



Mary Lou Smith

September 27, 1936 - January 11, 2022

Longtime Grosse Pointe Farms Resident Mary Lou Smith passed away peacefully on January 11, 2022, surrounded by family. Mary Lou was born on September 27, 1936 in Royal Oak Michigan to Dorothy and Edward Reetz and raised with her beloved siblings Fred (Lillian), Edith (Frank) and Patricia (Tom). She married the Love of her Life Thomas P. Smith, the two Created a home in Grosse Pointe Farms where they raised their children. Tom preceded her in death in 2000.

Mary Lou is survived by her six children Kenneth (Patty) Smith, Anne Harris (Seth Illinick), Michael (Carol) Smith, Bill (Kelley) Smith, Joseph Smith, Jennifer (Rob) Niederoest, her grandchildren, Violet, Chauncy, Austin, Emily, Melissa, Emma, Thomas, Gwyneth, Jack, Ronan, Tim, Jacob, the late Eric and great-grandchildren Willow, Maddex and Emma. She was dearly Loved by her sisters-in-law Shirley Morrin Barbara McAdams and many nieces and nephews.

Mary Lou was the incredible matriarch of her family. She loved deeply and had an incredible spark for life and a talent for telling stories. Mary Lou enjoyed memberships in several social groups where she connected with friends. Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club, La Societe De Jardinieres, Red Hat Society, Questers and the Merriweather Maidens. She often enjoyed Playing Bridge and Canasta. Mary Lou was active at St. Paul on the lake Catholic church.

A Memorial Service will be held on May 21st, 2022, Gathering will start at 9:30am until 10am Memorial Mass at St. Paul Catholic Church.

Please share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" at WujekCalcaterra.com

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

MAY 21. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul on the Lake
157 Lakeshore
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI

Tribute Wall

JK

“ Thinking of the families for your loss. Mary Lou was such a fun loving person. So many loving memories. The fun as kids and then as adults. Love to you all. RIP Mary Lou❤️❤️

June Kiefer - March 20, 2022 at 02:39 PM

PH

“ To the Family of Mary Lou,

You had such an active and fun-loving mother. Getting out with her family and friends "made her day." Mary Lou was so proud of all of you and spoke of you often.

I know how very much you miss your Mom. You should know all her many friends miss her too.

With deepest sympathy and love, Pat Hays La Societe des Jardinieres

Patricia Hays - February 11, 2022 at 11:23 AM

JR

“ Mary Lou was an angel to us all, but especially my dear girlfriend Holly Burns. Mary Lou would frequently surprise Holly by making her famous chicken enchilada dish for Holly to eat while in the hospital. My job was to guard it after it was placed in the hospital refrigerator so no one else would sneak a bite. It made Holly so happy to eat real food while being in the hospital for long stays. Mary Lou will never know what a great big smile she brought to Holly's face when she needed it most. The three friends who spent a lot of time together (Phyllis Kerslake, Holly Burns & Mary Lou) are all together now, laughing and having fun, looking down at us and praying that we'll bring the same happiness into other people's lives, as they have done for us. RIP Mary Lou.

John Raguse - January 29, 2022 at 01:28 PM

HT

“ Blessed was I to have shared co-hostessing our La Societe des Jardinieres dinner with our lovely Mary Lou this past November; my heart aches even though I know she's smiling at us from the heavenly kingdom with Tom. She was truly the life of the party and even included me in some of her family holiday parties. May the angels wrap their arms around each of you! Prayerfully grateful, Helena Thurber and sons, Peter + P.J. Muer

Helena Thurber - January 28, 2022 at 05:36 PM

DV

“ Sending my condolences to the entire Smith Family. (Hugs)

Danielle Varga - January 19, 2022 at 01:34 PM

TN

“ I first met Mary Lou many years ago at a Reetz Reunion at the Game Refuge Hall. There was square dancing and we got paired up by chance and had a grand time. My Mother in Law/ Mary Lou's Cousin (Phyllis Kerlake) moved from Brighton close to Mary Lou and they seemed to spend most of there time together and our family consequently got to enjoy several holiday gathering with her. Mary Lou was a great lady and would share some great stories, we always enjoyed having her in the mix. She will be sorely missed.

Tim Narhi

Tim Narhi - January 16, 2022 at 07:05 PM

BM

“ Aunt Mary Lou,
I never really knew her personally but heard so many great stories from my mom "Barbara " and my "Aunt Shirl". I know she will be missed by all of her children, family and friends. Rest in Peace Aunt Mary Lou

Bill McAdams - January 15, 2022 at 11:52 AM

CB

“ We are so sorry for your family's loss. Sending Smith hugs ❤️

Cheryl Burnside - January 14, 2022 at 06:53 PM

CA

“ Mary Lou will be fondly remembered as a warm hearted, loving family oriented cousin.Despite physical setbacks at times, Mary Lou remained energetic and positive. A life well lived.

Cherie Atkinson - January 14, 2022 at 11:00 AM

JC

“ Mary Lou will be missed for her love for life. We have many wonderful memories of Mary for her love of life, she always had a story to tell and share. She attended the Reetz Reunion every year and this year she was the oldest lady there. Love you Mary and I will miss you very much. Your cousin, Janet Zettel Tobin Wilkinson.

Janet Wilkinson, cousin - January 14, 2022 at 08:32 AM

JB

“ *Mary Lou is the sweetest cousin you could ask for. She will dearly missed. My deepest sympathy to her family and friends. RIP*

June Kiefer Benedict - January 14, 2022 at 07:30 AM

TM

“ *We will miss you Mrs. Smith. Your warmth, kindness, humor and great stories. Thank you for all the advice, life lessons and memories. Sending our love to the whole Smith family.*

The Martins - January 13, 2022 at 10:43 PM

JA

“ *John Auld, Jay Auld and David Auld purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Lou Smith.*



John Auld, Jay Auld and David Auld - January 13, 2022 at 04:11 PM

TM

“ *Shirley, Tom and Mimi Morrin missing you and sharing the happy memories.*

the Morrins - January 13, 2022 at 04:01 PM