



## Mary Jo Larsen

May 31, 2025

In the early morning hours of May 31, 2025, Mary Joan Larsen took flight to be with the Lord she loved so much. She was born on March 13, 1932, in Pierson, Iowa, to Esther Treptow Clark and Theron Ogden Clark.

Mary Jo, as she was affectionately known, lived her life in Iowa, Minnesota, Illinois and Colorado, including a year in California where she attended kindergarten. She graduated from Iowa City High and attended the University of Iowa.

As a child in Minnesota, her family lived in a log cabin beside Lake Superior, where Mary Jo remembered chasing porcupines back into the woods with her brother, Dene. During 1940-44, her family lived at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois, where she vividly remembered the build-up to World War II. She especially recalled the date of December 7th, 1941, with great clarity, when the news of Pearl Harbor interrupted Sunday dinner.

In 1976, Mary Jo moved her family to Fort Collins, Colorado. As soon as she arrived, she felt like she was born to live there. This is where, at 43 years of age, Mary Jo came to know the Lord personally.

On December 31, 1989, Mary Jo married Charles Ernest Larsen and found a place of safety and security she had never known before. Together they

mentored and ministered to men and women “who needed them” – a prophecy that had been given to Mary Jo in 1978. Their years together were a testimony of the healing power and love of God.

Mary Jo is survived by sons Mark Stewart, living in Illinois; Daniel Stewart (married to Jennievie), living in the Philippines; Campbell Stewart, living in Wisconsin; and Nelson Reeds (married to Chris), living in California. She also leaves behind her grandchildren: Sarah, Amy and Vickie, and Carl and Christopher. Her nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews were all prayed for daily as were her sons and their families. One of Mary Jo’s strongest desires, and deepest regrets, was for her children to know a solid home where a mother and father, together, created a strong foundation in which they could grow strong and secure. This did not happen for her sons, and it was also something she did not know growing up.

Mary Jo joins her mother, Esther, in their new heavenly home. She is also preceded in death by her father, Theron; her husband whom she affectionately called Charlie; her brother, Dene Clark; and her sisters, Joyce Clark Trimble and Shelley Clark Penney.

Mary Jo’s Memorial Service will begin at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, June 26, 2025 at the Leggett Legacy Garden, YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, Colorado.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN **26**. 11:00 AM (MT)

YMCA of the Rockies - Leggett Legacy Garden  
2515 Tunnel Road  
Estes Park, CO 80511

# Tribute Wall

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“*Mary Joe was my mentor and friend for several years. She and her husband Chuck helped me through a difficult time of my life. She and her husband were such blessings and I’m so thankful they are together again.*”

Becky - June 09, 2025 at 04:02 PM

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“*I met Mary Jo when I moved to Loveland, CO. She and Chuck taught me so much. I took many classes that they lead. She helped me grow as a young mother and wife. She was a great friend and Godly woman.*”

Jennifer Erickson - June 08, 2025 at 10:37 AM



“*I first met Mary Jo in the spring of 1983 when we were both working at Homestead House furniture gallery. I remember walking to her desk and asking her, “Mary Jo, are you a Christian?” She was so obviously different, and I was so hungry for a Christian friend at that time in my life. We had many discussions about the Lord, our faith, and dozens of Sundays attending First Christian Church to listen to Charlie Patchen preach as only he could. We remained friends through the years and her very presence was so comforting to me. While I miss her dearly now, she is where she has always wanted to be, in the presence of her Lord. And, I will see her again. There are too many memories to reveal here. I loved her dearly as she was my Colorado mom. Rest in peace, my beloved friend.*”

Jessica Macmillan - June 05, 2025 at 05:11 PM

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*I met Mary Jo in 1978 at First Christian Church when I became friends with her son Campbell. She was always unashamed of the gospel and her faith. Her son Campbell was a great friend who always made me smile and laugh and we remain good friends today.*

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**Diane Catlin Valdez** - July 25, 2025 at 12:12 PM