



Mary Lou Nagel

January 14, 1927 - January 29, 2022

Mary Lou Nagel, age 95, a lifelong resident of Rensselaer, Indiana, passed away Saturday, January 29, 2022 at Autumn Trace Senior Community Center. She was born at home in Union Township, in Jasper County, on January 14, 1927, the daughter of Ernest Paul and Marion Frances (Meader) Rockwell.

Mary Lou graduated from Fair Oaks High School with the Class of 1944. On February 7, 1948, in Rensselaer, she married her sweetheart, Edwin F. Nagel, who recently preceded her in death on September 3, 2021. Mary Lou was primarily a homemaker but was so much more as she was instrumental in helping her husband, Edwin, run the family farm. She was also an excellent cook and baker and was known for her delicious meals, where she could entertain her family, friends, and neighbors.

While raising her family, Mary Lou was also benevolent with her time and served as a long-time 4-H leader. She was also active in the local Home-Ec Club. She loved being outdoors and working with her hands in her vegetable and flower gardens or planting trees. Mary Lou was a woman of Faith and believer and follower of Jesus Christ. She last attended the Tri-County Bible Church in Rensselaer. If she could leave a legacy, it would be to set a good example of her faith to her children and grandchildren.

Mary Lou is survived by her children, Sharon (Daniel) Nykiel of Lafayette, IN,

Daryl (Lori) Nagel of Dallas, TX, Scott (Sherry) Nagel of Brook, IN, Helen (Curtis) Gutwein of Rensselaer, IN, and Jeff (Beth) Nagel of West Lafayette, IN; daughter-in-law, Melodye Nagel; 16 grandchildren, numerous great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren; brother & sister-in-law, Walter & Velma Nagel, Jr of Rensselaer, IN.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her late husband, Edwin F. Nagel, one son, Byron Nagel, two brothers and one sister.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date, when friends and family can gather safely outdoors where Mary Lou loved to be. Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer has been entrusted with her arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Elara Caring Hospice, 3768 Rome Dr. A, Lafayette, IN 47905.

Tribute Wall

PE

“ *Mary Lou was a childhood neighbor and a wonderful friend to mom. I remember her beautiful yearly garden. Sympathies*
Peggy (Fenwick) Altman

peggy - February 13, 2022 at 06:43 AM

MB

“ *Myles Beeching lit a candle in memory of*
Mary Lou Nagel



Myles Beeching - February 04, 2022 at 08:33 AM

MS

“ *My sympathy Helen, Daryl and the Nagel*
family. They are together again.



Mary Ann (Walter) Stockberger - February 04, 2022 at 01:11 AM

TS

“ *Special prayers of comfort for you all, your*
mom was such a special lady ❤️❤️🙏🙏
Tanny and Betty Dawson



Tanetta Snyder - February 03, 2022 at 10:21 PM

LK

“ Larry And Judy Koebcke lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Nagel



Larry and Judy Koebcke - February 03, 2022 at 06:21 PM

JB

“ Judy Burvan lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Nagel



Judy Burvan - February 03, 2022 at 06:28 AM

JB

Such a special lady from such a special family. ❤️

Judy Burvan - February 03, 2022 at 06:30 AM

MA

“ Marilynlowry lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Nagel



marilynlowry - February 03, 2022 at 02:13 AM

AM

“*Mary Lou. What a wonderful woman. Your mother was precious in my sight, and in the sight of the Lord. I will be praying for all of you in this time of loss. Our hope is always in eternity, but still we grieve. May you sense God’s presence during this time. Warmly.
Annetta (Harden) McKaig*

Annetta McKaig - February 02, 2022 at 09:47 AM

SM

“*Mary Lou was an amazing woman. I only knew her a few months but she touched my heart with her stories and her strong faith. I was blessed to have known her.*

Sandy McMillen - February 01, 2022 at 03:08 PM

BP

What a sweet women...and so was her husband. My sympathy to the Nagel family My deepest sympathy to Helen who I had as a student

Bernice Post - February 02, 2022 at 08:15 AM

JR

My kindred spirit, my beloved friend in Christ, my prayer partner, one of the sweetest, most loving, giving, forgiving, lover of Jesus I had the privilege to call my friend. I will miss your beautiful smile on this earth but look forward to sharing eternity with you and so many of our friends and family and our beloved Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I love you, Mary Lou.

Joyce Rule - February 03, 2022 at 10:18 PM