



## Mary Lou Karkau

February 16, 1933 - March 3, 2023

Mary Lou Karkau of Delta Township passed away peacefully March 3, 2023 in the arms of her family. She was born February 16, 1933 to the late Russell and Mary (Merritt) Bernard.

Mary Lou was preceded in death by her loving husband of 65 years, Bob; siblings, Betty, Evelyn and Russell. She is survived by siblings, Joan (Eddie) Calvert and Richard (Marilyn) Bernard.

Mary Lou, also known as the “Bickford Grandma” was a grandma to everyone she met, passing her infectious smile every chance she got. She was a kind, caring woman who loved everyone.

She is survived by her children, David (Kathy), Robin (Ken) Wright, Mike and Wendy (Steven) Knight, along with grandchildren, Amber (Patrick), Denice, Mike Jr. (Erin), Vincent, Hunter, DeAnne (Andrew) and Mara, great grandchildren, August, Savanna, Zachary, Anthony, Kayla, Ava, Carter, Jayna, Jacob, Claire and Andrew Jr. Mary Lou’s spirit now soars on the wings of eagles where the air is pure, the mornings crisp, and the heavens have received her beautiful soul. The family would like to thank Bickford of West Lansing for the outstanding care, compassion and support they provided Mary Lou.

A funeral service will be held Friday, March 10, 2023, 11:00 AM at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Interment to follow at Deepdale Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be Thursday at the funeral home from 4-8:00 PM. Memorial contributions in Mary Lou’s name may be given to

the Capital Area Humane Society, 7095 W. Grand River Avenue, Lansing,  
Michigan 48906 (<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=cahsad&id=23>). Share your memories and condolences online at [www.ho-lihanatkin.com](http://www.ho-lihanatkin.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Deepdale Memorial Gardens

4110 Old Lansing Road  
Lansing, MI 48917

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 9. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
406 N. Bridge Street  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837  
(517) 627-2531  
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## Service

MAR 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Karkau.*



March 09, 2023 at 06:52 AM



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



March 08, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *Mary Lou was such amazing person she was so sweet she always kept a smile on her face I never seen her in a bad mood she liked everyone and was always so welcoming everyone love her she was a grandmother/mother figure to everyone at Bickford I was honored to be one of her caregivers I am going miss her so much R.I.P sweet ange 🙏💔💧🙏💜*

**Iyonna carson-Pops** - March 07, 2023 at 11:00 PM



“ *Mary Lou had a smile and personality the size of Texas. I knew her through Bickford West Lansing where my mom had been a resident. I couldn't help smiling around Mary Lou. She always got me through my tough days after I lost my mom. She will be missed.*

**Lori L Fruk** - March 05, 2023 at 10:33 PM