



Mary Lou Ghezzi

March 27, 1941 - November 26, 2015

Obituary for Mary Lou Ghezzi (March 27, 1941 – November 26, 2015)

Ghezzi, Mary Louise (Mary Lou) age 74, of Winter Park, FL., died on November 26 due to complications from a stroke. She is survived by Bertil W. Ghezzi (Bert), her husband of 51 years; her sister, Mrs. Robert Wilson (Lois; Cincinnati, OH); her daughters: Elaine Blout (Tampa, FL.), Clare Ghezzi (Winter Park, FL.), and Mary Kerwin (Orlando, FL); her sons: John Ghezzi (The Woodlands, TX), Paul Ghezzi (Lake Mary, FL), Stephen Ghezzi (South Lyon, MI) and Peter Ghezzi (Austin, TX); and sixteen grandchildren. All remember Mary Lou for her cheerful conversation, quick wit, and bright sense of humor. Mary Lou was born in Pittsburgh, PA, on March 27, 1941. She was educated in Catholic schools with a Bachelor of Science degree from Mercyhurst College, Erie, PA. For 27 years Mary Lou worked as a stay-at-home mom caring for her seven children. From 1992 until 2012 she served as a circulation librarian at the Winter Park Public Library. There she faithfully selected and delivered books to homebound patrons, researched and developed lists for mystery clubs, managed the Morse Museum recommended reading program, created interesting book displays, and more. Mary Lou was a voracious reader and many patrons consulted her for book ideas. In 2012, the library recognized Mary Lou for twenty years of dedicated service by creating an endowment for purchasing large-print mystery books in her honor. Lifelong Mary Lou was an avid sports fan, following college

basketball and football, professional basketball, football and especially baseball, which she regarded as a metaphor for life. She understood the ins-and-outs of the sports, maintained a daily detailed knowledge of statistics, and freely offered advice to coaches, who wandered into the Winter Park Library. Along with her husband Bert, Mary Lou was an early responder in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal movement. She was an active member of St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, Altamonte Springs, FL. A memorial service will be held 7 to 9 PM on Thursday, December 3 at DeGusipe Funeral Home, 9001 N. Orlando Avenue, Maitland, FL. and a Mass of the Resurrection will be held on Friday, December 4 at 11 AM at St. Mary Magdalen Church, 861 Maitland Avenue, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701 .Instead of flowers, donations may be made in Mary Lou's name to the Winter Park Public Library, 460 East New England Avenue, Winter Park, FL 32789.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 3. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Maitland Chapel
9001 N. Orlando Ave
Maitland, FL 32751
(407) 695-2273
todd@degusipe.com
<https://www.degusipefuneralhome.com>

Funeral Mass

DEC 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
861 Maitland Avenue
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701
(407) 831-1212
<http://www.stmarymagdalen.org>

Tribute Wall

MW

“ I remember growing up in the Brookline neighborhood where Mary Lou was one of my best friends. We played basketball and softball where, although the shortest player, ML was the one with the "hustle" and "never give up" attitude which was contagious. She made fun of me for desiring a teaching career. She would be surprised to know that I not only taught K through Post Grad University classes, but was also a principal of a top 100 school in the USA. Thirty years as a U.S. Marine Corps officer and have now been a laic minister for 15 years. Rest in Peace, Mary Lou. You surely earned a spot in Our Savior's Arms.

Maureen Fullerton Wojciechowski - June 15, 2019 at 06:48 PM

JC

“ We have fond memories of Mary Lo. She had such a generous and fun loving personality. One funny memory in particular which we will never forget was when we met Bert and Mary Lo in Florida at a Cracker Barrel Restaurant. While placing our orders I asked the waitress if they had Lima beans? She responded that they did and wanted to know if we would all like to order some. Mary Lo said 'feed mine to the hogs'. We still get a kick out of her response and share it often with our friends.

We will miss you Mary Lo.

Blessings of JMJ,
John and Marilyn Cassidy

john and marilyn cassidy - January 07, 2018 at 12:42 PM

RS

“ Those years at St Justin's HS are Indelible, somehow, in this 75 year old brain. Today it feels a finer more loving and caring education does not exist. The conversations with Mary Lou, her wit, vitality , maturity (so much more than my own): these memories bring such a feeling of sadness to me. I can not conceive the loss to you, Bert. As my wife Donna and I were talking a few days ago, You and Mary Lou, came to mind . Any St J remembrance without you two was just not the same. That "A" and "B" "Home Room" separation prevented my getting better acquainted with you then Bert.

All life experiences help Our Lord enable us to become what we are. I cherish those years together. The brief times we spent together at Reunions, brought such wonderful memories each time! Even in retirement, life is happening so fast. The Lunch at thr "Cheesecake Factory was enjoyable albeit too short. Chick was having his Birthday that day, I think 80! Hope I get a chance to see you again Bert. With love and prayers to you and your family. Bob (now known as Reuben) and Donna Shaffer. Coming to you from Cleveland Ohio: "Home of the World Champion Cleveland Cavaliers!" (FINALLY !)

Reuben and Donna Shaffer - September 28, 2016 at 08:59 AM

AK

“ I just learned of Mary Lou's death from the Mercyhurst Alumnae newsletter. She lived next door to me our senior year in college. But what I most remember is the shared experience we had pregnant with our first children as we attended, with our husbands, the pregnancy classes at Notre Dame. We both were glad each other was there for all that! Those babies are now 50! I was aware of Mary Lou and Burt's Catholic activities and what has been 51 years of beautiful example sharing. My sympathies are extended to all of your family.

Alice Welte Krause

Alice Welte Krause - February 12, 2016 at 10:39 AM

RJ

“ Tom and I would like to express our sorrow for your loss of Mary Lou. I just found out via the Mercyhurst Alumni newsletter. I am very glad that i had a lively conversation with her at breakfast after our 50th Reunion. We reminisced about our years at Mercyhurst and laughed a lot. I will never remember the Pirate World Series victory without thinking about Mary Lou defying our Art Appreciation professor who wanted her to turn off her radio in class before the game ended. Thanks to her, I heard the news of Maz's home run broadcast live. What a delightful, sincere human being! It was my gift to know her.

Reinette Jackovic

Reinette Jackovic - February 11, 2016 at 05:08 PM

TG

“ Bert,
Our prayers are with Mary Lou and you. We are grateful for the way our lives intertwined with the two of you, and for the care you gave to us and our family. It's good to know that the Lord knows every one of these things and rewards 30, 60 and 100 fold. Be assured of our love in the days and months ahead.
Tom & Ellen Gryniewicz

Tom & Ellen Gryniewicz - December 08, 2015 at 10:31 AM



“ I will always treasure my memories of Mary Lou. I moved to Winter Park in 2004, and when I started using the Winter Park Library I enjoyed talking to her at the desk. Then I was privileged to work with her, and she was funny, witty, well read and honest. I will never forget the time I had a terrible toothache and she called her family dentist, Dr. McNamara, and asked him if he would see me. When I arrived at the doctor's office, they kept asking me who referred me, and I kept explaining that Mary Lou did! I will miss her for the rest of my life.

Linda Grace - December 05, 2015 at 04:46 PM

DW

“ Dear Uncle Bert & Family,
I'm thinking of all of you during this very sad time. With fond memories of Aunt Mary Lou, my hope for all of you is that you will find strength in the love that surrounds you, and peace in the memories you cherish. You are all in my prayers.
Deborah Wilson

Deborah Wilson - December 04, 2015 at 11:09 AM

FM

“ Bert, you and the entire family, have my sympathy and prayers. I remember well the good dinners she prepared when I was invited to be with all of you. Mary Lou was a blessing.
Father Frank McGrath

Fr. Frank McGrath - December 04, 2015 at 10:47 AM

CD

“ Dear Bert. I just want to reassre you that our prayers are with you at this time of earthly sorrow and heavenly joy. I'm sure Mary Lou is in a better place. We love you and we will pray for Mary Lou and for you.

Chuck and Arlene Dowling

Chuck Dowling - December 03, 2015 at 12:46 PM

JF

“ Terri and I recall your wonderful hospitality while you lived in Ann Arbor. In the midst of my stress of MBA studies, you invited us to your home for dinner. And were warmly received by you and Mary Lou.

We share with you in your grief. And you and your family are in our prayers.

Dcn. Jack and Terri Flanagan, Ypsilanti, MI

Jack and Terri Flanagan - December 02, 2015 at 02:53 PM

 Bob
Wilson

“ *Dear Uncle Bert and Family,
Nuria and I are very sorry for your loss. I have many fond memories
of Aunt Mary Lou from my childhood visits to Grandma and Pappap
Cuddyre's. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.
Bob and Nuria Wilson*

Bob Wilson - December 02, 2015 at 01:36 PM

JS

“ *Bert,
Our deepest sympathy on the loss of Mary
Lou. May our Lord give you strength to get
through these trying times.
Joe and Carole Spinella*



Joe and Carole Spinella - December 01, 2015 at 11:44 PM

DR

“ *Bert and family, Mary and I extend our condolences on the loss of
Mary Lou. She was a delightful woman and I have very fond
memories of her when we all lived in household for a year.
You are all in our prayers and may the peace and comfort of the
Holy Spirit rest upon all the Ghezzi family at this time.*

*(Deacon) Lou and
Mary Russello*

Deacon Lou and Mary Russello - December 01, 2015 at 02:57 PM



“ 91 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory - December 01, 2015 at 10:40 AM

FG

Dear Bert, nu heartiest condolences. I'with you in spirit of prayer and thanksgiving, for the Lord who has given and now takes away" will fulfill his promises to Mary Lou and you - his everlasting love! With much love and affection. Guido

Fr. Guido - December 02, 2015 at 06:43 AM

ML

“ *First time we met you - laundry piled all over ready to be folded (we had cloth diapers "in those times", sick children with antibiotics and vaporizers going, and diaper bags and toys piled by the door for a next-day trip to Williamston, MI for a Day of Renewal. In those '60's years, we became life-long friends. We always enjoyed your love of sports, your faith, your ability to "live in the moment" and your totally Christian hospitality - everyone always welcome! Remember 'household' days in Grand Haven - you had the guys we had the girls! I also remember your standing up for your family values, your love of learning and your wonderful insights into practical Christian living - sometimes your opinion vs everyone else's. You always refreshed our souls! May peace and full happiness now be yours with all the saints who have gone before you. We'll hold your family in prayer. Bud and Mary Lothschutz*

Mary Lothschutz - November 30, 2015 at 05:49 PM

HS

“ *Dear Bert: What an unimaginable loss. I'm so sorry, and wish Craig and I could be there in Florida with you and your family at this difficult time. I only met Mary Lou once or twice, but I know the strength of the bond the two of you shared -- and the legacy of love that the two of you built over the years. No doubt that love will continue in an even stronger and more lasting way . . . despite the pain. Please know you are in my daily prayers. Heidi and Craig Saxton, and kids.*

Heidi Saxton - November 30, 2015 at 02:25 PM

RJ

“ Bert,

May Christ Jesus grant you much peace and comfort during this time. We are very grateful for knowing Mary Lou for many years. She was a wonderful person, full of life and wit. You and the family are in our prayers.

Randy and Therese Cirner

RJC - November 30, 2015 at 01:58 PM

JQ


“ *I am grateful that I knew Mary Lou and extend my condolences and prayers to Bert and all the family. I will celebrate a private mass here on the morning of her funeral. My intention will be the repose of her soul and the consolation of those who mourn her passing. - Fr. Jack Quinlan*

Jack Quinlan - November 30, 2015 at 09:40 AM

BH

“ *So sorry Bert, your grief is real and hard, but God is more than able to see you through! Much love Don and Barbara Horn*

Barbara Horn - November 29, 2015 at 06:57 PM

 Linda
Bro

“ *Linda Bro lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Ghezzi*



Linda Bro - November 29, 2015 at 06:16 PM

BH

“ Sorry to hear about Mary Lou, Bert. She was kind, present, and had that smile. Had I known of her love and interest in sports, baseball and statistics, we could have fun skyping every day. Now she has rounded third and touching home plate. Our prayers are with her, you, and your family.

Bob (and Linda) Horning

Bob Horning - November 29, 2015 at 04:05 PM

SB

“ Wishing comfort and peace to you and your family, Bert, during these days of loss and grief. Although I never had the pleasure of meeting Mary Lou, you spoke of her fondly and loving to me. I know that you hold happy memories of your life together and share our blessed hope in eternal life. I am praying with you that she rest in peace and rise in glory with the saints of heaven. Steve Binz

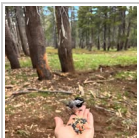
Stephen J. Binz - November 29, 2015 at 10:58 AM

SC

“ So sorry to hear about this great loss. Bert, please know that we are holding you all in prayer and sending you our love. May God console you as only He can.

Sr. Dorcee on behalf of all the Servants of God's Love

Sr. Dorcee A Clarey - November 29, 2015 at 08:02 AM



“ We are very sorry for your loss; know that your family is in our prayers.

Kristin Appert Camiolo

K.M. Camiolo - November 28, 2015 at 10:59 PM

RS

“ Prayers, Bert, for you and your whole family.

Rose Sweet

Rose Sweet - November 28, 2015 at 05:20 PM

MJ

“ Dear Bert and family,

My deepest condolences to you. Mary Lou is my cousin. I last saw her a few years ago at my mother's funeral. I regret that I cannot make it to Mary Lou's funeral, but you will all be in my thoughts and prayers.

Mary Lou (Benz) Johansen

Mary Lou Johansen - November 28, 2015 at 01:14 PM

KR

“ From the time Bert, Mary Lou, and growing family moved from Grand Valley State to Ann Arbor, Bert and Mary Lou added wisdom and common sense to our life as a community. My fondest memories are when they lived at Felch and Miner and were within walking distance so Mary Lou and I could occasionally have tea together. She was a great friend to many and will be greatly missed until we reunite in Heaven.

Kit Raymond - November 28, 2015 at 12:48 PM

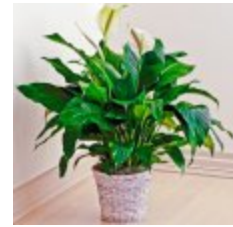
FR

“ With fond memories the Vanicelli family sends our condolences. You are all in our prayers. Franne Vanicelli

Franne - November 28, 2015 at 11:48 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Ghezzi.*



November 28, 2015 at 11:25 AM



“ *My wife, Mequi and I had the opportunity to stay with the Ghezzi's a couple of times as a young married couple. We were welcomed and blessed greatly by Mary Lou and treasured our time in the Ghezzi home. Rest in peace dear sister! Love and sincerest condolences to the entire family and a hug to Bert! Thomas and Mercedes Herrera-Mishler*

Tomas Herrera-Mishler - November 28, 2015 at 10:16 AM



“ *May she rest in peace. Bert, my condolences to you and all the family.*

Henry Dieterich - November 28, 2015 at 10:11 AM



“ *Stephanie Levijoki lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Ghezzi*



Stephanie Levijoki - November 28, 2015 at 09:44 AM

SL

“ *Sending all our best wishes and condolences to Bert Ghezzi and family. I will always remember the kindest, hospitality, and love that Mary Lou shared with me, Marshall, and those I loved. She lived a life of love and shared it so beautifully with Bert. Together Bert and Mary Lou, you were a true example of holy married life. We love you.*

Stephanie Levijoki - November 28, 2015 at 09:43 AM

AK

Dear Ghezzi Family,

(Sorry this is so long--So was your book, Bert.)

I had the great experience of living with the Ghezzi's for 5 months before I got married. (I had asked my district head if I could move from my women's household so I could get a first hand look at what married life was like.)

I think there were at least 8 adults (Right!! just barley adults--right out of college!!!) I bet she would laugh at us even calling ourselves adults, We were just 8 more kids! Not really adults!!!

One of my favorite things was sharing with Mary Lou. She was so much fun. She was able to just go through household life with all these other adults along with her 5 children. Maybe her children could share some of the many funny things that kept us all in line.

She always had a twinkle in her eye and her smile was precious.

Imagine living with a husband who would read Dooley and the Snortsnut for a prayer meeting talk. (Read it sometime it has a great spiritual message.)

Any one who would let 8 barley adults live with there family has to be pretty amazing. What were we thinking??

I have wonderful memories of the children. I remember trying to give each of the children the kind of eggs they wanted for breakfast. As I was making scrambled eggs, fried egg's, over easy--Loretta Martin one of the house mates said,"what are you doing? !! Just pick one kind, they don't need to be catered. And that was fine with MaryLou!

Mary Lou was one of our good and faithful servant's of God who go about life with ease and with humor. She was hysterical! She gave me such wonderful memories and wisdom. I don't know how she did it with 5 kids and 8 adults to manage.

Any time I drive by the house on Seventh St (which was pretty cramped with all of us young adults)or the house off of Maple road,-- where we had a little more space. I think of how much fun we had. And it was Mary Lou who that kept things going. .--She was doing the most important job there is--RAISING THE NEXT GENERATION--NOT WITH POSE BUT WITH A SMILE (BERT WAS JUST WRITING BOOKS!

She was so flexible. When I finally had 5 kids myself--I couldn't imagine

what it was like to have a crowd of children and 8 single people. What were we thinking!!!

I remember having a heart to heart talk with Mary Lou about some of the intimate parts of family life. NO I AM NOT GOING TO GIVE DETAILS!!

I think if I could give you her philosophy I think it would be: Go with the flow and try to handle what comes along and never forget to laugh at all the hysterical things that happen.

What I remember most was her sense of humor. Anyone who would let her daughter be Tinker Bell at Disney Land is someone I want to be around and enjoy!

May our precious Lord give you all many special times to recall Mary Lou and her wonderfully blessed, fun filled life even in the midst of laundry, meals, raising children, and living thru chaos on the front lines

I am confident that she has St Peter laughing so hard that the tears are running down his cheeks as he hears her life experiences.

Was this suppose to be short --sorry I just loved living with your wonderful family.

I would like to see this epitaph on her tombstone--- it is the tired woman's epitath:

"Don't cry for me now, don't cry for me ever. I'm going now to where there are no dishes to do, or laundry wash, and no work that has to be done.!!

Don't cry for me now. Don't cry for me ever. I'M GOING TO DO NOTHING FOREVER AND EVER!!!

She was fun, She was earthly. She is a saint in my eyes!

May our wonderful Lord give you blessings in the midst of your sorrow. May Heaven be brought near with her absence and may you share the wonderful stories that made her life such a great example of living the faith in love and with a wonderful sense of humor.

This is so long but want to recomend 3 other things for you to find on the internet--my favorite picture; 2 ladies our talking to each other the devil is knocked down between them. the quote is. "He tried to steal my joy!" and a poem : Martha of Bethany by Clive Sansom--It really remi

Ann Kopinski - November 29, 2015 at 05:09 PM

FO

I will remember Mary Lou, you and the family at the altar of the Lord. Mass offered, Rest in Peace.

Father Dennis Brown, OMV

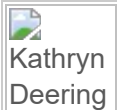
Father Dennis Brown, OMV - November 29, 2015 at 08:01 PM

LS

God bless you, Bert, and all your family during this time of loss.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints (Psalm 116:15). Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

Lucy and Paul Scholand - November 30, 2015 at 12:46 PM



Kathryn
Deering

Our hearts go out to you, Bert, and we honor you and Mary Lou in our thoughts and prayers. We are privileged to know you. Kathy and Mike Deering

Kathryn Deering - November 30, 2015 at 08:37 PM

PO

Bert and family & friends ~ we are very sorry to hear of your loss. May the sure, strong arms of the Lord surround, protect, comfort, and keep each of you/us. Keeping you all in prayer.

Patrick and Joan O'Connell - December 01, 2015 at 03:07 PM

RG

*Bert,
May the Lord's very tangible love be yours in a special way during this time. Though it has been many years ago we still recall with great fondness our relationship with you and Mary Lou in Ann Arbor. Those were great days but better days are coming. God bless you and your family.*

Ron and Liz Ghormley

Ron Ghormley - December 01, 2015 at 04:19 PM

AZ

Dear Bert, after all these years, we still remember you and Mary Lou. We're so sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in this blessed season. We're thinking of you and praying for you and your family. Love, Ann and Timothy Zeddies

Ann Zeddies - December 10, 2015 at 02:52 PM

GE

*Dear Bert,
I learned of Mary Lou's passing at the ACE conference held here in Nashville. I am so sorry for your loss. It's been a while now, so I hope that God has comforted your heart. I'm glad I got to meet Mary Lou. God be with you.*

Gwen Ellis

Gwen Ellis - January 04, 2017 at 08:30 AM