



Mary Lou Reed

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Graveside services will be held on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at 2:00 PM in the Mausoleum Chapel of Rosewood Park. A visitation will be held one hour prior to the graveside service at Rosewood Park. Mrs. Reed passed to the Lord on December 28, 2023, in Longview, TX surrounded by family.

Mary Lou was born on August 11, 1939, in Hunter, AR to parents John and Mary Bankhead. She graduated from Commerce High School where she was a State Tennis Champion in 1957; and then attended East Texas State University where Mary Lou was a member of the Chi Omega Sorority graduating class of 1961. Mary Lou received a Masters degree in 1976 followed by a Mid-Masters in 1978, both from SFA. Mary Lou worked in education for upwards of 40 years at multiple schools, most notably spending 6 years as the Assistant Principle at Longview High School and 14 years as the Principle of Ware Elementary.

Mary Lou was a devoted Christian whom loved the Lord and guided her family with love. She was baptized in the Baptist Church.

Mary Lou was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Laura Reed; siblings Peggy, Billy, and Jerry; and her nephew Terry Bankhead. Those left to cherish Mary Lou's memory include her son James "Jimmy" Reed and his wife Mikki; grandchildren Jacob, Coltin, and Kasyn; brother Charley; brother-in-law J.E. Reed and his wife Martha and her nephew Jayson in addition to the numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

"Don't grieve, for I am with the Lord now, and all of my loved ones that have passed, including my daughter. I am at peace now. I have spent my life loving and caring for others and guiding them as best I could, that is the job of a teacher and mother. Do not be sad that I am gone, but be glad I was here."




Events

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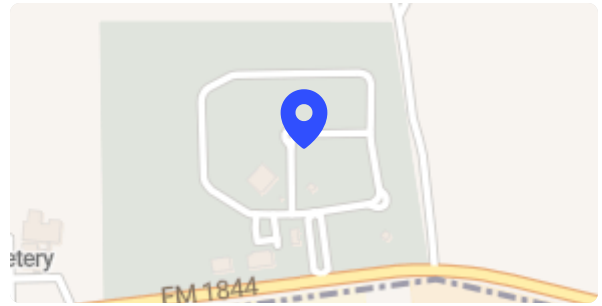
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Visitation


 **Wednesday**, January 3, 2024

 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CT

 **Rosewood Park Mausoleum**
1884 FM 1844, Longview TX 75605

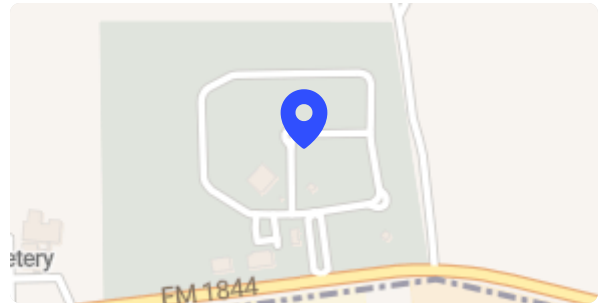


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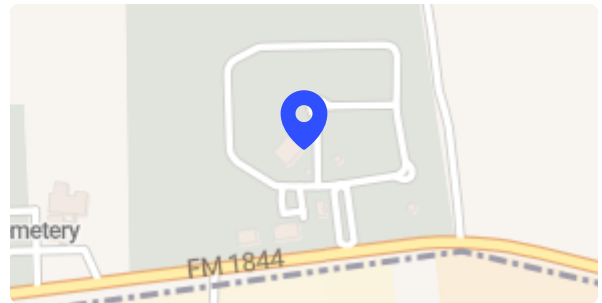
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Cemetery Details

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WB

Wes Brumit lit a candle in honor of Mary.



January 26 at 6:12 PM

DA

Daphne posted:

I will always remember Ms. Mary Lou Reed. She was my PE teacher at Mozelle Johnson in the early 70s. A tough but fair lady. Coach Reed was one of my favorites because she always encouraged me to be a better me.

January 16 at 4:39 AM

KR

Kay Ray posted:

Mary Lou was one of the finest educators I ever worked with during my career in Longview ISD. She was dedicated to helping us, the teachers in her care, just as she was to her students. She was tough but consistent, applying the rules consistently and fairly. As the students often said, she didn't play. She took her job seriously. She was a hard worker, never asking others to do more than she herself was willing to do. She also had a heart of gold, often buying students clothes or school supplies with her own money. I remember what a great smile and robust laugh she had. She certainly made an impact of all of us and her students. Job well done, my friend! I am glad you spent six years at Longview High School. ❤️

January 6 at 9:01 AM

SB

Sally Gossett Barron posted:

Mary Lou Reed was an outstanding educator. It was truly a pleasure to see the encouragement, love, and high expectations she shared with the many students whose lives she touched. The last time I saw her she was at local grocery store helping a young lady who could not pay for her groceries. I just needed to share this with her son, Jimmy and his wife Micki. She was constantly giving of herself to others. What a blessing she was to so many of us. I want to extend my deepest sympathy to Jimmy and Micki as well as all her family. May Our Heavenly Father give her an extra measure of His comfort and peace.

January 4 at 9:01 PM



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Sheron Smith lit a candle in honor of Mary.

Mary Lou was one of the sweetest ladies I have had the pleasure to know. She welcomed me to my new job in Longview with a smile on her face! I am so thankful that she became my friend. She was dedicated to her students and staff at Ware Elementary and to Longview ISD! Mary Lou was truly one in a million! My condolences to her family. God bless you and comfort you.



January 4 at 2:48 PM



Ronald Hutchison posted:

Mary Lou Reed was an exceptional leader and educator. She and her faculty worked to take Ware Elementary from an "unacceptable" to a "recognized" school in a short period of time. Our companies were fortunate to work with her for several years. In 1996, she was hosted at the Capitol by Governor George Bush and later at the Governor's Mansion for her achievements. She challenged her students to reach their potential. As they achieved their goals, she was known to office on the roof at Ware Elementary or fly off in a hot air balloon to the delight of the student body. She was an EXCEPTIONAL educator and I am proud to have known her. Ron Hutchison Chairman of the Board Network family of Companies.

January 4 at 10:51 AM



Comia Peoples posted:

Sending my deepest condolences..🙏 She was a light in so many of our lives.. #praying..

January 4 at 4:27 AM



Leslie posted:

My heart is so broken. You were so kind and precious to me. My beautiful aunt. We had so much fun on vacations to six flags and our visits meant so much. You always made me smile and made sure I knew how much you loved me. I'm only sorry I didn't get to say goodbye before you left for home. Tell maw maw and paw paw and daddy that mom and I will see them soon. And tell terry don he better behave himself. lol.

January 3 at 9:59 AM



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Anonymous sent a Sweet Tenderness to the Reed family.



January 2 at 6:05 AM



Emily (Bankhead) Carmody & Family sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Reed family.



January 2 at 4:55 AM



Emily (Bankhead) Carmody & Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Mary.



January 2 at 4:55 AM



Emily Carmody posted:

Mary Lou (Aunt Doodie to us) was the best Aunt! Full of so much love, humor, wit, and wisdom. I am so grateful we had so many years with her and will miss her dearly. Sending love to the family.

January 2 at 4:55 AM



Pat Dawson posted:

Mary Lou was a good friend. She and Jim had many good conversations when they taught elementary physical ed in the 1970s. Prayers for her family.

January 1 at 5:25 PM



Sheila Edwards shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I will miss our Thursdsy evening dinners. Not a day goes by that I don't think about you Mary Lou Reed. Your friendship meant so much to me. The bond we shared was so unbreakable. Thank you for all of your encouraging words you've given me. Thank you Jimmy Reed for sharing your mom with me. Prayers for the Reed family.



January 1 at 5:10 PM



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January 1 at 5:08 PM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Reed family.



January 1 at 11:41 AM



Martha Reed posted:

Memories of Mary Lou has flooded my mine ..The memories that I have read from her friends all say the same thingsLoving, giving, always putting the children first and guiding them....we miss her and will have a place in our heart forever with her love for us....will see you later...Martha,JE ,Jayson
♥♥♥♥♥

January 1 at 4:03 AM



Mildred Harkless posted:

I will always remember the ladies Cruze when I first met Mrs.Reed she was such a sweet beautiful person. God rest her soul. ♥♥♥♥♥

December 31 at 12:46 PM



Anonymous sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Reed family.



December 31 at 6:28 AM



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JA

Judy Arroyo posted:

We are so thankful for Mrs. Reed. In 1993 we came to a Longview in a very distressing time - son was 10 and daughter 7. Mrs. Reed really cared, was so kind and helpful with all 3 of us. Now they are 41 and 38, more and more amazing, with very productive lives. That is because, along with Mrs. Reed, we love and serve an awesome Lord.

December 30 at 9:53 PM

JL

Joni Lindsey posted:

Mary Lou was the kindest and most giving person I've ever known. I always looked forward to visiting with her. She always had a big smile on her face and wanting to do for others as much as she could. I'll never forget her making me a peach cobbler for my birthday many years ago. She was so loved by so many. She will be missed.

December 30 at 6:04 PM

KM

Kristi Mcadams posted:

Mary Lou was not only a good friend, she was a mentor with a generous spirit. She loved being in education and genuinely loved the kids. Every time we were out we would run into someone that she had impacted and many former students thanked her for her love and discipline that they needed at that time in their lives. Mary Lou made a difference in this world and she will be missed.

December 30 at 4:52 AM

TH

Travis & Trish Honea posted:

Mary Lou was a sweetheart. Just one year ago, she spent Christmas Day with us. We enjoyed getting to know her and to visit with her. May God comfort her family and friends at this time.

December 29 at 3:08 PM



Media

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January 1 at 5:10 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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