



## Mary Jo Anne Grumm

November 28, 1925 - August 27, 2009

Mary JoAnne Grumm, 83, resident of Arnold, MD died peacefully after a brief illness on August 27, 2009.

JoAnne was born in Seattle, WA on November 28, 1925. She moved to Southern California in the mid-1940s and worked as a secretary in a military hospital during World War II. She was a resident of San Diego, Pasadena, China Lake, and Ventura, California. In 1965 she moved to Fort Washington, MD until she settled in the Annapolis area in 1998.

JoAnne was preceded in death by her husband, Frederick W. Grumm. She is survived by her daughter, Leslie Ann Swerbilow, her son, David Grumm, and two grandchildren, Jessica and Nicholas Swerbilow.

In 1972, Joanne began a thirty year career working for the Friends of the National Zoo (FONZ). She was passionately involved with many animal conservation programs and directed volunteers for the Giant Panda and Golden Lion Tamarin programs, among others She traveled extensively, including several trips to Africa, South America and Europe. After retiring from FONZ in 2003, Joanne continued working at the Zoo as a volunteer. She also volunteered at Cats R Us, a feral cat organization in the Annapolis/Severna Park area.

Please honor JoAnne's life by living your life to the fullest, with as much passion for your causes as she had for hers.

Friends may contact the family at 410-224-0872 for information on the memorial service to be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to FONZ at the National Zoo, P.O. Box 37012, MRC 5516, Washington, DC 20013-7012 or Cats "R" Us, 20 Sandstone Court, Unit F, Annapolis, MD 21403.

Arrangements were made by Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam, 814 Bestgate Rd., Annapolis, MD 21401, 410-897-4852.

Online condolences may be made at: <http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 1. 12:00 AM.

Contact the Family for Details at (410) 224-0872

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Jo Anne Grumm*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Mary Jo Anne Grumm*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Mary Jo Anne Grumm*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Joanne has been an inspiring role model to me , as I have followed her career and life full of challenges and adventures throughout the years .Her love of life was evident in her love for her children and grandchildren, and everything she undertook at the Zoo . She did not give up easily, and the way she has lived her life, especially in her later years. is an inspiration for older folk who do not get out of their Rocking chairs ! Her spirit will live on with the many who knew and loved her .##imported-begin##MARILYN BAUGHMAN##imported-end##*

September 07, 2009 at 05:26 PM



“ JoAnne was my volunteer coordinator for several years. She was always cheerful and I enjoyed receiving her calls. I don't know how she kept us all straight, but she did a great job of it. I understand the convenience of using the computer for doing the scheduling today, but it sure was nice to have that personal touch that JoAnne provided. She will be missed.##imported-begin##Joanna Miller##imported-end##

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September 07, 2009 at 01:55 PM



“ TO ALL WHO LOVED JO ANNE;  
IMAGINE; STEPPING ONTO A SHORE AND FINDING IT  
HEAVEN. IMAGINE; TAKING HOLD OF A HAND AND FINDING IT  
GOD'S HAND. IMAGINE; BREATHING NEW AIR AND FINDING IT  
CELESTIAL AIR. IMAGINE; FEELING INVIGORATED AND  
FINDING IT IMMORTALITY. IMAGINE; STEPPING FROM STORM  
AND TEMPEST TO AN UNKNOWN CALM. IMAGINE; WAKING --  
AND FINDING IT HOME. YOU WILL BE MISSED.##imported-  
begin##ELIZABETH (BETH) BAUGHMAN##imported-end##

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September 07, 2009 at 01:29 PM



“ I have known and worked with and for JoAnne for nearly all of her time at the Zoo. It always made my day to talk with her. Those of us old enough to preceed the internet had the wonderful pleasure of long conversations with JoAnne as she arranged and rearranged our volunteer schedules. I still don't know how she did it--there were nearly 100 of us! I will miss her. My thoughts go out to Leslie, David, Jessica and Nicholas.##imported-begin##Molly Frantz##imported-end##

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September 04, 2009 at 04:42 PM



“ I always knew that I was turning the panda-cam over to joyful and enthusiastic hands, when I turned the joy-sticks over to JoAnne. My Thursdays (starting tomorrow) at 10 Am will not be the same!

Randy Clarke###imported-begin##Randolph Clarke###imported-end##

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September 02, 2009 at 02:03 PM



“ I knew Joanne through our workouts at the Arnold Curves and I became really fond of her. I am so sorry that I didnot have the opportunity to visit her when she was ill or have the chance to say goodbye. I very much enjoyed having known her. My sincere condolences to her family.###imported-begin##Kathie Treacy###imported-end##

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September 02, 2009 at 10:26 AM



“ I greatly enjoyed working for JoAnne as a FONZ volunteer serving as a Golden Lion Tamarin monitor and as a Behavior Watch observer. Our paths ocassionally crossed even after her retirement as she volunteered in those same programs. It was always a pleasure. I certainly will miss JoAnne.###imported-begin##Jim Beard###imported-end##

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September 01, 2009 at 03:59 PM



“ I am so saddened to hear of JoAnne's passing. I sold Avon to her for years. She was one of my favorite customers. She was such a wonderful person. I really enjoyed our conversations. She will be deeply missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family. Sandy Herrmann###imported-begin##Sandy Herrmann###imported-end##

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September 01, 2009 at 03:33 PM



“ I will really miss you Joann! It was always such a special time to be working with you at the National Zoo when I would be there as a Panda Interpreter and you were working as a Panda Cam Operator. You always helped to make my job easier by sharing your panda experience with me! God bless you and your family

Sincerely,

Danny Schultz###imported-begin##Danny Schultz###imported-end##

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September 01, 2009 at 12:58 PM



“ I met Joann as a volunteer at the zoo, where she was well known and well liked by all. Her dedication was an inspiration. Please accept my sympathy in her passing.###imported-begin##Rebecca L. Dickinson###imported-end##

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August 31, 2009 at 02:26 PM



“ Although I never got to meet Joanne, I know what wonderful work she did for Cats R Us. She loved the cats so much and it showed. She will be missed very much and my thoughts and prayers are with her family. God bless you!###imported-begin##Donna Schneider###imported-end##

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August 31, 2009 at 01:06 PM