred to UCLA, where she finished her education.

Mary Jo was an astute business women who was a business manager for the Addressograph-Multigraph Corporation for a number of years, in El Paso, Texas, before entering the Federal Civil Service System where she was a Business Manager for the Dover Air Force Base Officer's Club in Dover, Delaware and the Eglin Air Force Base Officer's Club in Fort Walton Beach, Florida. After moving to Charleston, South Carolina, she continued her Civil Service employment for many years retiring from the Charleston Naval Base

as a Budget Officer/Auditor. Over the years, Mary Jo was a member of The Order of the Eastern Star, The Daughters' of the Nile, an NCO Wives' Club President, and a Girl Scout Leader.

Mary Jo was also a loving wife and mother. Mary Jo, was married to James N. Grimison, Sr., "Jim", on November 30, 1957. Following Jim, during his career in the Air Force, Mary Jo lived in El Paso, TX, Grand Forks, ND, Clark Air Force Base, The Phillipine Islands, Dover, DE, Ft. Walton Beach, FL, and Charleston and Branchville, SC where she lived for the last 39 years of her life. Mary Jo is survived by her loving husband, James N. Grimison, Sr. of Branchville, SC; three daughters, Susan Harth Nine (Thomas) of Warner Robins, GA; Deborah Grimison Gasparich (Thomas) of Moncks Corner, SC; Vickie Grimison Myers (Artie) of Summerville, SC, and a son, James N. Grimison, Jr. (Lori) of Crestview, FL. Mary Jo also leaves behind eight grandchildren: Christopher Parker (Melissa), Bryan Parker (Lauren), James Grimison III, Courtney Jardine (Edward) , Dana Gasparich, Kasey Gasparich, Joel Grimison, Tyler Grimison, and 4 great-grandchildren. Online condolences can be made at www.ottfh.com.

Tribute Wall

CW

“ Oh, my mentor and my friend...even though I have not seen Mary Jo for many years, I will forever hold her close in my heart with gratitude and praise, because she believed in me and mentored me throughout our time together at Supship . To Jim and her family, I am so very sorry for your loss, and our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Jim, I have thought of you both throughout the years with much fondness. Mary Jo was a very special lady and will always be remembered. With our deepest sympathies, Cindy and Ted Willard

Cindy Willard - January 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Mrs. Nine and family,
You remain in my thoughts and prayers.
G Marsh

G Marsh - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ My deepest sympathy to all of Mary Jo's family. We worked together at SUPSHIP Charleston. I have very fond memories of her. She was quite a lady and know she will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Sarah Dennis Ford - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Thinking of you all at this time of sorrow. May you always feel the embrace of her love and cherish all the fond memories you have of her. I will always remember her with a smile.

Theresa Guerzon - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ Linda and I offer our sincere condolences to the Mary Jo's family. Mary Jo was my Budget Officer while I was Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion and Repair Charleston. She was a conscientious, accomplished individual in whom I had total trust. Moreover, she was a friend. She will I am sure be missed by family and friends.

Tom and Linda Pratt - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

YH

“ To the family and friends of "mary Jo, I wish to extend my sincerest sympathy and empathy. I lost my sister-in-law this month, -1-4-12. May our Lord Jesus bless us all in this time of grief. In His Precious Name.
Yvonne Harris

Yvonne Harris - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ Thank You again for all of your condolences. My mother will truly be missed by everyone.

Vickie Myers - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Thank you all for your condolences.
I will always hold a special place in my heart for my mom! Every time I see a Hummingbird I will think of her. She loved those tiny creatures of gods world.

Jimmy Grimison - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ *I would like to offer my deepest sympathy to all of you. You are in our thoughts and prayers and we love you. Im so sorry.*
Love,Edward R. Jardine

Edward Jardine - January 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *Please accept our heartfelt sympathy for your loss of Mary Jo. She was such a charming and sweet person.*
Steve & Linda

Steve & Linda Weiss - January 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM