



## Mary Lou Veatch

June 15, 1930 - April 25, 2025

Mary Lou Veatch, 94, a lifelong Rush County resident, passed away April 25, 2025 in Indianapolis. She was born June 15, 1930 in Rush County to Dayton & Goldie (Dalrymple) Stewart. Mary Lou was a 1948 graduate of Mays High School. She married Robert “Bob” Veatch on October 1, 1950 and he preceded her in death on July 12, 2021.

Mary Lou worked as a homemaker and spent 27 years as an instructor in the Title 1 reading program at Rushville, Arlington, Manilla and St. Mary’s Elementary Schools.

She was a 50+ year member of the Arlington Christian Church where she was organist, pianist and taught Sunday school. Mary Lou was very active in her Rush County community serving many capacities with numerous organizations. Those organizations include the Home Helpers Homemakers, Delta Theta Tau Sorority, Crimson Queen Red Hat Society, Amicitia Club, the Margaret Hill McCarter Literary Club, and Rush County Farm Bureau where she served as board member, Women’s leader for Posey Township and served on the scholarship committee and the annual meeting committee.

Mary Lou loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She and Bob took great pride in their Rush County farm that has been in the Veatch family since 1875. She loved her church and her Posey Township community. Music was a very important part of life for the Veatch family. She and Bob established the Robert and Mary Lou Veatch and Family Fund through the Rush County Community Foundation to foster developing

musicians and athletes at Arlington Elementary School.

Mary Lou is survived by her children, Marcus (Cynthia) Veatch of Indianapolis, Marla Jane (Mick) Davis of York, PA and Marvin (Beth) Veatch of Seymour, her grandchildren, Meredith (Travis) Behler of York, PA, Michael Davis of Hilton Head, SC, Matthew Davis of Philadelphia, PA and Katherine Veatch of Seymour, her great grandson, Grayson Behler of York, PA and nephew, Stephen Knoy. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brother; Harold Stewart, sister; Phyllis Knoy, niece; Dana Conde and nephew,; James Stewart.

Services for Mary Lou will be held at 11 AM Wednesday, April 30, 2025 in the Arlington Christian Church with Pastor's Gordon Mehaffey & Gary Holt presiding. Friends are welcome to visit the family from 4-8 PM Tuesday, April 29, 2025 in Moster Mortuary, Rushville. Burial will be held in Rushville's East Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Arlington Christian Church or to the Robert & Mary Lou Veatch Family Fund both through the Rush County Community Foundation.

# Cemetery Details

## East Hill Cemetery

746-740 IN-44  
Rushville, IN 46173

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **29**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Moster Mortuary  
334 N. Main  
Rushville, IN

## Service

APR **30**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Arlington Christian Church

# Tribute Wall

CC

“ As request by my mother- Genevieve Dalrymple Craig, She asked that I send a Christmas card to her cousin Mary Lou, all the cousins use to get together every year, but as the years passed, so did the cousins. MaryLou was the last one. I sent a card anyway this year to let you know she was still remembered. Carolyn Craig, daughter of Genevieve D. Craig.

Carolyn Craig - December 16, 2025 at 03:44 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Veatch.



April 29, 2025 at 10:33 AM

JT

“ John and Lisa Tanselle purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Mary Lou Veatch.



John and Lisa Tanselle - April 29, 2025 at 08:29 AM

JT

“ John and Lisa Tanselle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Lou Veatch.

John and Lisa Tanselle - April 29, 2025 at 08:29 AM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Veatch.*



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April 29, 2025 at 08:24 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Ed Beckner** - April 29, 2025 at 08:09 AM



“ *Ed Beckner lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Veatch*



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**Ed Beckner** - April 29, 2025 at 07:42 AM



“ *Our hearts go out to the family of Mary Lou. She and my mother, Lois Beckner, played for Arlington Christian Church for many years. They were truly the best of friends. May God bless you in this time of sorrow. Mary Lou and Mom are together again, playing music for a heavenly congregation.*

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**Ed Beckner** - April 29, 2025 at 07:42 AM

DH

“ I will cherish our adventures with the Veatch family—journeys that took us from the serene lakes of Canada to the vibrant streets of New Orleans, the charming town of Gatlinburg, the bustling energy of New York City, and the historic landmarks of Washington, D.C. Each trip was filled with laughter, exploration, and the joy of shared experiences.

One unforgettable moment was when the kids, full of youthful energy took off in one of the cars, leaving the parents behind in a cloud of dust. Our mischievous escapade left the adults both exasperated and amused (I hope), and slightly upset, a story that has been retold with smiles, laughter and a few happy tears over the years.

As i reflect on these treasured memories, I feel a deep sense of gratitude for the time spent with Mary Lou, Bob, and all the kids. Their companionship turned ordinary trips into extraordinary adventures. Though we will miss them dearly, the bonds we formed and the memories we created together will remain in our hearts forever.

Much love,

David H.

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David Hedrick - April 28, 2025 at 09:40 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Veatch.



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April 28, 2025 at 03:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Lou Veatch.

April 28, 2025 at 03:50 PM



“ The Hunsberger Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Lou Veatch.



The Hunsberger Family - April 28, 2025 at 03:06 PM



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



April 28, 2025 at 01:46 PM



“ Steve & Patti Kroy and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary Lou Veatch.



Steve & Patti Kroy and Family - April 28, 2025 at 12:35 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Veatch.*



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April 28, 2025 at 11:08 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Lou Veatch.

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April 28, 2025 at 11:08 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Veatch.*



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April 28, 2025 at 11:00 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Lou Veatch.

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April 28, 2025 at 11:00 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Veatch.*



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April 28, 2025 at 10:16 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Lou Veatch.

April 28, 2025 at 10:16 AM



“ I have so many fond memories of teenage years, spending the night at the Veatches, and continuing all through my life. Mary Lou and Bob opened their home and their hearts so graciously. I always loved going to their home to visit my best friend Marla Jane when she came home for Christmas. We would laugh and tell stories and share photos. Just so special! Mary Lou was a nurturing person who genuinely cared about you — I will remember all her advice and her encouragement and be forever grateful for her friendship.

Nancy Durham - April 27, 2025 at 09:54 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Veatch.



April 27, 2025 at 08:08 PM



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“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Veatch.*



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April 27, 2025 at 11:36 AM



“ *A beautiful and faithful lady who welcomed me with open arms to Arlington Christian Church. Will miss her and her beautiful music.*

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**Pamela K. Elzy** - April 27, 2025 at 11:30 AM



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



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April 27, 2025 at 09:25 AM



“ *Rick And Lisa Hartwell lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Veatch*



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**Rick and Lisa Hartwell** - April 26, 2025 at 10:10 PM

MJ

“ *Mark Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Veatch*



Mark Johnson - April 26, 2025 at 09:59 PM

MJ

*I am so sorry to hear. Bob and Mary Lou were such great friends to mum and dad.*

Mark Johnson - April 26, 2025 at 10:00 PM

CS

“ *Cindy Vandeventer Sever lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Veatch*



Cindy Vandeventer Sever - April 26, 2025 at 09:29 PM

SS

“ *Sydney Snedegar lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Veatch*



sydney snedegar - April 26, 2025 at 06:36 PM

SS

*sorry to hear of mary lou s passing*

sydney snedegar - April 26, 2025 at 06:36 PM

RF

“ Rick Oliver and the Haley's families purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mary Lou Veatch.



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**Rick Oliver and the Haley's families** - April 26, 2025 at 06:19 PM

RF

“ Rick Oliver and the Haley's families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Lou Veatch.

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**Rick Oliver and the Haley's families** - April 26, 2025 at 06:19 PM

MS

“ Mildred Stewart



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**Mildred I Stewart** - April 26, 2025 at 05:38 PM

TL

“ Such a caring person. I'm sure she will be missed by many



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**Toni Linville** - April 26, 2025 at 03:43 PM

GM

“ Gary N Jan McDaniel lit a candle in memory  
of Mary Lou Veatch



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**Gary n Jan McDaniel** - April 26, 2025 at 01:16 PM