



## Mrs. Joanne Hargrove

March 19, 1942 - January 10, 2025

**\*\*ATTENTION FAMILY & FRIENDS:** A Celebration of Life Gathering for Joanne is being planned for March of 2025. Please see additional information and location below

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### The Obituary

Joanne was born March 19, 1942 to Benjamin Zimmerman and Elizabeth Merbs in Grand Rapids, MI, and passed away January 10, 2025 after a short illness.

Joanne (lovingly nicknamed Jo), loved her family above all else. She loved nothing more than having family get together for Sunday dinners, birthdays, celebrations, and holidays. Especially at Christmas time, where her house was frequently known as “the Christmas house.”

Jo was an ardent fan of her Detroit Tigers, Michigan Wolverines, and Detroit Lions. She could always be found on the phone with family members while the games were on talking about what was happening.

Jo also loved flowers of all kinds. During the summer, she enjoyed potting and planting her gardens, decorating her backyard and patios with beautiful floral arrangements.

At Christmas time, she would decorate every room in the house, including the front porch and back patio. The tree was always overflowing with gifts for family and friends. She would start her Christmas baking the day after Thanksgiving so that by the week before Christmas there would be 4 different types of bread and over 15 types of cookies for everyone to pick up and enjoy for the holiday.

Jo's love of her dogs was unsurpassed. She viewed them as an extension of her family and loved them fiercely. We know that she was greeted at Heaven's gate by Smokey, Charlie, Oakley, and her grand-dog Magglio.

She is preceded in death by her parents Benjamin and Elizabeth; her brothers Raymond, Jerry, and Edward; and her son William Hargrove.

Joanne is survived by her beloved husband of 45 years James and her four children; Laura (Ron) Perry, Tara (Dan) Cramer, Brandan (Emily) Hargrove, and Thad Hargrove. She is also survived by 9 grandchildren and 1 great-granddaughter; Steven Hassing, Travis (Alyssa) Hassing, Jessica Bakker, Elizabeth Hargrove, Nattalie Hargrove, Trenten Hargrove, Ethan Cramer, Alex Cramer, Miles Cramer, and Joanna Gallagher; along with many cherished nieces and nephews. Joanne's adored dogs, Jake and Cassius, miss their mom every day. Her life long best friend of 80 years Pam Johnson and Pam's family will also miss her greatly.

A celebration of life will be held at Roxie's Breakfast & Lunch in Kalamazoo, MI (4010 Gull Rd, Kalamazoo, MI 49048) on Sunday, March 16, 2025 from 11 am-3 pm.

We love you more Jo!

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\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE: IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, the family requests sending

donations to: James Hargrove or Laura Perry to help pay for expenses.

# Previous Events

## A Celebration of Life

MAR **16**. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Roxie's Breakfast & Lunch  
4010 Gull Road  
Kalamazoo, MI 49048

# Tribute Wall

BP

“ So sad to hear of the passing of sweet Aunt Jo. As she told me every time we talked I was named after her .She was so proud of her family Jim and all her Grandkids ! Now she is hugging Billy and her Mom and Dad and all her Brothers who she dearly missed. Your Barbie Jo will miss you so very much ! Me and Gary will see you at the memorial. Much Love TO ALL!

BARB Post - January 27, 2025 at 10:43 AM

TA

Thank you for your sweet comment ❤️

Tara - March 16, 2025 at 08:59 AM

LP

“ Every day you were such a huge part of my life. I will miss you more than then words could ever express.  
I love you more Mama. ❤️



Laura Perry - January 23, 2025 at 09:42 PM

RP

“ The best Mother in Law a man could ever ask for!  
There are too many happy memories to list.  
You were taken way too soon, your Ronnie still needs your advice on how to keep your daughter in line!  
Until we meet again, I sure do miss you!

Ron Perry - January 23, 2025 at 09:24 PM

RL

“ Mom was the best mother in law a man could ever ask for.  
Memories, way too many happy ones to list.  
Mom, your Ronnie misses you very much, you were taken too soon!  
I still need your advice and to keep your daughter in line. I love you  
mom, until we meet again!  
Ron Perry

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**Ron Perry (Son in Law)** - January 22, 2025 at 07:43 PM

LL

“ Tara, sorry for the loss of your mom we're  
praying for you.

Larry and Loretta Ollie



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**Loretta M Lockett-Ollie** - January 22, 2025 at 12:29 AM