



## JoAnne Roberta Mayer

May 7, 1955 - September 4, 2015

JoAnne Roberta “Jo Jo” Mayer, age 60, of Rudyard, Michigan, died Friday, September 4, 2015, at home. She was born May 7, 1955 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan to Eugene David and Lois Ann (Grant) Mayer.

Jo Jo grew up in Fibre and attended Rudyard Area Schools where she participated in Cheerleading and Pompon. She was an owner and operator of Joe’s Bar in Rudyard for several years. She became involved with special education activities with her daughter, Michelle, and then worked for the Intermediate School District as a transportation specialist with special education students until her health prevented her from working.

Jo Jo enjoyed playing horseshoes and was active in the Eastern Upper Peninsula Horseshoe Association. She also enjoyed knitting, crocheting, gardening, solving jigsaw puzzles, playing softball, bowling, and watching Western movies.

Jo Jo is survived by her children, Jeremy (Rose) Savoie of Vanderbilt, Michigan, Dennis (Jessica) Savoie of Rudyard, Meagan Mayer of Grand Blanc, Michigan, and Tyler Mayer, USMC of Jacksonville, North Carolina; grandchildren Anthony, Nicholas, Ava, Dalton, and Kane; and her partner, Mark Altman of Rudyard. She is also survived by nine sisters, Susan (Dean) Reid of St. Ignace, Anita (Richard) Lovegrove of Rudyard, Christine (Craig

Willour) Mayer of Fenton, Tina Wettig of Houston, Bernadette (Bob) McDowell of Rudyard, Angelic (Bob) Krol of Muskegon, Rosemary (Don) Liedke of Houston, Darlene (Ed) Folkersma of Rudyard, and Malissa (Matt) Mobley of San Antonio; and three brothers, Michael (Janet) Mayer, Jody (Kim) Mayer, and John Mayer, all of Rudyard.

Jo Jo was preceded in death by her parents; and by her daughter, Michelle "Shelly" Savoie.

Services will be private.

Burial will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens in Bruce Township, Michigan.

Memorial contributions may be made to EUP Intermediate School District Special Education Programs, 315 Armory Place, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, or Hospice of the Straits, 722 South Street, Cheboygan, MI 49721.

# Cemetery Details

## Oaklawn Chapel Gardens

15264 S. M-129  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

# Tribute Wall



“ *JoAnne Roberta Mayer*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *JoAnne Roberta Mayer*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *JoAnne Roberta Mayer*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *My condolences to the family of Ms. JoAnne. My son, Riley, enjoyed everyday that he got to spend on the bus with her and Ms. Michelle. It was a joy to see how much she really loved being on the bus with all the kids and how fun she made each and every day. She will be greatly missed but never forgotten.*

**Carrie Myotte-Riley Blackie** - September 11, 2015 at 03:14 PM

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“ I have only slipped away into the next room  
I am I, and you are you,  
Whatever we were to each other  
that we are still.

Call me by the old familiar name.  
Speak of me in the easy way  
which you always used.  
Put no difference into your tone.  
Wear no forced air of solemnity  
or sorrow.  
Laugh as we always laughed  
at the little jokes that we  
enjoyed together.  
Play, smile, think of me,  
pray for me.  
Let my name be ever the  
household word that it always was.  
Let it be spoken without an effort,  
Without the ghost of a  
shadow upon it.  
Life means all that it ever meant.  
It is the same as it ever was.  
There is absolute and  
unbroken continuity.  
What is this death but a  
negligible accident?  
Why should I be out of mind  
because I am out of sight?  
I am but waiting for you,  
for an interval,  
Somewhere very near,  
Just around the corner.  
  
All is well.

*Henry Scott Holland*

*Dear Susie, Mike, Anita, Chris and the remaining Mayer family, So very sorry to hear about JoAnne. This poem has helped me so many times that I care to count. I hope it helps you in some small way! I really do believe these words and all is well for Jo and her pain and suffering are over! Love and prayers to all of you. Charlene McCarthy  
( Slewidge)*

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**Charlene Slewidge** - September 08, 2015 at 01:48 PM

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“*To family and friends of JoAnne, My deepest sympathies to you all. I know words don't mean a whole lot right now, but you all have been in my thoughts and prayers since I heard of Joann's passing. The days ahead won't be easy, but hold tight to the memories you have of times together, and keep your love for her safely tucked into your hearts. Be strong and know that others share your grief at this difficult time. Love, hugs and prayers to you and yours from me and mine! ~ Baamaapii, my friend. Jamie (McCoy) Harvey and Family.*

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**Jamie (McCoy) Harvey** - September 08, 2015 at 08:59 AM