



## Mary Lou Schneckenberger

November 6, 1930 - February 1, 2018

Mary Lou Schneckenberger, the perfect mother and grandmother, died peacefully at home on Thursday, February 1, 2018 surrounded by family. Mary Lou, 87, of Charlotte, was born November 6, 1930 in Charlotte, the daughter of Ivan and Doris (Veeder) Terwilliger. She graduated from Charlotte High School in 1948, where she was a proud majorette. She continued her baton twirling at Western Michigan University before marrying her life-long love, Richard Schneckenberger on July 31, 1949. Mary Lou remained a lifelong sports fan, supporting her brother, Wayne "Twig" Terwilliger throughout his long baseball career, even on the field during the Minnesota Twins World Series victories. She was a fierce Tiger Baseball fan, never missing a game, and enjoyed cheering on the MSU Spartans.

Mary Lou enjoyed time spent showing quarter horses with her daughter and granddaughter, and served as secretary for the Michigan Quarter Horse Association (MQHA). She was also MQHA member of the year and a member of the American Quarter Horse Association. Throughout her life, she played bridge with a very tight group of longtime friends. Above all, Mary Lou treasured time spent with her family.

Mary Lou is survived by her husband of 68 years, Richard L. Schneckenberger; children, Patti Wright, Mike (Carol) Schneckenberger and Nancy (Kevin) Fullerton; grandchildren, Summer (Vinni) Ingalls, Kalyn

Schneckenberger, Sonny (Jeff) Grendel, Ryan Schneckenberger, and Tyger Fullerton; great-grandchildren, Katie Spotts (Hunter Siefert), Shelby Ingalls, Wyatt Ingalls, Brogan Lynn Fullerton and Charley Kay Grendel; great-great-grandchildren, Raven and Hazel Siefert; brother, Wayne (Lin) Terwilliger; and niece and nephew, Marcie and Steve Terwilliger. She was preceded in death by her parents; infant son, Richard Michael Schneckenberger; and grandson, Nicholas Michael Spotts.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at Pray Funeral Home with Rev. Phil Hobson officiating. Visitation will be from 6-8:00 PM on Monday, February 5, 2018 and Tuesday, February 6, 10-11:00 AM at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Eaton County Humane Society. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Mary Lou on her Tribute Page at [www.PrayFuneral.com](http://www.PrayFuneral.com). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W. Seminary St.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Visitation

FEB 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Memorial Service

FEB 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Lou Schneckenberger*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - February 03, 2018 at 02:30 PM

KN

*Great video!! So sorry Nancy and the rest of rest of the family!!  
Sending our love to you all  
Kim and Ronnie*

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**Kim Netterfield** - February 03, 2018 at 10:56 PM

DE

*Your Mom was such a beautiful person on the inside and out. So sorry to hear of her passing. Hugs to all. Dede Munson Compton*

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**Dede** - February 04, 2018 at 01:08 PM

MK

*Nancy, I am so sorry to hear of this. I used to show horses with and against you many many years ago. I always admired your Mom, she was always so sweet. My sincerest sympathy goes out to you and your family*

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**Marilyn Kellogg** - December 16, 2018 at 11:32 PM

PB

“ I first met Mary Lou just a few years ago when I played bridge with her. I was very sorry to hear about her passing. I learned about it when I got home from a trip. My condolences to the family. She was a great lady.

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**Pauline Borgman** - February 19, 2018 at 12:46 PM

JR

“ To my old CHS classmate Nancy - I'm very very sorry for your loss. "Through love, through friendship, a heart lives more than one life." (Anais Nin)

*Be well, Joe Rathbun*

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**Joe Rathbun** - February 10, 2018 at 09:30 PM

RI

“ To the Schneckberger family (Dick), may you find comfort in your precious memories.

*OJ Richardson, Supervisor Fisher-Body*

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**Richardson** - February 09, 2018 at 08:33 PM

DB

“ Diane Betts purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mary Lou Schneckberger.



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**Diane Betts** - February 06, 2018 at 08:00 AM

DB

“ I grew up with the Schneckenbergers and Terwilligers. I lived next door to Mary Lou's brother, Wayne and Gramma Terwilliger lived on our other side. The Schneckenbergers lived four houses down. They were an important part of my youth. Patty was one of my best friends. Their house was a child's paradise. Mary Lou was the neighborhood mom. We were always welcome to come ride the go-carts, jump on the trampoline, we skated on the ice rink they made in their front yard and later I rode their horses. I went on vacations with them. And always Mary Lou was kind and generous. I remember how envious I was when Mary Lou would bring hot lunches to Patty. She was a great mom! I will always remember her great heart and laughter. And the time she painted cartoon characters on the basement walls. It was like being at Disneyland! I live in Missouri now but Charlotte will always be home. I have wonderful memories of my youth and those who made it special. I thank Mary Lou for being one of those who made it special.

*Diane Betts*

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**Diane Betts** - February 06, 2018 at 07:51 AM

MA

“ Michigan Quarter Horse Association purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Mary Lou Schneckenberger.



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**Michigan Quarter Horse Association** - February 05, 2018 at 12:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Schneckenberger.*



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February 05, 2018 at 09:07 AM



“ *What a wonderful lady Mary Lou always was. Hugs to Nancy and the family.*



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**Mary Robertson** - February 05, 2018 at 01:29 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Schneckenberger.*



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February 04, 2018 at 02:29 PM



“ *Dede lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Schneckenberger*



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**Dede** - February 04, 2018 at 01:23 PM

KH

“ Karen Holden purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Mary Lou Schneckenberger.



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**Karen Holden** - February 04, 2018 at 12:47 PM

MM

“ Marlin just found the notice on FaceBook. He said that he remembered the first time that we met. It was at the Woodland Horse Show and Nancy was showing a brown & white pony. Our paths crossed many times at many horse shows. Always remember Dick polishing on the motorhome or trailer. Great fun with great folks.  
Margaret & Marlin Meyers of Cameron, NC.

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**Margaret Meyers** - February 04, 2018 at 11:44 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Schneckenberger.



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February 03, 2018 at 10:45 PM



“ 40 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - February 03, 2018 at 01:17 PM



“ *The Brown Family- Dave, Lori , Heather and Tory purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Lou Schneckenberger.*



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**The Brown Family- Dave, Lori , Heather and Tory** - February 03, 2018 at 07:55 AM



“ *So sorry to hear this. She was a sort of adopted mom to me during my 4-H years. Sending much love to Patty and the family and recognizing that her's was a life well lived.*

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**Pat Dunning Sulcer** - February 02, 2018 at 07:50 PM

KH

“ *My heart is breaking as I read this news, I'm so sorry for your loss. Mary Lou was a huge part of my life. I was fortunate enough to spend time with her while we showed horses together, which she loved! She was the backbone of all that we did, always there to support Nancy and Sonny and me, along with Dick. She carried herself with dignity, honor and had a great sense of humor. It is impossible to express what she meant to me in my life. She will be so dearly missed by all who were blessed to know her, especially me.*



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**Karen C. Holden** - February 02, 2018 at 06:53 PM

SP

“ *Nancy,*

*Sending our heartfelt condolences to you and your family. We have so many fond memories from showing horses. Your Mom was so kind and truly loved the horses. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

*Richard & Sherri Peffley  
Sue Ream*

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**Sherri Peffley** - February 02, 2018 at 02:16 PM

LT

“ Mary Lou was my sister-in-law for over 40 years. We haven't been close as far as distance, but when we talked, it was as we were sitting together in her kitchen catching up. Our talks were sometimes serious and others just to bring each other up on what our children were doing. We developed a respect for each other, that only got stronger each passing year. She didn't think she was very strong, but I thought she was. Any who know her and all that she accomplished, knew she could do anything. I love her.

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**Linda Terwilliger** - February 02, 2018 at 01:48 PM

CW

So sorry for your loss. Always enjoyed seeing her and talking to her at the salon. Thinking of you Patty and your family.

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**cyndi wine** - February 02, 2018 at 11:09 PM

JM

Dear Dick, Patti, Mike and Nancy,  
We are so sorry for your loss. Mary Lou was one of the most classy, lovely and kind people I have known. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother and friend. She sent me the most lovely letter when my mom died reminiscing of the way they would banter over who was older. I loved her and I know I am a better person for knowing her. Our prayers for healing go out to you all. Love, Denny & Julie McNamara

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**Julie McNamara** - February 03, 2018 at 12:58 PM

CR

I was so sorry to hear about Mary Lou. She was a beautiful person inside and out. I was always so glad that my mom had her as a best friend. I will never forgot the beautiful tribute she paid to my mom at mom's memorial. Mary Lou was a very dear and classy lady. She will be missed. My heart goes out to all of you....Dick, Patti, Mike, Nancy and all extended family members. You will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.

Cindy (Mohre) Robinette

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**Cindy Robinette** - February 05, 2018 at 10:50 AM