



## MaryLou Ott

May 6, 1947 - December 28, 2020

MaryLou (Reifel) Ott was born on May 6, 1947, which was the primary election day in Logansport, IN. She was the first child of Robert Henry Reifel and Mary Alice (Fisher) Reifel.

Tragically, MaryLou suffered a severe hearing loss at a young age. Through lip-reading, electronic devices, perseverance, and hard work, she compensated for this handicap and became an exemplary student, ultimately graduating from Anderson High School and Ball State University with a Master's Degree in Deaf and Special Education. She was dearly loved and respected by her students and fellow teachers, many of whom she advised and mentored. MaryLou taught in Pendleton, IPS, and the Indiana Deaf School. After retirement, she worked for the First Steps Program. The last two years of her life were a struggle with blindness, depression, and breast cancer. Most of that time was lived in Edgewater Woods Nursing Home.

In June 1970, MaryLou married Mike Ott. MaryLou was a wonderful wife and mother. She made time for her family and their activities. She was very active in Pendleton Christian and Markleville North Churches and was a member of the Pendleton's Lions Club.

She enjoyed reading, fishing, and playing cards. She especially liked mystery stories and chocolate.

She is survived by her loving husband, Mike; daughter, Heather (Brian) and their children, Owen and Olivia; son, Ryan (Jama) and their children, Keira and Gabby; and her sister, Ann. She will also be missed by her nephew, Randy; niece, Heidi, and their respective families.

Many people have helped us in the past few years, but we want to recognize by name, Sherry Minton, Melody Hunt, Dana Ilyas, Linda Reynolds, Diane Hammel, Patricia McLomas, and a host of wonderful caregivers.

By the grace of God and because of her steadfast belief in God, we believe that MaryLou has gone on to heaven where she will live eternally with many family and friends who arrived before her. Glory be to God!

Contributions in MaryLou's honor can be made to the Markleville North Christian Church or to the donor's choice of charity.

A private service will be held Saturday, January 2, 2020, with Rev. John Hackney officiating. A live stream will be available on the Loose Funeral Home YouTube account.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Loose Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of MaryLou Ott*



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**Loose Funeral Home** - December 29, 2020 at 05:07 PM

MH

*I'll forever cherish our walks and commutes and friendship. Lou so loved to talk about her many adventures, her family and her faith. On our walks we would solve the problems of family, the world and life. And we would laugh a lot too. Even in the tough last two years she clung to her faith and family. I will miss Lou but I'm thankful that she is home, safe with Jesus. Until we meet again, Melody*

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**Melody Hunt** - January 02, 2021 at 10:30 AM

JO

*I had the fortune of working with MaryLou (I called her Lou) when we both worked with First Steps. I learned a lot from her as well. Love her sweet nature. I especially enjoyed the time with her when we travelled West (with Ann and some other girls). Lou has a special place in my heart. ❤️👉*

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**jodee** - January 04, 2021 at 02:36 PM

SL

*Mary Lou! Precious you are & appreciated with graceful warm love flowing. Thank you for your friendship when we worked together in deaf school elementary and the laughs, wisdom and joy. God bless you MaryLou, hubby Mike and extended family including Ann Refeil.*

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**Stacey (Anderson) Latkowski** - January 04, 2021 at 06:10 PM

CG

“ Soo sorry to hear of my beautiful Birthday Buddy, MaryLou Ott. 🌹 Truly an Angel. 💔 Such a Beautiful caring gal n overcame lots of obstacles, but always smiling n there for others. My Indy Buddy, we used to say "We were born on same day n year, just different states. "Lol 😊. Denny n I are praying for Mike n Ryan n all Family's 💙💛 Soo missed not seeing her past year or so as she was staying at Edgewater. Loved n missed but know she is in Heaven now n walking with Jesus n Family's. 💖 Soo gonna miss you, MaryLou, till we meet again. 🤗 Hugs n Prayers 🙏 n love to all the family's 🙏. Carol n Denny Glenn



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Carol Glenn - December 31, 2020 at 10:39 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of MaryLou Ott.



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December 31, 2020 at 08:40 PM

KR

“ I have no doubt that Mary Lou was one of God 's angels. I met her while working at the Indiana School for the Deaf. She always had a smile on her face which would brighten your day. Mary Lou was kind & caring. She did not judge. She saw all people as equals & deserving for who they were. She was an amazing role model. The kind of person you would want to be like. I had the utmost respect for her as a person in general & the skills she had for whatever jobs she took on. She was definitely a person with courage. We were all better for knowing her & blessed by her friendship. God Bless you Mary Lou. 🙏 You will be missed. 💔...Kathleen Robertson



Kathleen Robertson - December 31, 2020 at 04:17 PM

TJ

“ I was so sad to see that Mary Lou had passed. I have some fond memories of her, Linda Reynolds, Joan Pruitt and I walking in 5ks throughout central Indiana. She was such a sweet person. She will be missed.

Teresa Joyce

Teresa Joyce - December 31, 2020 at 11:39 AM

TF

“ The Harmon Family purchased the Garden Accent - "Someone you love..." for the family of MaryLou Ott.



The Harmon Family - December 30, 2020 at 06:48 PM

JL

“ *Mary Lou was a joy to work with. Always positive and kind.*

*Joyce Levy*

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**Joyce Levy** - December 30, 2020 at 04:33 PM

CF

*Lou was Amazing, positive, laughed all the time and dealt with very involved students in a gentle and loving way. Her energy was infectious and. We will miss you. Thank you for sharing your life with those of us fortunate to have known you.*

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**Cynthia Floyd** - December 30, 2020 at 06:31 PM

MM

“ *Heaven gained one amazing angel! Thank you for sharing her with us the past few years at Edgewater. Prayers for your family during this difficult time* 💜

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**Monica McRoberts** - December 30, 2020 at 03:53 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of MaryLou Ott.*



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December 30, 2020 at 12:44 PM

YR

“ Your friends and OM colleagues at Roche purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of MaryLou Ott.



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**Your friends and OM colleagues at Roche** - December 30, 2020 at 12:00 PM



“ 56 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Loose Funeral Home** - December 29, 2020 at 05:06 PM

MR

*A peaceful release for a very sweet and loving woman.*

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**Mary Glenn Rinne** - December 30, 2020 at 08:09 AM

DH

*My heart is broken and I will miss her terribly. She brought joy and happiness to so many people. We were not sisters by birth, but sisters by heart. Will treasure memories of our times together. Diane Hammel*

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**Diane Elaine Hammel** - December 30, 2020 at 03:19 PM

RR

*My deepest sympathies to Mike and your family. May Jesus Christ comfort your hearts.*

*Rick Robinson*

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**Rick Robinson** - December 30, 2020 at 04:08 PM

MB

*Our deepest sympathies to Ann and her family from the Bippus families. 🙏🙏🙏*

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**melba bippus** - December 31, 2020 at 11:56 AM

KM

*To my best friend whom I loved with all my heart. We shared most of our lives teaching, talking, playing. cards, fishing,, going to flea markets, and enjoying our families.*

*We shared our love for Jesus Christ and God's plan for our lives. I know I will you in heaven when my time comes.*

*Love to your family and know that we were blessed for having you with us. Love, Kathy Mahler.*

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**Kathryn Mahler** - January 01, 2021 at 10:33 PM

SS

*My deepest condolences is with Ann and family Mary Lou Ott was such a great lady of my friend, she will be sorely missed by family and friends. Love Sally Shortz*

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**Sally Shortz** - January 02, 2021 at 10:22 AM

JK

*Heather, Mike and Ryan and your family, I am so sorry to hear about Mary Lou's passing. She was truly a special person. The Lord has called her Home. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Jana Keesling** - January 02, 2021 at 10:25 AM

MW

*Ann and the family of Mary Lou,*

*I am so sorry about your loss. sending my prayers to you all. May Mary Lou rest in peace. Hugs.*

*Melissa Ward*

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**Melissa Ward** - January 06, 2021 at 10:32 AM

BP

*I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Lou was always an angel....watching over her students, family and friends. I am proud to have called her my friend...RIP my dear Lou....see you in heaven!*

*Becki Philhower*

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**Becki Philhower** - January 14, 2021 at 01:08 PM