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Mary Lou Becklin, age 96, of Ravenna, passed away July 21, 2023 surrounded by her loving family. Mary Lou was born on February 9, 1927 in Ravenna, the daughter of Ernest and Lucille (Ballman) Race. Mary Lou graduated from Ravenna High School in 1946. On June 26, 1948 she married Charles Elmer Becklin of Fruitport, MI. Mary Lou and Chuck had one son (the only child) David Charles Becklin who lovingly cared for her until the end.

Mary Lou's ambition in life was to be good mother, grandmother and great-grandmother (GG). She loved being around family playing Bingo, Euchre, Shuffleboard and enjoyed family get-togethers and holidays. Her son, grandsons and great grandchildren were the legacy she was most proud of in her life. She enjoyed watching their lives and accomplishments in person. Mary Lou worked for 38 years at Lee Products in Coopersville, MI and countless hours on her family farm in Slocum, MI with her husband of 56 years. Later in life Mary Lou found her good friend Ross Gilbert and volunteered at the local American Legion with Ross. Making wine and socializing with the local community was a pleasure that Mary Lou enjoyed.

Mary Lou is survived by her son, David (Julie) Becklin; two grandsons: Robert (Lynn) Becklin and Brian (Michelle) Becklin; five great-grandchildren: Blake, Nolan, Grant, Brice, and Breelynn Becklin. This is the Becklin pod that Ross had spoken of through the years with Mary Lou.

Mary Lou's final wishes were that no services be held. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in her name to the Sherman Moore Post #297 American Legion, PO Box 302, Ravenna, MI 49451. Share memories with the family at their online Guest Book at www.sytsemafh.com Arrangements by The Ravenna Chapel of Sytsema Funeral and Cremation Services, 3570 Thomas St., Ravenna, MI 49451 (231) 853-6511



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CL

Cheryl Lewis posted:

I have many good memories of Mary Lou from years back. My Mom Dorothy Holm was a good friend and always enjoyed time spent with her and Ross. I'm sure they have found each other now and are playing some kind of a game.

July 26 at 6:31 AM

DR

Donna Housler Rieckmann posted:

I met Mary Lou when I was in High School and she worked at Owens Drug store in Ravenna many years ago. She could make the best fountain cherry cokes. We met up again through the American Legion in Ravenna. We had a great time laughing and talking about those long past days. She was always happy to bake or make a dessert to our Auxiliary dinner fund raisers. The last time we saw each other she was still the smiling happygal I knew so many years ago. God Bless you MLB.

July 26 at 6:28 AM

KB

Katie Battle posted:

I have so many fond memories of Mary Lou on the farm. She was a wonderful cook and made memorable Thanksgiving feasts (along with my grandma, Thelma Ray). She loved being outdoors and active. ❤️ Love, Katie Battle

July 25 at 6:22 PM

JP

Jan And Dan Parker posted:

We were blessed to meet Mary Lou a few times ... and enjoy the wine Ross made... She was a sweet lady and was blessed with an awesome loving family.. May she rest in peace. Love all of you

July 25 at 2:59 PM

SH

Shari Hilm posted:

Mary Lou was a sweetheart & a true, kind lady. She had an amazing life... thanks to her wonderful son & family! She will never be forgotten & we are lucky we knew her!

July 25 at 2:25 PM



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Mary Bonter posted:

I had lots of good times with Mary Lou

July 25 at 6:02 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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