



## Mary-Jo Eller Smith

May 15, 1958 - September 6, 2022

Mary-Jo Eller Smith, age 64, of Asheville, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, after a period of declining health.

Mary-Jo was born in Asheville, NC on May 15, 1958, and was the daughter of John Edward and Mary Josephine Haas Eller and she lived in Asheville her entire life.

As a Registered Nurse, Mary-Jo was a friend to many people. She had a very giving heart and was devoted to those she loved and nurtured throughout her life. Mary-Jo was a faithful member of Asbury United Methodist Church and gave many hours over the years in service to her church.

She is survived by her husband of 38 years, Mark B. Smith of Asheville, and her brother, Robert W. Rayle, and his wife, Valerie Hobbs of Boston, MA, and a large loving family who will miss Mary Jo dearly.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, October 8 at 11:00 AM at Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church, 171 Beaverdam Road, Asheville, NC 28804 with a reception to follow in the church fellowship hall.

Memorials may be sent to Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church, 171 Beaverdam Road, Asheville, NC 28804.

Morris Funeral & Cremation Care is serving the family and condolences may be sent to them through our website at [www.morrisfamilycare.com](http://www.morrisfamilycare.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church Cemetery

Asheville, NC

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church  
171 Beaverdam Road  
Asheville, NC 28804  
<http://www.asburymemorialumc.com>

## Reception

OCT 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

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*Church Fellowship Home*

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary-Jo Eller Smith*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Mark, I am so sorry to hear of Mary-Jo's passing. She was such a understanding and encouraging individual. She always had that smile! Such comfort ! She helped me so much with Amy's diagnosis years ago. I am sure she will be missed by many.*

**Andrew Martin** - October 11, 2022 at 02:57 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Family Photos*



**Brian McDaniel** - October 07, 2022 at 11:09 AM



“ *I can't imagine my life without you,the 64 years of friendship-sisterhood. The many beautiful memories will be deep in my heart. How I will miss our talks, laughs and tears . I love you and as you would always reply back I love you more .  
LeeAnn Holbrook Friend*

**LeeAnn Friend** - October 06, 2022 at 09:21 PM

LF

“ *LeeAnn Friend lit a candle in memory of Mary-Jo Eller Smith*



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**LeeAnn Friend** - October 06, 2022 at 09:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary-Jo Eller Smith.*



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October 06, 2022 at 08:53 PM

DE

“ *So sorry to see that Mary Jo passed. Enjoyed the Eller family reunions and the hot air balloon talk Rob (cousin of Mary Jo) and Debbie Eller of Hudson, NC*

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**Debbie Eller** - September 29, 2022 at 07:18 PM

KW

“ *Mark, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss of Mary-Jo. Katie Warren*



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**Katie Warren** - September 21, 2022 at 03:40 PM

SR

“ My childhood friend and neighbor, and someone I admired for years. I remember seeing the hot air balloon taking off from the neighborhood, and wishing I could go with you. You are missed! Fly high MJ.

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**Susan Holbert Ray** - September 20, 2022 at 05:55 PM

MT

“ So very sorry to hear this. I know Mary Jo struggled with her health issues but she always had a smile for everyone. She will be missed/  
Mary Anne Taylor  
Sister of Tim Pruitt

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**Mary Anne Taylor** - September 20, 2022 at 01:34 PM

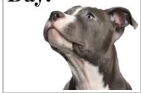
SP

“ Mark, The news of MJ's passing truly breaks my heart. Not only was she a trusted friend but an awe inspiring mentor. Her love and passion for healing and passing on that knowledge was something she was so very proud to do. I am honored to have been a former student. She will be greatly missed.

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**Sharon L Pace** - September 16, 2022 at 01:04 PM

Rescue Dog  
Day!



“ My deep sorrow and passing of my Brevard College classmate. My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time  
Amy Raynow Warren  
Candler, NC

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**Amy Warren** - September 15, 2022 at 11:45 AM

SE

“ *BC just will not be the same without the Dancing Queen. You will be missed and we will remember you at Homecoming this year <3 There are quite a few of us up there now. Enjoy your time with your Savior and we will all see you soon enough. Love you always! Sue '78 Our prayers are with your family and many friends!*

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**Sue Eleazer** - September 15, 2022 at 07:04 AM