



Mary Lou Schmitt

November 12, 1931 - April 10, 2022

Mary Lou Schmitt, (nee Vignos), age 90 of Edwardsville, formerly of Highland, IL, died Sunday, April 10, 2022, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville, IL.

She was born on Thursday, November 12, 1931, in Waggoner, IL, the daughter of Jerome E. and Mae E. (nee Nimmo) Vignos.

On Saturday, May 12, 1951, she married Kenneth E. Schmitt, at Springfield, Illinois, who passed away on Thursday, December 20, 2012.

Mary Lou was raised in Waggoner, IL where she attended and graduated from Farmersville High School. She lived in Springfield, IL for a year, at which time she met Kenneth, her treasured husband of 62 wonderful years. In the following year of 1952 they moved to Highland, IL, building a motel in Highland along with a family of 6 children, 2 boys and 4 girls. She raised her family as a loving mother and was dedicated to running the Cardinal Inn for over 50 years. After retirement, she moved to Edwardsville, IL where she lived with the family of one of her daughters. Given her warm, caring nature and beautiful soul she was the bright light in her families lives. She was a selfless, kind and sweet hearted woman who loved her pet dogs and animals. Her presence will be dearly missed for family, friends and all of those she touched in life.

Survivors include:

Son - Robert K. (Patricia) Schmitt, Las Vegas, NV
Daughter - Carol A. (Dr. David) MacKnight, Cape Coral, FL
Daughter - Connie J. (Tom Saul) Hach, Loveland, OH
Son - Jerry M. (Debbie) Schmitt, Las Vegas, NV
Daughter - Rona L. (Raymond) Gregory, Edwardsville, IL
Daughter - Kara D. (Joseph) Dunlap, Plantsville, CT
Grandchild - Brent T. Atkinson
Grandchild - Aaryn L. (Aaron) Allman
Grandchild - Tara C. (Carl) Qucsai
Grandchild - Karley L. (Matt) Tomsich
Grandchild - Ryan W. (Candice) Hach
Grandchild - Carson T. Hach
Grandchild - Justin G. Leonchik
Grandchild - Katelyn L. Gregory
Grandchild - Ryan P. Gregory
Grandchild - Austin K. Gregory
Grandchild - Logan M. Gregory
Grandchild - Kasey R. Gregory
Grandchild - Allie Mae Gregory
Grandchild - Tyler J. Mackey
Grandchild - Riley S. Mackey
Step Grandchild - Edward A. Dunlap
Great Grandchild - Sera N. (Gary Daniels) Allman
Great Grandchild - Michael A. Allman
Great Grandchild - Haley J. Allman
Great Grandchild - Leah A. Allman
Great Grandchild - Kailey A. Qucsai
Great Grandchild - Morgan C. Qucsai
Great Grandchild - Landen M. Qucsai
Great Grandchild - Kyler J. Hagstrom

Great Grandchild - Derek M. Tomsich
Great Grandchild - Scott W. Tomsich
Great Grandchild - Kenley J. Tomsich
Great Grandchild - Jacquelyn A. Hach
Great Grandchild - Myla R. Hach
Great Grandchild - Daxson R. Hach
Great Great Grandchild - Grayson N. Daniels
Great Great Grandchild - Sehera J. Daniels
Sister - Sharon S. (Garry) Boston, Kalamazoo, MI
Sister-In-Law - Mary A. (nee Krell) Vignos, Litchfield, IL.

She was preceded in death by:

Father - Jerome E. Vignos - Died 1984
Mother - Mae E. (nee Nimmo) Vignos - Died 1955
Husband - Kenneth E. Schmitt - Died 12/20/2012
Grandchild - Ashley Lane Hach - Died 12/17/2004
Brother - Joseph E. Vignos - Died 11/15/2010
Brother - Jerome W. "Kelly" Vignos - Died 1/8/1980
Sister-In-Law - Helen A. (nee Blanding) Vignos - Died 1984.

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

A Family Graveside Service is scheduled for, Thursday, April 14, 2022, at Highland City Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Interment will be at Highland City Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Tribute Wall

RK

“ *Mary Lou came to Florida to visit. We all went to a car show in Ft Myers. She seemed to love looking at those old cars. She was a very nice and sweet person. I will never forget her. Robyn Kuennemeier*

Robyn Kuennemeier - April 29, 2022 at 07:17 AM

CM

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Carol MacKnight - April 15, 2022 at 08:43 PM

SC

“ *You have such wonderful memories with your mom. She was always so caring and calm. She would sit with Carol and I when I would spend the night when Carol and I was in college in St. Louis and make us feel like we were the most important people in the world when we talked about what we were doing. She would make a snack and sit with Ken and we would laugh and talk. Looking back now that I am a mom I know she must have had a thousand things to do, but never seemed like anything was more important. Your loss must be unbearable, but know that the memories you have will always put her in your minds and hearts. God, please put your arms around Mary Lou's family in this time of loss Love you all. Sandi Cantwell*

Sandi Cantwell - April 14, 2022 at 10:24 PM

PM

“ I’m so sorry about Mary Lou, The entire family has my condolences. I’ll always remember the good times we had at Choice Motel. And I will always remember her coming in to the hospital. I always enjoyed seeing her! The entire family offers our prayers and sympathy!! Pam Morgan

Pam Morgan - April 13, 2022 at 09:22 PM

KG

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Katelyn Gregory - April 13, 2022 at 07:28 PM

CH

“ Sympathy to all of the family. I missed her smile and cheer at Bingo. What a wonderful life she lived. Missed her and Rona the last couple of years at Bingo. Rest in peace Mary Lou.

Carol Hess - April 13, 2022 at 08:18 AM

JP

“ Lovely woman/ mother/ wife/ person! Warm loving thoughts to all the family. The wonders of life we all share. PEACE/ LOVE!

JR Potthast - April 13, 2022 at 06:20 AM

JB

“ *Mary Lou was one of my regular weekly customers when I was a beautician years ago in Highland. She was one of the sweetest kindness person I ever knew.
Sending my deepest sympathy.
Sorry for your loss.
Jane Bircher (Jene' Bircher ALLDREDGE's)
mom*

Jane Bircher - April 12, 2022 at 03:56 PM