



## Mary Lois Luers

June 15, 1927 - January 24, 2023

Mary Lois (Culp) Luers passed away on January 24th at her residence after 95 remarkable years. Mary Lois was born in Rensselaer on June 15, 1927, to George and Olive (Osborne) Culp, the youngest of five children. She began playing the accordion and piano at a young age and continued throughout her life playing Saturday dances in the Big Band era of the 40's, 50's and 60's and giving piano lessons. Mary Lois graduated from Rensselaer High School in 1945 and moved to West Lafayette to work at Purdue University. She returned home to take care of her ailing mother and struck up a friendship with Marvin Luers whom she convinced to stay around Rensselaer. He obviously listened to her as they were married on April 24, 1948 at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Rensselaer. Shortly after their marriage, Mary Lois had trouble walking and after many hospital visits, it was determined that she would need to be in a wheelchair for the rest of her life. For a 25-year-old in a new marriage, this could have been devastating, but with grace and dignity Mary Lois played the cards she was dealt and persevered. Her saying was that "nothing was so bad that it couldn't have been worse". For 66 years of marriage, Mary Lois and Marvin raised five children and welcomed nine grandchildren. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She loved attending her children's and grandchildren's activities and loved following IU, even though she had worked for PU! She was involved in many organizations and clubs such as the Jasper Co. Hospital Auxiliary, Literary Club, Pantry Pals Home Ec. Club, and St. Augustine women's group

to name a few. Mary Lois was an excellent seamstress and cook. Many a woman in Rensselaer had her clothes altered or dresses made by Mary Lois, and she was quick to hand out her banana bread or famous chocolate chip cookies to anyone who stopped by. Her potato salad, deviled eggs, and Jell-O salads were always requested from the grandkids and rarely was there any left over. She loved gathering the produce and flowers from Marvin's garden which the kids and grandkids helped plant each year. If Mary Lois knew you, you probably have a handwritten note from her. She was one of the few people who still wrote notes rather than send an email. You would call yourself lucky if you met Mary Lois and once you met her, you were friend and family. After meeting her, you could sense the care and concern she had for you. Other than not driving a car, there was nothing that would prevent Mary Lois from accomplishing a goal. She had a great sense of humor and memory. The stories and people she remembered were headshaking. She definitely was an amazing and inspiring woman and a role model for which all could aspire. Mary Lois leaves behind her five children: Stephen (Deb) Luers of Greenwood, IN; Phillip (Pam) Luers of Pawleys Island, SC; Mark Luers (Kent Springer) of San Diego, CA; Susan (Allen) Nail of West Lafayette, IN; and Kevin (Debbie) Luers of Bloomington, IN. Mary Lois had nine grandchildren and two step-grandchildren. There are also eight great grandchildren and six step-great grandchildren.

Mary Lois is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Marvin, two sisters and two brothers. Visitation will be at Jackson Funeral Chapel, 250 N. McKinley Ave. Rensselaer, IN on Sunday, January 29, 2023, from 1-5 PM CDT. A rosary service will immediately precede the visitation at 12:45 PM. The funeral mass will be Monday, January 30 at 11:00 AM CDT at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 318 N. McKinley Ave. Rensselaer, IN. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Augustine School or in honor of Mary Lois, you can pay it forward and think of someone for whom you can do a good deed and show you care.

Interment will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery. Jackson Funeral Chapel is

entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at [www.jacksonfuneral.com](http://www.jacksonfuneral.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Calvary Cemetery - Rensselaer

Mt. Calvary Cemetery  
Rensselaer, IN 47978

# Previous Events

## Rosary

JAN 29. 12:45 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer  
250 N. McKinley Avenue  
P.O. Box 70  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
(219) 866-5123  
info@jacksonfuneral.com  
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

## Visitation

JAN 29. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer  
250 N. McKinley Avenue  
P.O. Box 70  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
(219) 866-5123  
info@jacksonfuneral.com  
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

## Funeral Mass

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JAN 30. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Augustine Catholic Church  
318 North McKinley Avenue  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
(219) 866-5351  
<https://stmichaelpastorate.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Lois Luers*



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - January 28, 2023 at 03:15 PM

GK

“ *Deepest sympathy to the family. Mary Lois was such a lovely and Christian lady. May God Bless.*



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**George and Joan Kanne** - February 01, 2023 at 05:04 PM

DH

“ *Mary Lois was a fine example of a true lady.*

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**Doris Hammersley** - February 01, 2023 at 03:27 AM

BW

“ *My condolences to the Luers family. Always a gracious hostess for bible study sessions. Mary Lois may the angels welcome you in heaven.*

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**Betty Worden** - January 30, 2023 at 02:49 PM



“ 5 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - January 29, 2023 at 06:50 PM

ED

“ *I'm sorry to hear this.  
My condolences to the Luers family.  
I'm sure she'll be missed by many.*

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**Ed Davisson** - January 29, 2023 at 09:11 AM

JH

“ *Janice HopkinsMalchow lit a candle in  
memory of Mary Lois Luers*



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**Janice HopkinsMalchow** - January 28, 2023 at 07:26 PM

JG

“ *Early in the summer of 1965 Rose Marie and I bought our house on Grace Street and found ourselves to be the backdoor neighbors of Marvin and Mary Lois. We had two children then and in time we had 3 more. We were all welcomed by Mary Lois and Marvin not so much as the new folks in Rensselaer that we were but almost as old friends who had been away and had returned to stay. That warm welcome and generous hospitality never faded. Mary Lois and Marvin were the soul of the neighborhood. Marvin went door to door collecting for a floral tribute when a neighbor died, and Mary Lois sent cookies or banana bread in times of sorrow or joy. We miss them as we miss close relatives, and we commend them to God’s welcoming. May they be welcomed by the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit as Mary Lois and Marvin welcomed us, as old friends who have returned to stay.*

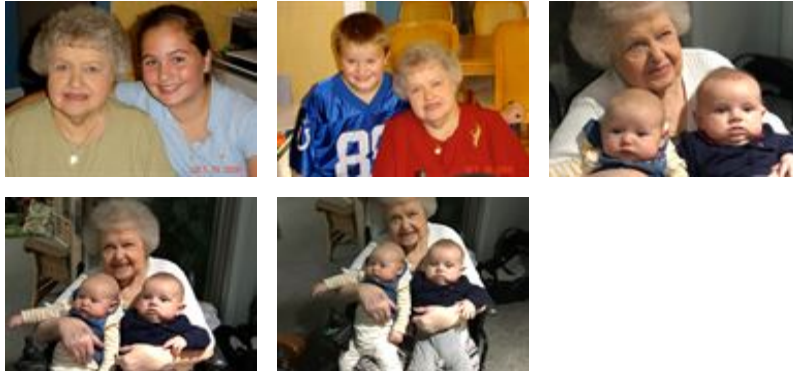
*John and Rose Marie Groppe and family*

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**John D Groppe** - January 28, 2023 at 04:47 PM



“ *89 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - January 28, 2023 at 02:50 PM

PW

“*Mary Lois was our neighbor for nearly 25 years. Both she and Marvin were wonderfully kind people from the food they brought over when we first moved in, to the dinner Mary Lois made for me when I was about to have surgery. I talked to her in late December and she was her usual kind and exuberant self. We will miss her very much. Our deepest sympathies to Mary Lois's family and friends. What a sweet lady!*”

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**Peter and Jody Watkins** - January 28, 2023 at 12:29 PM

BS

“*Dear Sue and family: I'm sure your sweet Mom was greeted into Jesus' arms and heard the words, "well done, thy good and faithful servant!" Your Mom was a beautiful light in this world. I will always remember her kindness and sweet smile. She was a joy.*  
*Love, Barb Skinner*”

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**Barb Skinner** - January 28, 2023 at 06:34 AM



“*1 file added to the album LifeTributes*”



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - January 27, 2023 at 08:08 PM

CD

“ Mary Lois was a beautiful, endearing blessing in my life. She taught me piano for a few years and inspired my efforts in vocal performance. I have loved “tickling the ivories” to this day and am presently teaching elementary music in my “retirement” at St. Joe in Shelbyville. I am indeed grateful to have had the influence of Mary Lois. ❤️

Carolyn Tudor Disser - January 27, 2023 at 07:42 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Lois Luers.



January 27, 2023 at 06:10 PM

BE

“ A great, great lady! Full of love at all times. At peace, Bob and Gail Evans

Bob Evans - January 27, 2023 at 04:04 PM

DC

“ Sue -sending thoughts and prayers to you and your family. I am sorry for your loss and am certain that your mother must have been an amazing woman because you are an amazing woman. Hugs, Deb Carter

Deborah Carter - January 27, 2023 at 11:53 AM

BB

“ *Bret Baker lit a candle in memory of Mary Lois Luers*



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**Bret Baker** - January 27, 2023 at 11:29 AM

GB

“ *Gloria Baier lit a candle in memory of Mary Lois Luers*



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**Gloria Baier** - January 27, 2023 at 09:31 AM

VS

“ *Our prayers & sympathy's to your family! Your parents were great neighbors. May God give you many precious memories. Roger & Vicki*

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**Vicki Steffen** - January 27, 2023 at 09:08 AM

MB

“ *Mark,*

*I am so sorry to hear about your mother's passing. What a wonderful lady. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Myles*



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**Myles Beeching** - January 27, 2023 at 08:26 AM

RC

“ Mrs. Luers was my piano teacher for about 5 years. She was so nice. I still play a little piano when I have the chance. Thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

Regina Cover-Sanders - January 27, 2023 at 05:46 AM

SD

“ The Schaltenbrands will always remember Mary Louis. She was a gift to our community.



Stephanie Davisson - January 26, 2023 at 10:16 PM

SD

...Mary Lois ...silly texting

Stephanie Davisson - January 26, 2023 at 10:18 PM

MA

“ Marilynlowry lit a candle in memory of Mary Lois Luers



Marilynlowry - January 26, 2023 at 08:59 PM

MA

Mark and your family sending prayers and hugs ❤️

Marilynlowry - January 26, 2023 at 08:59 PM

JB

“ *Judy Burvan lit a candle in memory of Mary Lois Luers*



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**Judy Burvan** - January 26, 2023 at 08:58 PM

TS

“ *Mark and family, I am so sorry for your loss. My mom always spoke so highly of her too. Prayers for you as you celebrate her life. God Bless.*



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**Threasa (Felder) Santell** - January 26, 2023 at 08:32 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mary Lois Luers.*



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January 26, 2023 at 07:45 PM

AM

“ *Sue... So sorry for your loss. Sending prayers and strength. Annette and Tim Miller*

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**Annette Miller** - January 26, 2023 at 07:27 PM

JW

“ *What a great Lady she and my dad Jack Brown played many dances together thoughts and prayers to her family💕💕*

Julie Williams - January 26, 2023 at 07:03 PM

MY

“ *To the Luers family: You probably don't remember me but my family lived across the street from you when you lived on Milton St. I always remember your mother as a cheerful and happy lady. My parents were good friends of your parents. My sympathy and prayers to your family at an especially difficult time. Mary Snyder Yoder*

mary yoder - January 26, 2023 at 05:51 PM

PC

“ *My Aunt Mary Lois was one of the most beautiful, loving, funny, sweet spirited women I know. She always smiled and loved people. She never met a stranger. What a beautiful, fulfilled life she had and I am so Blessed to call her my Aunt. You are missed. I know there is a big celebration going on in Heaven. Hugs and a Kiss. I Love you.*

Pam Curlee - January 26, 2023 at 05:38 PM

DV

“ *Phil, Pam and family - we are sending our love & prayers as you celebrate the life of your wonderful mother. Debbie & Jerry Valentine*



Debbie Valentine - January 26, 2023 at 05:12 PM

DW

“ *Don&Gloria Waymouth lit a candle in memory of Mary Lois Luers*



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**Don&Gloria Waymouth** - January 26, 2023 at 05:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Lois Luers.*



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January 26, 2023 at 04:46 PM

JS

“ *Mary Lois was such a sweet lady. I remember one night when the pianist for Don's band, The Starlighters, cancel shortly before the dance. I phoned Mary Lois and she said I'll be there. Later she told Don that if we'd called a few minutes later, she'd had to come with wet hair. We shared many laughs over the years recalling that night. My sincere sympathy to the family.*

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**Judy Smith** - January 26, 2023 at 04:14 PM

MS

“ *Mark, my sympathy to you & all your family. Your mom was an amazing woman. Her obit was well written & interesting. Bless you all.*

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**Mary Ann (Walter) Stockberger** - January 26, 2023 at 03:45 PM

BS

*Sue, so sorry for your loss. I pray that her memory will continue to be a blessing for you and your family.*

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**Brian Studer** - January 26, 2023 at 04:07 PM

WE

*Sue, I am so sorry to hear the news. I have nothing but fond memories of your mother. She was always so kind and cheerful. It was always a pleasure seeing her. She had a way of brightening a room. My condolences to you and your family.*

*Weldon Egan*

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**Weldon Egan** - January 26, 2023 at 06:50 PM

PB

*Mark,*

*Your mom was a joy to know and be around. I always noted she had the most beautiful skin and asked her what her secret was.....she said staying out of the sun. I also enjoyed reading her letters she sent to my mother which in this day and age is almost a lost art. Peace!*

*Pat(Prietula) Bell*

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**Pat Bell** - January 28, 2023 at 07:42 AM

PB

*To the Luers family.....Olga Prietula sends her condolences.....she was a dear friend to her*

*Pat(Prietula) Bell*

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**Pat Bell** - January 28, 2023 at 04:15 PM