



Mary Lou De Witt

August 30, 1940 - July 9, 2025

Mary Lou Meeuwsen DeWitt entered Glory peacefully, surrounded by the love of her family. A devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and cherished friend to many, Mary Lou touched countless lives with her compassion, generous spirit and joy she brought others throughout her life.

Mary Lou grew up surrounded by beauty, working in her parents' greenhouses where she developed a love of flowers. Her passion for gardening stayed with her throughout her life, and she found great joy tending to her own garden. She especially enjoyed creating flower arrangements and delivering them to brighten someone's day — just one of the many ways she spread joy.

A proud graduate of the Zeeland High School Chix Class of 1958, Mary Lou went on to pursue her calling in nursing, earning her degree from Pine Rest Christian Hospital. Her lifelong career and volunteer efforts were rooted in compassion and service to others — a gift that came naturally to her.

For over 40 years, Mary Lou volunteered with Hospice of Holland, an organization that held a special place in her heart. Her dedication and compassion provided comfort and support to many families over the years.

Mary Lou was a lifelong learner and a vibrant presence in her community. She was an active member of Calvary on 8th Street in Holland, Michigan, and

participated in several local organizations including the Hope Academy of Senior Professionals (HASP) and Evergreen Commons. Mary Lou also dedicated over 30 years of service as a volunteer with the Red Cross. She deeply valued the friendships, knowledge, and inspiration these communities brought into her life.

Mary Lou's greatest joy was her family. She loved spending time with her children and grandchildren, always cheering them on in the activities and passions that brought them happiness. Her presence was constant, her encouragement unwavering. Her love, support, and cheering will be deeply missed — and fondly remembered.

She is survived by her children, grandchildren and great grandson, Dawn and Kurt Brinks (Mikaela and Ben Geers great grandson Parker, and Marcus and Allison Brinks), Sandra and Jeff Kayes (Rachael and Nate Miller, Brandon Kayes, and Shaun Kayes) Kelly DeWitt (Katelyn DeWitt, Haxel DeWitt, and Nathan DeWitt), and Kerri-Sue and James Smits (Kylie Smits, Conner Smits, and Kierea Smits).

Mary Lou was preceded in death by her parents Oliver and Julia Meeuwsen, her brother Vern Meeuwsen, and her daughter-in-law Kristen De Witt.

Her memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her — through every flower that blooms and every act of compassion carried forward in her name.

Visitation will be 5-8 pm on Monday, July 14, 2025, at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 East 16th Street, Holland. A celebration of Mary Lou's life will be held at 11 am on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at Calvary on 8th Street, 995 East 8th Street, Holland. Memorial contributions may be given to Hospice of Holland or Heights of Hope. www.langelandsterenbergh.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 14. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home
315 East 16th Street
Holland, MI 49423

Celebration of Life

JUL 15. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Calvary on 8th
995 East 8th Street
Holland, MI 49423

Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Lou De Witt*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - July 14, 2025 at 11:05 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Lou De Witt.*



July 24, 2025 at 12:34 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Lou De Witt.*

July 24, 2025 at 12:34 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss, Mary meant so much to us, she loved our dear Gretchen and did so many things with her. She will be so missed by everyone that knew her. Aud and Cathy Petroelje.*

Cathryn Petroelje - July 15, 2025 at 10:29 AM

MZ

“ I and my husband Greg have known Mary and her family for over 30 years. Mary was someone who always had a smile and something to share we could chuckle about. She was a Castaways sister and will be sorely missed our entire Marilyn and Greg Zenere family sends love and peace to Mary’s loved ones



Marilyn Zenere - July 14, 2025 at 05:54 PM

JD

“ Joe, Stephanie, Dominick and Dakota purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Lou De Witt.



Joe, Stephanie, Dominick and Dakota - July 14, 2025 at 11:43 AM

GW

“ Greg and Erin Wyma purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Lou De Witt.



Greg and Erin Wyma - July 13, 2025 at 08:29 PM

TF

“ The Mast Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Lou De Witt.



The Mast Family - July 11, 2025 at 11:15 AM

WS

“ With love, your Moms in Prayer Sisters purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Mary Lou De Witt.



With love, your Moms in Prayer Sisters - July 11, 2025 at 09:11 AM

DD

“ Aunt Mary Lou always made you feel like you made her day when crossing paths; it was definitely mutual. Will miss her happy and joyful smile.

Dirk DeWitt - July 10, 2025 at 06:47 PM

MM

Mary Lou will surely be missed by all who knew her at her condo in Florida. Always pleasant and smiling as she greeted everyone. It will not be the same without her there. She will be greatly missed. Our hearts go out to her beautiful family who she treasured.

Mark & Jackie Maher

Mark & Jackie Maher - July 10, 2025 at 09:36 PM

JR

We are so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. We would often see her at sporting events. I had no idea how many grandchildren she supported, until I saw the memorial video! She was a lovely person and you have all been truly blessed.

Jolanta Rynsburger - July 22, 2025 at 01:28 PM