



Mary L. Hillebrand

March 8, 1950 - January 8, 2017

Mary L. "Mary Lou" Hillebrand, age 66 of Saint Jacob, IL, died Sunday, January 8, 2017, at her residence in Saint Jacob, IL.

She was born on Wednesday, March 8, 1950, in Saint Louis, MO, the daughter of Wilfred F. and Juanita B. (nee Horn) Luecke.

On Saturday, July 1, 1972, she married Robert Edward "Bo" Hillebrand at Spanish Lake, MO, who survives.

She was also a member of National Education Association (NEA and Missouri State Teacher's Association.

Mary was born in St. Louis, MO. She attended Saint Louis Schools and graduated from Hazelwood High School in 1968. She received her Bachelor Degree at SW Missouri State and Master Degree at UM St. Louis with additional schooling at UM St. Louis. She taught business at Hazelwood School District in Hazelwood Central for 30 years. She retired in 2002 and moved to Illinois. She enjoyed bird watching, going on road trips with her husband and eco trip to Peru to see Machu Picchu and trips to Mexico. She liked to needlepoint and read. She enjoyed listening to her son play the double bass. She was a dedicated educator and loved teaching all of her life.

Survivors include:

Husband - Robert E. "Bo" Hillebrand, Saint Jacob, IL
Mother - Juanita Betty Luecke, nee Horn, Saint Louis, MO
Daughter - Laura E. Hillebrand, Hazelwood, MO
Son - Chris R. (Ashlee) Hillebrand, Rossville, GA
Step Grandchild - Kayden S. Locke, Rossville, GA
Step Grandchild - Madison A. Thomas, Rossville, GA
Step Grandchild - Mercedes N. Thomas, Rossville, GA
Sister - Evelyn Luecke, Troy, MO
Sister - Carolyn Luecke, Saint Louis, MO
Brother - Victor Luecke, Saint Louis, MO

She was preceded in death by:

Father - Wilfred F. Luecke

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, January 11, 2017, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL and from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM on Thursday, January 12, 2017, at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland, IL.

Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM on Thursday, January 12, 2017, at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland, IL., with Rev. Christopher W. Hill, Senior Pastor, pastor, Highland, IL officiating.

Interment will be at Keystone Cemetery in Saint Jacob, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to ALS Association; Hospice of Southern Illinois.

Tribute Wall

SJ

“ Steve, Jennifer, Hannah ,Sam, Jacob, Rylee, & Jack purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Mary L. Hillebrand.



Steve, Jennifer, Hannah ,Sam, Jacob, Rylee, & Jack - January 11, 2017 at 09:05 AM

DW

“ Our family has enjoyed being neighbors with the Hillebrand's for many years. Mary had a sweet and gentle way about her and was always so very kind. Bo, Laura and Chris - our thoughts and prayers are with you.



Doug and Melinda Wells - January 11, 2017 at 08:24 AM

JC

“ Bo, I am sorry for your loss. I haven't seen you for years, but I really enjoyed working with Mary at Hazelwood. She was a great teacher and a true professional. My thoughts are with you and your family at this sad time.
Joyce Caton

Joyce Caton - January 10, 2017 at 04:31 PM

CS

Amen to Joyce's tribute to Mary and i plan to be at the funeral Thursday to offer a prayer for Mary and her family.

Clarence Siebert - January 11, 2017 at 10:17 PM

CG

“ Mary Lou was my first friend at Twillman Elementary School in the 4th grade. We were friends all through HS and some after we graduated. Mary Lou was always such a kind , quite & loving person.

We worked on the Jr/Sr prom. Went to parties together and HS activities.

Last spring Paula, Donna & I went to see Mary Lou & Bo. She had a positive attitude and was glad to see her old HS friends. But not as much as I was glad to see her. I'll truly miss my dear friend.

My only comfort now is to know Mary Lou is not in any more pain. Our hearts break, but she is no longer suffering.

Carol Gibson - January 10, 2017 at 04:16 PM

MW

“ Bo and Family-- I am so sorry over Mary's passing even though it is a blessing for her to be free once again. I remember her as such a kind and sweet woman even though I did not know her well. The last time I saw her was when she was ushering at the Fox Theatre the night my daughter and I attended; we had a nice chat that evening.

God bless all of you and give you strength through this journey.

Mary Wyss

Mary Wyss - January 10, 2017 at 07:38 AM

SA

“ Our deepest sympathy to your family. Tom & Sandy Giger

Sandy - January 09, 2017 at 06:02 PM