



Jo Ellen Mayhew Venckus

August 23, 1956 - August 30, 2021

Jo Ellen Mayhew Venckus, 65, of Long Island, VA went to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday, August 30, 2021 at Duke University Hospital.

She was born August 23, 1956 in Lynchburg, a daughter of the late Virgil Motley Mayhew, Sr. and Delores Keese Mayhew. She was a retired employee of the U.S. Postal Service.

She is survived by three daughters, Heather Taylor and her husband, Brandon of Reno, NV, Tara Gerlinger and her husband, James of Lynchburg and Kimberly Patel and her husband, Alistair of Vancouver, Canada; one brother, Virgil Motley Mayhew, Jr. of Arlington; two nieces, Amanda Royer and Melinda Bennet. She was preceded in death by a sister, Gail Shelton. Jo Ellen was affectionately known as G-Jo to her five grandchildren, Julia, Mackenzie, Asher, Everett and Madison. Her grandchildren were her pride and joy.

With an abundance of caution being taken due to the rise of covid cases, a private family memorial service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at Finch and Finch Chapel, Altavista and will be live streamed for the public.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider the Alzheimer's Association, 355 Rio Road West, Suite 102, Central and Western

Virginia Chapter, Charlottesville, VA 22901.

Previous Events

Private Memorial Service

SEP 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Finch and Finch Chapel
809 Main St.
Altavista, VA 24517

Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Webcast in memory of Jo Ellen Mayhew Venckus*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - September 06, 2021 at 10:28 AM

GM

Thank you for streaming this. I wish I could have been there. I have memories I would love to share with you all. Just know that JoEllen loved her family so much and spoke of you all with pride and joy.

Gail Miller - September 08, 2021 at 11:40 AM

AP

We miss you G-Jo and will remember you forever.

Alistair Patel - September 08, 2021 at 12:08 PM



Jo, always hoped to see you before our time arrived on this old planet, now just have to look forward to saying Hello in Heaven one day... Great woman, great Mother, great co-worker and great friend thru the ups and downs... Miss you, Jo

David Sechrest - February 01, 2023 at 05:28 PM



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Jo Ellen Mayhew Venckus*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - September 04, 2021 at 03:28 PM

CS

“ *Cindy Stewart lit a candle in memory of Jo Ellen Mayhew Venckus*



Cindy Stewart - September 19, 2021 at 06:44 AM

AH

“ *I am so saddened by the passing of GJo. I remember the night Julia was born. We were all in the waiting room together anxiously awaiting the arrival of our first granddaughter!! It was a special night for us all. GJo and I always had that one thing in common that made us friends forever. May she Rest In Peace. We will see her again!!*



Angelia Hines - September 08, 2021 at 11:12 PM

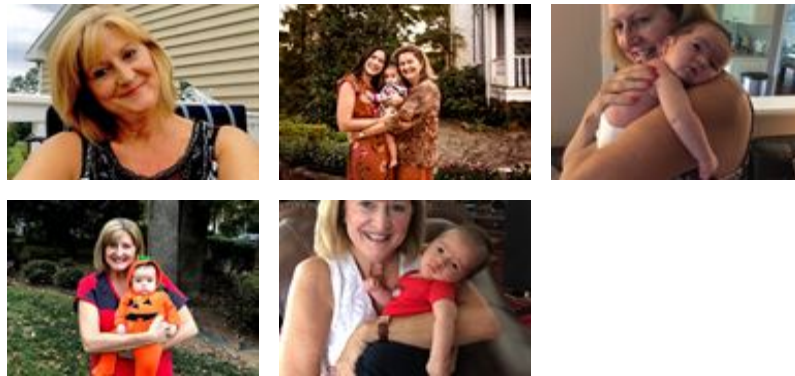
KP

“ We shared many moments together and were planning more. I’ll miss you forever but I know your are at peace in heaven and pain free. I’ll keep planting flowers in your memory and we will catch up in heaven one day my beautiful friend. You keep watch over your beautiful daughters and grandchildren. Love ya my gorgeous friend of many years..

Kathi Pendleton-Mays - September 04, 2021 at 04:16 PM



“ 47 files added to the album Life Tributes



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - September 04, 2021 at 03:26 PM

MM

“ Mary Moses-Hicks lit a candle in memory of Jo Ellen Mayhew Venckus



Mary Moses-Hicks - September 03, 2021 at 10:31 PM

CG

“ *Connie Pugh And Joe Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Jo Ellen Mayhew Venckus*



Connie Pugh and Joe Gilbert - September 03, 2021 at 04:24 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Jo Ellen Mayhew Venckus.*



September 03, 2021 at 12:08 PM

DF

“ *Thank you for all you did for Patti. She is heartbroken at your passing.*

Debra Ferrell - September 02, 2021 at 08:34 AM

VC

“ *Thoughts and Prayers to the Venckus family. I will treasure my friendship with Jo forever. May Jo Rest In Peace. May God give strength to this family to get through this difficult time.*



Vicky Creasy - September 02, 2021 at 06:06 AM

SB

So sorry I cannot be with JoEllen's family at this time to give them all hugs and my condolences in person. My heart is with you and may God grant you peace.

Shirley Mayhew Bailey - September 04, 2021 at 01:49 PM

BD

“ *Bonnie Dawson lit a candle in memory of Jo Ellen Mayhew Venckus*



Bonnie Dawson - September 01, 2021 at 09:49 PM



“ *I am only one of many that will miss Jo Ellen terribly. Jo, I am glad you had your girls with you as you moved on to God's kingdom. I know how much that meant to you. Your battles here on earth are over. I love you my swét friend.*

Gail Miller - September 01, 2021 at 06:34 PM

BH

“ *Betty Hunley lit a candle in memory of Jo Ellen Mayhew Venckus*



Betty Hunley - September 01, 2021 at 05:32 PM

FF

“ *From, Your Oakwood Health & Rehab Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jo Ellen Mayhew Venckus.*



From, Your Oakwood Health & Rehab Family - September 01, 2021 at 02:28 PM

RC

“ We’re going to miss your sweet smile and warm hugs and kind words. We know you are free of pain now and strolling over heaven with all of our love ones, I can’t imagine what a sight you’re seeing. Jo Ellen you will always be in our hearts, thoughts and wonderful memories. Love you and someday we will all be together again.



Ray and Kay Caldwell - September 01, 2021 at 11:26 AM

SB

My heart is heavy with sorrow for JoEllen's devoted family who will sorely miss their mom and G-Jo. She faced her many health challenges with courage and grace and now her battles are over. Rest in peace, Jo Ellen. Sincere condolences to her family.

Shirley Mayhew Bailey - September 01, 2021 at 02:02 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jo Ellen Mayhew Venckus.



September 01, 2021 at 11:10 AM

JW

“ Jo Ann Shelton Weeks lit a candle in memory of Jo Ellen Mayhew Venckus



Jo Ann Shelton Weeks - September 01, 2021 at 10:40 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - September 01, 2021 at 09:56 AM

AK

“ Thoughts and prayers for peace and comfort for the family and friends.

Alice Krantz Keesee



Alice Krantz Keesee - September 01, 2021 at 09:23 AM

ML

So sorry for your loss praying for you and your family

mike loftis - September 01, 2021 at 10:56 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jo Ellen Mayhew Venckus.



September 01, 2021 at 09:18 AM

ME

“ So sorry for your loss. You all are in my thoughts & prayers at this time.



Mary Edmonds - September 01, 2021 at 08:48 AM