



Mary Louise Anderson

April 20, 1942 - August 29, 2024

Mary Lou Anderson passed away suddenly on Thursday, August 29, 2024. She was born in Minneapolis on April 20, 1942, the third born and only daughter of Edmund and Marie Challeen. She had 2 older brothers, Gary and Sheldon, and a younger brother, Tim. The family home was in South Minneapolis where she attended Roosevelt High School, graduating in 1960. Mary Lou met her husband, Roger, when they both worked at National Foods grocery. They married in January of 1964 and welcomed daughter Cheryl later that year, followed by Cathy in 1965, Christine in 1967, and finally Thomas in 1972. After first buying a home in St. Louis Park, they moved to Ramsey, MN in 1977. Mary Lou and Roger were married for 51 years before his death in 2015. Mary Lou recently lived at The Legends in Champlin.

Mary Lou was first and foremost a homemaker but did take a variety of jobs over the years including Johnson's Department Store in Elk River and Minnco.

Mary Lou was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, and her husband Roger. She is survived by her children Cheryl, Cathy (Paul), Christine (Don), and Tom (Marcy); grandchildren Jennifer, Andrew, Sean and Katie, John (Emily), Weston (Kayla), Christopher, Thomas (Kaitlyn), Logan, Morgan (Hunter), and Tyler, Payton; great-grandchildren Jaxon, Benson, Owen, Oliver, Noelle, Cooper, and Mailyynn.

Mary Lou loved any opportunity to make her famous potato salad, calico

beans, and watergate cake. Christmas was an opportunity to decorate the house to the nines, cook food to feed an army, and make Christmas cookies. Her Christmas tree had the most beautiful ice skate and mittens ornaments. She loved hosting family card game nights, playing pranks on people, going to the casino, reading, and road trips. Her evenings were spent with The Bachelor, Dancing with the Stars, and the Hallmark Channel.

Mary Lou had a large circle of friends, from her high school days, to neighbors both recent and new. She loved to get together with them to play cards, see a movie, or go out to eat. Her family would like to thank all of them for being such an important part of her life.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday September 19th at 3pm with a visitation starting at 2pm at Washburn-McReavy, 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd., Coon Rapids, MN 55433, (763)767-1000 washburn-mcreavy.com. A luncheon will be served at the completion of the service at the Coon Rapids VFW located adjacent to the funeral home

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **19**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Coon Rapids Chapel
1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Memorial Service

SEP **19**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Anderson.



September 19, 2024 at 11:57 AM



“ Buffy M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Louise Anderson.

Buffy M. - September 18, 2024 at 05:14 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Anderson.



September 17, 2024 at 12:37 PM



“ Dana & Eric Grove purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Mary Louise Anderson.



Dana & Eric Grove - September 16, 2024 at 04:53 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Anderson.* ”



September 15, 2024 at 12:05 AM