



Mary Jo McClelland

January 12, 1935 - October 9, 2020

Mary Jo (Zink) McClelland, age 85, of Berlin, died peacefully Friday morning October 9, 2020 at Patriot Place with her daughters nearby.

She was born January 12, 1935 in Berlin, the daughter of Gordon and Mary Zink. She was married to Fredward Hobbs from 1952-1978. She married Loren "Ole" McClelland on November 14, 1997 in Wautoma. He preceded her in death in 2002.

Mary Jo grew up on a farm south of Berlin, but the family moved to the "city" before she started high school. She was a graduate of Berlin High School class of 1952. She was a homemaker for many years, a home stitcher for Berlin Glove, and a stitcher then floor lady at Sand Knit. She worked briefly at Green Lake Baptist Assembly, and retired after many years from WalMart.

Mary Jo lived in the Berlin and Pine River area all her life. She loved her home on N. Swetting St. where she and Fred raised their 5 children. She was known as "MJ" to many of the kids classmates and friends. Her grandchildren have many great memories of sleepovers at Grama Jo's trailer. In Pine River she enjoyed her flower and vegetable gardens and her chickens. She could be found on a ladder pruning or picking apples (after being told not to!) and mowing the lawn until the age of 80. For the last 10 months Mary Jo kept the RA's at CBRF-Patriot Place on their toes! Her family is very thankful for the

good care she received from them.

Survivors include her 2 sons, Wayne Hobbs of Berlin, F. George (Rose) Hobbs of Chippewa Falls; 2 daughters, Amy (James) Bartholomew) of Lake Elmo, MN, and Jennie (Ed) Schenkenberger of Pine River. Mary Jo is also survived by 9 grandchildren, Andrea (Anthony) King, Lindsey Perry, Paige Perry, Shannon (Stephen) Schindel, Kenzie Hobbs, Leah (Dave) Werch, Tammy (Chad) Schneider, Kyle (Kailee) Schenkenberger, Ethan Schenkenberger; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Mary Jo was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Loren, 2 sisters, Zona "June" Roden and Kathy Orlofske, and her son, Lynn J. Hobbs.

Per Mary Jo's wishes she has been cremated and there will be no funeral service. A celebration of life will be held at a future date.

Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry to hear this. Mary Jo worked with me at Walmart. She was an amazing person who I could talk to like she was my own family. She will me missed.
Will always remember her,
Traci Hegner

Traci - October 15, 2020 at 04:06 PM

MA

“ Anytime I would call for Mary jo or say her name I would sing it, because she would sing back to me calling my name. She was such a pure & whole hearted women, she deserved the best & she got it, she was down to earth and funny! She could definitely be a pain, but she was the sweetest pain, forever & always ill remember her for her singing and her laugh❤️

makinzi - October 15, 2020 at 04:00 PM

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“ My favorite memory is when I would stay overnight with Any she would come up and tuck us in and always treated me like I was her own daughter..

Linda Hoppe Mackowiak - October 14, 2020 at 11:18 AM



“ I grew up on N Sweeting St across from Mary Jo, Fred and all the kids. Mary Jo was always so kind, would do anything for us and most of all she made us feel welcome

Gayle Hoppe - October 14, 2020 at 10:56 AM