



Mary 'Lou' Finney

August 31, 1941 - December 5, 2021

Mary Louise "Lou" Finney, 80, passed away on December 5, 2021, at home with family in Mapleton, Illinois. Her memorial service will be held January 8th, 2022 at 3pm at Living Hope Community Church, in Bartonville, Illinois. Visitation will be from 1:00pm to 3:00pm, preceding the memorial service. A graveside service will be scheduled later at Smith Grove Cemetery in Greenville, Illinois.

Mary Lou was born August 31, 1941, to Commodore H. Mills and Norma Weiss Mills in Highland, Illinois. In 1962 she was married to John "Jay" Earl Finney Jr. and he preceded her in death in 2011. She was also preceded in death by her parents, stepmother Irma Weiss Mills, and stepbrother-in-law Bob Goodson.

She is survived by son John Earl Finney III (Kristi) and grandchildren Melissa (Jonathan) Carpenter, Megan Finney, and Nathan Finney. She is also survived by, stepsister Nancy Goodson, stepbrother Ron (Linda) Weiss, Aunt Alice Potts, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Mary Lou was a graduate of Greenville College and taught high school in California, Texas, and Illinois. For 13 years she was employed at Methodist Medical Center at the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Peoria as Residency Coordinator. She and Jay spent 15 years in San Antonio, and she

was employed at Wayland Baptist University in San Antonio. She taught piano lessons since retirement.

She was currently a member of Living Hope Community Church, which has been designated as a memorial. Memorials may be made at livinghopecentral.org

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN 8. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Living Hope Community Church

6116 W. Lancaster Rd

Bartonville , IL 61607

Memorial Service

JAN 8. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SS

“ *Mary "Lou" Finney*

Schmidt Haller Burial and Cremation Services - August 13, 2024 at 01:18 PM

GD

“ *So sad to hear this news. Mary Lou was always so kind. My deepest sympathy to her family. Donna Herrington Gschwend*

Gschwend Donna - January 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ *Mary Lou You were a beautiful person ❤️ You had so much love and patience 🌸 Just the other day I went over to my daughter, Leslie's house. I noticed she had bought a piano. She played a piece for me ❤️ It was because of you she was able to share her love for piano with me ❤️ Ty Mary Lou 🌹*

Bernice - December 16, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ We are sending our deepest condolences to Mary Lou's family. We are very saddened to hear of her passing. We got to know Mary Lou from 1991 - 1994 when I did my Family Practice Residency at Methodist Medical Center in Peoria, IL. As the Residency Coordinator, she was always the welcoming and smiling face I saw whenever I came in to the office. She was a great organizer, efficient, always cheerful and reassuring. When my family and I look back to my Residency Program, it is filled with pleasant memories because of her. She truly cared about all the Resident Physicians and their families. We will keep her in our prayers, and may she rest in the peace of our Lord now that she has gone to our Father's House. Ricardo & Dinah Dorotheo

Ricardo Dorotheo III, MD - December 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I am so sorry to hear of your (our) loss but excited for Mary Lou to be in the presence of her Lord and Savior! Our family knew Mary Lou at Grace Fellowship Baptist Church in San Antonio, TX and grew to love her like all who knew her. Mary Lou *defines* servant spirit to me, tirelessly serving in every way possible, never seeking or needing honor or recognition but getting so much done. And loving of the old-timers, newcomers, kids, you name it. Critical supporter of AWANAs, on the treasury committee, pastor search committee, pianist, church secretary... you name it, Mary Lou did it! I am privileged to have crossed paths and known this fine lady! "What a day of rejoicing that will be!" And I'm positive it was... and is.

David Branyon - December 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Kathy and I are so sad at the passing of Mary Lou. When we would come to church on Sunday, we always looked forward to seeing her and giving her a great big hug. She will always be in our hearts. Through Jesus, God now has her with Him. May God give your family comfort and strength during these next days, months and years. With Much Love, Dick and Kathy Chapman

Dick and Kathy Chapman - December 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ So sad to hear Mary Lou has passed My sister & I used to sing at Smith Grove Baptist church & She played the piano. We were very close when we were in our late grade school years , & h.s. She was so sweet & kind & always smiling. God bless her son & grandchildren. May she rest in peace.

june (Walker) Boggy - December 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

PU

“ I am so saddened by this news. Mary Lou was always the first to receive a Christmas card/ email greeting from her. Our friendship went back to the years when she and Jay were serving Youth for Christ in the San Gabriel area and serving at Oak Park chapel in Glendora, California. She was the church pianist and I was the choir director. We served together for many years. The last time we met again was in January, 2010, in San Antonio, Texas. A week after we met Jay suddenly passed away. She told me later that she was moving to Illinois to live closer to her son. I will miss her sweet and loving personality. We will say “bye for now, Mary Lou. We will meet again.”

Perlita Lim Uybocho - December 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KD

“*What a bright light Mary Lou was! We were so blessed with her friendship at Grace Fellowship in San Antonio. She always remembered everyone's birthdays and always sent beautiful cards. Her wonderful talent playing the piano was a true gift and blessing to us all; we enjoyed it so much. She and Jay were such special people and touched many, many lives. Heaven has gained another sweet angel!*”

Karla Durst - December 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DG

“*So very sad to hear about Mary Lou. She was such a kind person. I well remember her at Smith Grove Baptist Church when I was growing up. I'm so glad that we were in contact these last few years over the Internet. God bless her family. Donna Herrington Gschwend*”

Donna Gschwend - December 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DB

“*She was such a precious blessing to us. We attended church with your parents at Marshall Baptist Church, and they always made us feel loved, and special. Mary Lou often accompanied me for church specials. We know she's rejoicing in Heaven, but we know you will mourn and miss her. So sorry for your loss. You are all in our prayers.*”

Docia and Tracy Buchanan - December 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM