



Mary Lou Fosbender

June 17, 1934 - November 23, 2021

Mary Lou Fosbender, age 87 of Mattoon, IL passed away at 4:05 AM, Tuesday, November 23, 2021, at Mattoon Rehabilitation and Health Care Center in Mattoon, IL.

A funeral service in her honor will be held at 10:00 AM, Tuesday, November 30, 2021, at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938. Pastor Gary Stephen will officiate. A committal service will immediately follow at Resthaven Memorial Gardens, Mattoon, IL. The visitation will be held from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Monday, November 29, 2021, at the funeral home.

Mary Lou was born on June 17, 1934, in Martinsville, IL to the late Michael McKeever and Ruby Lucille (Bowen) Smyser. She married Richard Dean "Fuzzy" Fosbender on March 4, 1955; he preceded her in death on November 22, 2004. She is survived by three children, Sally Jo Hutchinson and husband Gary of Joliet, IL, Sheri K. Daniels and husband Jeff of Mattoon, IL, Timothy D. Fosbender and wife Cheryl of Mattoon, IL; four brothers: David Smyser and wife Marilyn of Mattoon, IL, Michael Smyser and wife Roma Jane of Windsor, IL, Robert Smyser and wife Susie of Toledo, IL, Jerry Smyser of Mattoon, IL; four sisters: Wilma Hancock of Mattoon, IL, Wanda Helm of Mattoon, IL, Marie Haskell of Allentown, PA, Erma Franklin of Charleston, IL; seven grandchildren: Jill Blumhoff and husband Greg of West Lafayette, IN, Rick Hutchinson and wife Nicole of Joliet, IL, Lacy Bugielski and husband Robert of Aurora, IL, Amy Walter and husband Josh of Kirkland, WA, Telane Homann of

Cleveland, TX, Gary Hutchinson II and wife Kellie of Joliet, IL, Paige Kratschmer and husband Eric of Joliet, IL; eleven great-grandchildren: Elijah, Caleb, Lucas, Emerson, Morgan, Bennett, Logan, Jaydyn, Kaydyn, Charlee, and Carlee. She was preceded in death by one sister, Judith Struc; and one great-grandson, Harley Wilburn.

Mary Lou was a faithful member of the Loxa Presbyterian Church in Loxa, IL. In 1991 she retired from General Electric, Mattoon, IL after thirty-five years of dedicated service. She was a member of Women of the Moose of Mattoon, IL. Throughout her life, Mary Lou had the joy of spending countless hours quilting, doing macrame, and putting together thousands of jigsaw puzzles. She also enjoyed traveling, shopping, and dining out. Having a true passion for the game of golf, she loved competing at Rogala Golf course in Mattoon, IL and playing women's league.

Mary Lou had a large family and a heart that was big enough to fully love each and every one. Creating memories with her children and grandchildren who were her heart and soul was her highest priority. She will be deeply missed by all.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in her honor or share a memory with the family.

Cemetery Details

Rest Haven Memorial Gardens

Mattoon, IL 61938

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **29**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Service

NOV **30**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Lou Fosbender*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Sheri, So sorry to read the loss of your mom. I know she will be missed. Mindy Willingham Singled*

Mindy wingler - November 30, 2021 at 10:20 AM



“ *1 file added to the album LifeTributes*



Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - November 29, 2021 at 03:15 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Fosbender.*



November 29, 2021 at 12:55 PM

WF

“ *Wabash Center Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Lou Fosbender.*



Wabash Center Family - November 29, 2021 at 09:11 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Fosbender.*



November 28, 2021 at 10:42 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Fosbender.*



November 28, 2021 at 04:03 PM



“ 222 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - November 28, 2021 at 02:52 PM



“ *Sorry about your mom. I will always remember the good times when we ALL use to go camping together at Sherwood Forest.*



Barbara (Kallis) Burrell - November 28, 2021 at 10:59 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Fosbender.*



November 27, 2021 at 03:03 PM

B(

“ Tim,
I'm so sorry to hear about your Mom. She was a wonderful lady. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Brenda Connour (Harvey) - November 27, 2021 at 08:37 AM

TF

Thank you 🙏

Timothy Foscender - November 28, 2021 at 09:54 AM

TF

“ Timothy Foscender lit a candle in memory of
Mary Lou Foscender



Timothy Foscender - November 26, 2021 at 08:19 PM

DK

“ I have known her since I was a kid my mom
and dad and their family and ours use to go
camping. So much good times. I saw her off
and on after that. She was such a sweet lady
and will be sadly missed by us. Prayers and
Hugs to the family



Debbie Kallis - November 26, 2021 at 06:40 PM

TF

“ *One of Mom's favorite places to be watching the birds*



Timothy Fosbender - November 26, 2021 at 04:03 PM

AW

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Amy Walter - November 26, 2021 at 03:48 PM

AW

She loved the Botanical Gardens when Josh & I took her here!

Amy Walter - November 26, 2021 at 03:49 PM

PM

“ *She was one of my favorite aunts and always loved to see her and her smile*



patty murray - November 25, 2021 at 11:32 PM

KA

“ Karen lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Fosbender



Karen - November 25, 2021 at 04:23 PM

KA

“ I loved how Aunt Marylou always had something food and drink she made me take each time I left her house. Our family had huge reunions I loved and she always had a large bag of her Chex mix packed and ready for me to take after the reunion. Will miss her every day until I see her again

Karen - November 25, 2021 at 04:22 PM

SD

“ Sheri Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Fosbender



sheri Daniels - November 25, 2021 at 10:38 AM

KC

“ Kathi Cobble lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Fosbender



kathi cobble - November 25, 2021 at 09:20 AM

CF

“ Cheryl Fosbender lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Fosbender



cheryl Fosbender - November 25, 2021 at 12:12 AM

CF

You were a ray of sunshine, and now a shining star ✨

cheryl Fosbender - November 25, 2021 at 12:21 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Fosbender.



November 24, 2021 at 07:00 PM

SM

“ Tim, Im sad to hear about your mom. Thinking of you.

Sara McDuffie



Sara McDuffie - November 24, 2021 at 05:37 PM

AW

“ *Amy Walter lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Fosbender*



Amy Walter - November 24, 2021 at 02:23 PM

AW

“ *You were the best there ever was and I am the luckiest girl to get to call you my Mawmo! Have fun with PawPaw and Aunt Judy up in heaven. I'll miss you terribly and will see you again some day. I love you Mawmo.*



Amy Walter - November 24, 2021 at 02:12 PM

LJ

So sorry for your loss Amy.

Lora

Lora Joyner - November 24, 2021 at 11:00 PM