



Joann Grim

January 18, 1952 - September 2, 2020

Joann Marie "Jody" Grim flew into her heavenly father's arms on September 2, 2020.

Jody was born on January 18, 1952, the fourth of six children born to Gussie and Opal Stammer Maurer.

She married the love of her life, Jerry Wayne Grim on January 2, 1988.

She was an active lifelong member of St. Mary Cathedral, where she served as an extraordinary minister and sang in the choir.

She attended St. Mary Cathedral Grade School, Notre Dame High School (1970), and Southeast Missouri State College, where she received her B.S. in Elementary Education.

Jody's first and only teaching position was at St. Ambrose Catholic Grade School in Chaffee, Missouri, where she taught elementary grades for 42 years, and briefly served as principal. After her retirement in 2018, she returned to St. Ambrose on a part-time basis, where she mentored teachers, assisted in classrooms, helped in the kitchen, and tutored students.

Loving survivors include her husband, Grimmer; their four children, Steve

(Renee) Grim, Erin (Shannon Friedrich) Grim, Jeff (Autumn) Grim and Brian (Sierra Shultz) Grim; grandchildren, Chelsey (Dustin) Welker, Brendan Wilkens, Dylan Wayne Grim, Addie Grim, Dylan Matthew Grim and Carleigh Grim. She is also survived by her identical twin sister, DeeDee (Tom) Siebert, Vickie (Ken) Westrich, Jim (Teresa) Maurer, Don (Marla) Maurer and Ron (Cindy) Maurer; 11 nieces and nephews; and many great nieces and nephews.

Jody was preceded in death by her parents, three aunts and one uncle.

Visitation will be 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau, with parish prayers followed by Knights of Columbus rosary at 7:00 pm.

Funeral Mass will be 10:00 am Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at St. Mary Cathedral in Cape Girardeau. (Due to social distancing, limited seating will be available at the Mass.) Masks will be required at both services.

Memorials may be made to St. Ambrose Grade School in Chaffee, Missouri, St. Mary Cathedral Parish, or Notre Dame High School.

Online condolences may be shared at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 8. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Mass

SEP 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Cathedral
615 William St.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

Tribute Wall

TO

“ To Jerry and the Maurer family,
We are very sorry for your loss, you are in our thoughts and
prayers.
Tammy & Rick Ostendorf & families

Tammy Ostendorf - September 09, 2020 at 01:24 PM

MH

“ Prayers and sympathy to the entire family, especially to Jerry. Jody
was a great classmate, friend, and above all, a great person.

Mike Howe

MICHAEL HOWE - September 09, 2020 at 10:01 AM

CH

“ Sorry to hear of the loss of such a great person and teacher! She
taught all 3 of my kids and inspired the youngest to go into the field
of education. Such a loss to the St Ambrose family! Sending prayers
to the whole extended family

Carol and Richard Hodge - September 08, 2020 at 03:38 PM

RH

“ Prayers so many prayers for those left behind. So much love for
Jody.

Rosalie Haney - September 08, 2020 at 03:02 PM

RU

“ We extend our deepest sympathy to Jerry and all Jody’s family. Jody has been a friend for many years as her first year at St. Ambrose was our daughter’s third grade class. Over the years she taught all three of our children and still today they comment “she was the best teacher they had”. We loved having her at St. Ambrose and appreciate her dedication to not only the school but to us as a friend. God has gained a wonderful angel. Rest In Peace, Jody!

Robert and Alice Uhrhan - September 08, 2020 at 12:01 PM

SM

“ I am so sorry to hear of Jody’s passing. We grew up around the corner from the Maurer’s and I taught with Jody her first year at St. Ambrose. Prayers for all her family in the days ahead as you mourn her loss.

Steve and Diane Mueller - September 07, 2020 at 02:58 PM

GF

“ I was sorry to learn of Jody's passing please accept my sympathy and prayers. I remember when Jody her Mom and siblings would come into our grocery store Hirsch's. Gretchen Fee

Gretchen Fee - September 07, 2020 at 02:06 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Joann Grim.



September 07, 2020 at 01:29 PM



“ *In a world that seemingly grows more angry, cynical, and mean-spirited by the minute, Jody was the exact opposite. She was such a refreshing soul, willing to see the best in everybody, positive in the belief that we could all do good things. You could always count on Jody to be kind, encouraging, and supportive, no matter what conversation the two of you were having.*

Jody's sense of humor was as great as her decency. Any time spent around her immediately produced smiles and laughs, regardless of what mood you may have been in when you first greeted her. Self-effacing to a fault, she could poke a hole in herself faster than anyone, which always reminded you to never take yourself too seriously. Jody enjoyed a wonderful sense of perspective, and nobody was better at making you appreciate the things that were really important in life and everything else that was just the small stuff.

We are heartbroken at Jody's passing, and wish to extend our sympathies to Jerry, the Grim and Maurer families, her extended St. Ambrose, St. Mary's, and Notre Dame families, and all others lucky enough to have gotten to know her as a friend. Jody will be greatly missed, and our thoughts are with you.

With much love,

The Grims - Jon and Teraca, Rhiannon and Genevieve

Jon Grim - September 07, 2020 at 01:00 PM



“ *Jerry, so sorry for your loss! Prayers to you and your family!*

Melody Loveless - September 06, 2020 at 03:06 PM

RW

“ To Jerry and All the family, I’m very sorry to hear about the passing of Jody. Prayers for all of you during this sad time. God Bless. 🙏🙏

Roger Williams - September 06, 2020 at 01:16 PM

MM

“ The entire Judd family wants to extend their condolences at this difficult time! We all remember her so well from all the years seeing her at ND. May God watch over your family at this time and always.

Melissa McLean - September 05, 2020 at 11:07 PM

SP

“ My favorite grade school teacher.she made learning fun!



Stephanie Palmer - September 05, 2020 at 10:21 PM

CS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Jodi was such a wonderful person, always smiling, and always with something upbeat to share. She was an inspiration to her family, to her St. Ambrose family, and to all of us.

We will be out of town on Tuesday and Wednesday but just wanted to let you all know that we are thinking of you and will continue to keep you in our prayers in the days and weeks to come.

Larry and Carol Strattman

Carol Strattman - September 04, 2020 at 05:38 PM

KA

*Jodi was a wonderful person. I had the pleasure of working with. Also she was a teacher of my children. I guess god needed an angel 🙏🙏
🙏💖 Marvin and Karen Seyer*

karenseyer - September 04, 2020 at 07:47 PM

LD

We are so sorry for your loss...all are in our prayers. Michael and Linda Dickey family

L. Dickey - September 05, 2020 at 11:47 AM

RK

Jerry, I am so sorry to hear about Jodi. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Ronald Koehler - September 05, 2020 at 01:45 PM

BE

So sorry for your loss. Know that your family will be in our prayers. Take care. Larry and Betty Essner

Betty Essner - September 05, 2020 at 01:45 PM

LL

To my dear friend, Dee Dee, and the entire Maurer family, I give my heartfelt condolences at this most difficult time. Dee Dee, both you and Jody and I go back to our later college years and beyond.....those were such wonderful and memorable years and ones in which will always bring a smile to my face when I think of both of you. Being twins made you all exceptionally close, but you always had time for me and your many other friendships. God Bless you, Dee Dee, and may you always feel Jody right beside you being your special Guiding Light.....Jody would want you to continue being happy and embracing life as the two of you always have. My love to you both 💖🙏💖 Lynne

Lynne Loveless - September 06, 2020 at 11:38 PM

LL

Dear Jerry and Family.....I was so heart-broken as I learned of your precious Jody's passing.....I was totally taken aback and kept re-reading Anna's post b/c I could not believe what I was reading. Jody and Dee Dee and I go way back to our college years.....we shared so many fun and crazy times together that I will ALWAYS REMEMBER. Jody and you were so blessed to have found one another and shared so many special years together; I just wish there could have been many more. Jerry, take care of yourself and may your family be a constant source of love and support for you. With my deepest sympathy, Lynne 🙏

Lynne Loveless - September 06, 2020 at 11:52 PM

JG

To the Grim and Maurer Families .. I am so sorry to hear of Jodi's passing. I had the privilege to meet with Jerry and Jodi for dinner a couple of weeks ago. We had a nice time and Jodi seemed to be feeling well. It's amazing that in just these two weeks she would be gone. Jodi and Dee-Dee were seniors at Notre Dame high school when I first started teaching there. Even though I didn't have them for class I did have them for study hall. They were a hoot. Jerry you know that after all the years of our close relationship, working on many projects around Notre Dame, Hauling all the baseball equipment in that sawed off truck that you would pull behind your car, that I'm always here for you. Jerry, Take care and hope we can meet in a couple of weeks when I come down for the Notre Dame Scramble. Sincerely Jim Glastetter

Jim Glastetter - September 07, 2020 at 01:22 PM

AR

Dear Jerry and family, I was so shocked and speechless as I learned of her passing. I still cannot believe that she is gone. She was a wonderful, funny and loving "second mum" for me when I stayed at your house as an exchange student at ND. I always felt loved and welcomed at your house and in your family. We had such a great and inspired time together; maybe that is the reason why I also became an elementary teacher ;)
I am glad that we met three years ago again and saw each other in real life. I will always miss and love her. You will be in my heart. Love always Anja

Anja Reuter - September 07, 2020 at 02:17 PM

GM

To Jerry and my Maurer cousins, I was so sad to hear of Jody passing. I will always remember the girl cousins gathering in Pensacola Beach each year. We had a wonderful time with great food and laughter. I will miss you Jody, My thoughts and prayers, and love are with all of you.

Gerry Maurer

Geraldine Ann Maurer - September 08, 2020 at 11:02 AM