



Mary Lou Avery

March 8, 1934 - May 15, 2021

Mary Lou Avery, age 87 years, a resident of Vienna, passed away Saturday morning, May 15, 2021, at St. Louis University Medical Center.

Mary Lou was born March 8, 1934 on Boss Island in Johnson County Illinois. She was the daughter of William A. and Alice Marie (Jenkins) Elliott.

Mary Lou was united in marriage to Jim Avery on December 3, 1951 in Corinth, Mississippi. He preceded her in death on October 21, 1991.

Mary Lou is survived by: her daughters – Becky Lynn (Mitch) Groves of Newburgh, Indiana, Cindy Ann (Ron) Studer of Vienna, and Lisa Michelle Overton of Vienna; 8 grandchildren – Matthew (Sarah) Groves, Jamie (Mikhala) Jones, Krista Staple, Melissa (Dustin) Lilja, Brandon Studer, Kayla (Caleb) Dotson, Chelsea Studer, and Derick (Alana) Overton; 7 great grandchildren – Jaylie Staple, Kaileigh Luttrell, Talon Lilja, Elliott Groves, Genevieve Groves, Arlington Jones and Finnly Lilja; a son-in-law – Jimmy Jones; sisters-in-law – Mary Elliott and Rosie (J.W.) Hand; a brother-in-law – Richard (Hannah) Avery; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

In addition to her parents and husband, Mary Lou was preceded in death by: a son – Jimmy Ray Avery; a daughter – Sheryl Jean Jones; and 2 brothers – Bill Elliott and Don Elliott.

Mary Lou attended Vienna High School and was a member of the class of 1952. She was a devoted homemaker and assisted in the office and bookkeeping responsibilities for the family service station business.

Mary Lou was a member of the Vienna First Christian Church. She was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Mary Lou enjoyed quilting, crochet, reading, coloring and singing. She was a strong and independent lady and is remembered by her family as “an all around badass!”

A service honoring the life of Mary Lou Avery will be conducted Tuesday afternoon, May 18, 2021, at 3 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor Les Chamberlain will officiate.

Visitation will be from 1 PM – 3 PM Tuesday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in the Vienna Fraternal Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Fresenius Kidney Care, 20 Hospital Drive, Metropolis, Illinois 62960 or to Shawnee Mass Transit service, 100 Smart Drive, Vienna, Illinois 62995.

Those attending the visitation and service are reminded to observe customarily accepted social distancing guidelines. The wearing of a face mask or covering is strongly encouraged.

Cemetery Details

Vienna Fraternal Cemetery

N. 6th Street
Vienna, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 18. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
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baileyfhinc@hotmail.com
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Lou Avery*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *So sorry to hear your loss, and heart broke to learn that Sheryl had passed, she was my best friend in high school. We had some great times together.*

Linda Ford Hale - May 28, 2021 at 09:18 PM



“ *The Avery family we're neighbors of my family for many years south of Vienna. Mary Lou was always happy to see you and remember when all we kids were younger. I am so sorry for your loss*

Jackie Mathis Harper

Jackie Mathis Harper - May 17, 2021 at 06:37 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Avery.*

May 17, 2021 at 04:56 PM





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



May 17, 2021 at 10:39 AM



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



May 16, 2021 at 11:14 PM



“ *Jim and Mary Lou were great friends with my parents for many years!! I remember their Son Jimmy Ray he was my age. They were good people.*



Steve&Kathy(Whiteside) Lay - May 16, 2021 at 09:39 PM



“ *John Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Lou Avery*



John Slack - May 16, 2021 at 07:31 PM



“ *Robert And Lori Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Avery*



Robert and Lori Taylor - May 16, 2021 at 07:17 PM



“ *Mike Crews lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Avery*



Mike Crews - May 16, 2021 at 06:34 PM



“ *Teresa Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Avery*



Teresa Anderson - May 16, 2021 at 04:16 PM



“ *Frederick And Betty Heaton lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Avery*



Frederick and Betty Heaton - May 16, 2021 at 02:24 PM

TR

“ *Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Avery*



Teresa Richerson - May 16, 2021 at 09:08 AM



“ *Karen Brumley lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Avery*



Karen Brumley - May 16, 2021 at 12:13 AM

DP

“ *Davis And Pat Prewitt lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Avery*



Davis and Pat Prewitt - May 15, 2021 at 10:08 PM

DP

Mary Lou was always fun and loved her family so much. We are so sorry for your loss.

Davis and Pat Prewitt - May 15, 2021 at 10:10 PM

WF

“ Wanda Florey lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Avery



Wanda Florey - May 15, 2021 at 08:27 PM

GC

“ Jimmy Ray and I were best friends. His Dad ran the Texico station at the 4way stop and my Dad ran the Standard station across the street.

Jimmy's death was such a tragedy for the family.

Just a memory from the early 60s that has stayed with me through my life.

Our Dad's were kept busy keeping up with us and what we were up to. Sometimes ending with a shake from Neds Shed to slow us down.

Prayers for the family and know you are thought of.

Gerell Cain

My Dad was Earl Cain

Gerell Cain - May 15, 2021 at 08:19 PM

LM

“ Larry And Carolyn McGill lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Avery



Larry and Carolyn McGill - May 15, 2021 at 07:04 PM

BP

“ *Brian Parrish lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Avery*



Brian parrish - May 15, 2021 at 06:45 PM

MH

“ *Mary Lou Hynes lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Avery*



Mary Lou Hynes - May 15, 2021 at 05:17 PM

BR

“ *Bobby Rentfro lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Avery*



Bobby Rentfro - May 15, 2021 at 05:12 PM

BJ

“ *Barbara Jeffress lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Avery*



Barbara Jeffress - May 15, 2021 at 05:00 PM

SR

“ *SHERI ROBINSON lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Avery*



SHERI ROBINSON - May 15, 2021 at 04:54 PM

DB

“ *Dorothy Bacon lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Avery*



Dorothy Bacon - May 15, 2021 at 04:49 PM