



Mary Lou Staker

August 16, 1940 - August 19, 2019

Mary Lou Staker, age 79 of Zanesville, died 6:35 PM, Monday, August 19, 2019, at her home.

She was born Friday, August 16, 1940 in Zanesville, the daughter of Lewis A. Wolfe and Mary E. (Hayes) Wolfe. She was married on Saturday, June 29, 1957 to Rev. Mr. Robert "Gene" Eugene Staker who preceded her in death on Saturday, March 4, 2017.

Mary Lou was employed with the WIC Program, a homemaker and was a dedicated servant to the Roman Catholic Church. While living in Montgomery, AL, she faithfully served as Director of Religious Education for the Queen of Mercy Catholic Church, while there she initiated the Life Teen Program and founded the Perpetual Adoration Chapel. After returning to Zanesville, she continued serving Saint Nicholas Catholic Church in many areas and capacities including Director of Faith Formation.

Mary Lou is survived by two sons: Douglas (Kristine) Staker & Kerby (Melissa) Staker, both of Zanesville; one daughter: Kama (Richard) Botelho of Pickerington; nine grandchildren: Joshua (Mary Beth) Swingle, Christin (William) Lavelle, Maryellen (Bart) Sims, Ryan (Sharon) Staker, Caitlin Staker, Tierney (Alex) Ford, Braydon Staker, Ashley (Brian) Cabiness & Haley Russell; twelve great grandchildren: Raegan Sherfey, Sydney Lavelle, Scarlett &

Krosby Sims, Cheyenne Swingle, Christian Lemon, Declan & Rowan Ford, Harland Botelho, Briley Cabiness and Kane & Blade Russell.

She was a loving wife; mother, grandmother, friend and she will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Friends may call from 2 to 4 PM & 6 to 8 PM, Friday, August 23, 2019, at the Hillis, Combs & Nestor Funeral Home, 935 Forest Avenue, Zanesville, where a Christian Vigil will be held at 7:45 PM. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10:30 AM, Saturday, August 24, 2019, at Saint Nicholas Catholic Church, 955 Main Street, Zanesville, with Father Martin Ralko officiating. Burial will conclude in the Mount Olive Cemetery, Zanesville. To sign the online register book or to send a personal condolence note please visit www.hilliscombsnestor.com.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olive Cemetery

2057 East Pike
ZANESVILLE, OH 43701

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 23. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Hillis Combs Funeral Home
935 Forest Avenue
Zanesville, OH 43701
(740) 452-5494
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Visitation

AUG 23. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Prayer Vigil

AUG **23**. 7:45 PM (ET)

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Mass of Christian Burial

AUG **24**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Saint Nicholas Catholic Church
955 East Main Street
Zanesville, OH 43701

Tribute Wall



“ Hillis Combs Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Lou Staker



Hillis Combs Funeral Home - August 23, 2019 at 01:11 PM



“ *Mary Lou Staker*

October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM



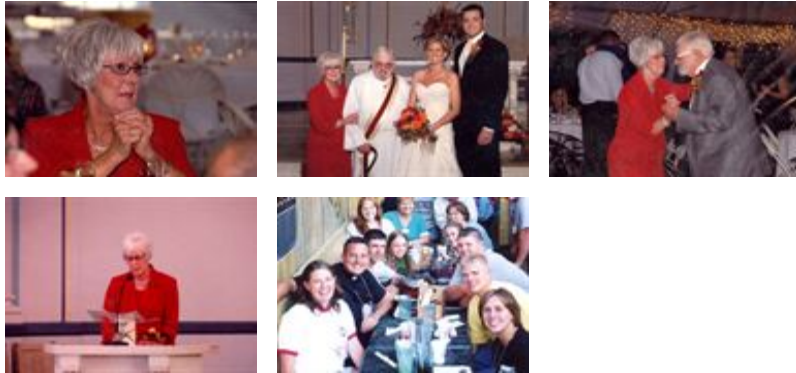
“ *Doug, Kerby & families,
We are keeping you in our thoughts and
prayers at this very difficult time.*



Mike & Lori Luallen & family - August 23, 2019 at 08:42 PM



“ 42 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hillis Combs Funeral Home - August 23, 2019 at 12:42 PM



“ *Mary Lou touched my life. A strong Roman Catholic woman that lived her life as a Roman Catholic. She never lost sight of the fact that God loves us and wishes all of us to be with him. Through observing her Christian life, her sacrifices, oh, so many sacrifices, I saw my problems as shallow and small. The Family Staker knows that Mary Lou and Gene will always be praying for them. That should bring great comfort. God Bless all of you. Bill Kolopajlo*

Walter Kolopajlo - August 23, 2019 at 10:39 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Staker.*



August 22, 2019 at 02:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Staker.*



August 21, 2019 at 12:38 PM



“ *We remember Mary Lou fondly from the Philo High School Class of 1958. Phil and Ann Dalton*

Ann Dalton - August 21, 2019 at 12:14 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Staker.*



August 21, 2019 at 09:14 AM



“ *We have so many fond memories Mary Lou and Gene at Our Lady Queen of Mercy Catholic Church in Montgomery, AL. I worked with her in Religious Education and Life Team. Tommy and I missed them greatly! Tommy and Mary Lou shared the same birthday. He went to heaven on July 16! We keep your family in our prayers and understand the sadness you have right now! God bless your family!*
Cindy Somerville

Cindy Somerville - August 20, 2019 at 06:38 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Staker.*



August 20, 2019 at 05:53 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss, will be keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers.*
Connie Newsom

Connie Newsom - August 20, 2019 at 05:29 PM



“ *To the Staker family, so sorry to hear of your mother/grandmother's passing. Thoughts and prayers. The Dupler family*

Janice Dupler - August 20, 2019 at 05:08 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the Staker family. Mary Lou had the most beautiful soul of anyone I have ever known. The presence of Jesus radiated from her and she touched many lives in sharing her faith and love for God. I was richly blessed to have known her. And now she enjoys the blessings of heaven and life with Jesus forever.*

Keena Hansel - August 20, 2019 at 04:55 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Mary Lou was an amazing person with a beautiful soul!*
Wes, Lisa, Wyatt & Lily Lewis

lisa lewis - August 20, 2019 at 03:42 PM

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“ *My deepest sympathies on the loss to the Staker family.*

Bob Skidmore - August 20, 2019 at 02:16 PM

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*So sorry. Sending condolences to Kama and entire family.
Susan Seyerle Hannan*

susan Seyerle Hannan - August 20, 2019 at 02:23 PM