



Mary Lou Deneau

May 16, 1942 - December 25, 2025

Mary Lou passed away peacefully on December 25th, holding the hand of her lifetime partner and soulmate of 40 years Todd Henning. Mary Lou passed after a long illness.

Mary Lou was born on May 16th, 1942 to Leo and Jenny Triplett. Mary Lou grew up in River Rouge, Michigan. She worked many jobs to help support her family after the passing of their father Leo in 1956. At the age of 18, Mary Lou went to work for Detroit Edison where she worked for 40 years until her retirement in 2001. Mary Lou was a volunteer for many organizations such as 30 years on the board of the Edison Athletic Association (EAA), 20 years on the board of the condo association along with multiple other charitable organizations.

Mary Lou was an amazing athlete; she played multiple sports and excelled in all. Most of her friends called her Lou. Lou had the most captivating smile and found the good in everyone.

Mary Lou is preceded in death by her aforementioned parents Leo and Jenny along with her brothers Bill Buck, Pete and her sister Carol. Mary Lou survived by her sisters Shirley (David) and Gail (Jack); her lifetime partner and love of her life Todd Henning. Lou is also survived by many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. Lou had a vast circle of friends which

included her long-time, family-like friend Chris Rukas.

A celebration of life will be held in the Spring.

Tribute Wall

CR

“ 8 files added to the album Lou & Chris



Christina Rukas - January 26 at 02:45 PM

CR

“ Lou and I have known each other 60 years. We were best friends for most of those years. We shared so much of “living life” during that time, as one can only imagine. It is impossible to share our abundance of memories here.

Just trust that we had a great ride together. I miss our conversations and just hanging out together. I miss everything we shared. Lou’s fun spirit, her radiant smile, and a tendency to find the good in everyone were just a few of her admired qualities. She offered support and encouragement to many, including myself. A piece of my heart is forever broken, but I am so very thankful for our time and the good times we shared. Love you always, bestie.



Christina Rukas - January 26 at 02:32 PM



“ *My fondest memories of Lou were at Maple Field playing softball.....n the celebrations at Schaeffer Bar after a win or an occasional loss....* ❤️

Marsha Laichalk - December 27, 2025 at 03:50 PM

JM

“ *For close to 40 years, Lou was more than a friend – she was family. John and I have so many wonderful memories with Lou, from playing sports in the EAA gym, to attending our family birthdays and holidays, golfing together, vacationing at Houghton Lake, attending Red Wing hockey games, and countless more that will forever be remembered. Lou will always have a place in our hearts and will never be forgotten. Rest in Peace Lou.*

John and Karen McCune - December 27, 2025 at 11:47 AM

AH

“ *I was always surprised if I went to the Edison gym early in the morning Mary Lou was always there working out. Smiling. She shared smiles easily*

Anne Hasler - December 27, 2025 at 09:17 AM

LE

“ *Lou Lou was our neighbor at Houghton Lake. We have so many wonderful memories with her and Todd! She was the sweetest💖 It won't be the same at the cottage. She will be truly missed!*

Leah - December 26, 2025 at 07:21 PM

LZ

“ I have known Lou Lou for about 16 years maybe. We lived next door at Houghton Lake. She was always so friendly. Her wonderful smile !! I loved her stories! She will be missed for sure! Best Next door neighbor!!

Lori Zick - December 26, 2025 at 07:06 PM

JW

“ I can't remember a time that Lou Lou wasn't happy or smiling. She always made the time at Houghton Lake special for my kids. We will be praying for Todd and the family. She will be dearly missed and it won't be the same up there without her.

Justin Weare - December 26, 2025 at 06:58 PM

JW

“ We always loved Lou Lou! We knew her as our loving neighbor at Houghton Lake. She always had a smile, a warm hug, and wonderful treats for the family (and even for our dogs)! Several times she took my kids to get ice cream or candy at 4 Seasons. She was even willing to get in a couple of Tik Tok dances with my daughter and niece. We will miss you Lou Lou and are so blessed we got to be your crazy neighbors next door ❤️

Julie Weare - December 26, 2025 at 06:51 PM

JW

“ I remember all the walks we took with her and how she would share us stories and talk with us.

Josh Weare - December 26, 2025 at 06:48 PM

CW

“ she was such a sweet soul. when we were up at the cottage we would play in her sandbox and she would give us clothes. she was so easy to talk to and we even made funny tiktok’s with her. she loved everyone around her constantly and i loved taking walks with her, we could walk and talk for hours. -love , chloe weare

Chloe Weare - December 26, 2025 at 06:48 PM

KH

“ Lou was a very special member of our family who will be missed dearly. What I’ll remember most about her is her undeniable love for my brother Todd. I’ll also fondly remember our times at the lake including hanging out on the porch, pontoon rides and dinners. She also had an undeniable love for her dogs, Kampi, Sonny, and Jimmy. May you rest in peace, Lou. ❤️

Kim Hughes - December 26, 2025 at 05:24 PM

TH

Brewski too! Thanks Kim. Love you.

Todd Henning - December 26, 2025 at 05:39 PM

BU

Lou was the personification of the EAA and all the fun we had in the gym playing volleyball and at Maple Field playing softball. Lou was the sweetest person. She will be missed and was loved by all. Sending sympathy to Todd and all her family and friends.

Bert Urbani - December 28, 2025 at 08:25 PM

TH

Thanks Bert.

Todd Henning - December 28, 2025 at 09:58 PM



Todd-I am so sorry for your loss. May Lou rest in peace. Prayers to you and your family, Todd. God Bless.

Kenny McDonagh

Kenneth McDonagh - January 05 at 05:54 PM