



## Mary Lou Smolik

August 3, 1941 - May 28, 2020

Age 78, of South Wilmington, IL passed away Thursday, May 28, 2020 at Amita Health St. Joseph Medical Center in Joliet, IL. Born August 3, 1941 in Gardner, IL to the late Lloyd W. and Minnie Mary (nee Nelson) Anderson. Mary Lou graduated from Gardner South Wilmington High School with the class of 1959. Soon after, she married her high school sweetheart, James Smolik, on October 10, 1959 in South Wilmington. She was a very active member of the St. Lawrence Catholic Church in South Wilmington. Mary Lou retired after fifty years of service, serving as treasurer for the Village of South Wilmington and she formerly worked for R.R. Donnelly's in Dwight. She was a member of the South Wilmington Fireman's Club and also served as treasurer for many years. Mary Lou was dedicated to her fitness and was known to take her daily walks around town and greatly enjoyed playing tennis at the Lockport Racquet Club. She also loved to dance, especially the Polka, and greatly enjoyed traveling, which expanded throughout the United States to International. Mary Lou enjoyed her life that was occupied with work, fun, and hobbies, but her greatest love was her family. She loved to be a housewife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, and will forever be missed by them all. Surviving are her husband, of sixty years, Jim Smolik; two children, Michelle (Mark) Sorensen of Texarkana, TX and Monty (Natalie) Smolik of Diamond; five grandchildren, Abbie (Landon) Bussey, Adam (Hannah) Sorensen, Mackenzie, Macallister (Cassie), and Madeleine Smolik; one great-grandchild, Mattis Bussey; two brothers, Ervin L. (Marcey) Anderson of Joliet

and Dale (Patsy) Anderson of The Village, FL; one sister, Judy Anderson of Morris, IL; numerous nieces, nephews, and their families; and many friends. Preceding her in death were her parents; and step-brother, Vearl Honrud. Private funeral services will be held. Interment will be in Braceville-Gardner Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in her name may be directed to the St. Lawrence Catholic Church. R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory is entrusted with the arrangements. For more information and to visit her online guestbook, please log on to [www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com) or find us on Facebook at R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory.

# Tribute Wall

KL

“*Mary Lou was one of a kind! I played tennis with her for several years. She was a pistol and spitfire in the best ways! She was also kind to me when my mom died- even now 4 years later. I will miss Mary Lou deeply! God bless your family. Karen Legreid*

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**Karen Legreid** - June 09, 2020 at 01:33 PM

DM

“*Mary Lou was the star of GSW 1959 Class! Now she is shining down on all of us. I was blessed to grow up on Jackson Street with Mary Lou. I will forever treasure those memories. She never missed a reunion or a chance to get together and share memories. She had invited us all to their cabin at SW Beach for a day this summer. Our times together will never be the same without her jovial laugh and funny stories. It is with a sad heart that I bid Mary Lou farewell. ❤️*

*Jimmy, Art and I offer our sincere sympathy to you, Michelle, Monty and their families.*

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**Donna McBeath** - June 03, 2020 at 09:35 AM

DM

“*Mary Lou was the star of GSW 1959 Class! Now she is shining brightly down on all of us! We grew up on Jackson Street together. I will always treasure those years. She was the life of the party at all of our reunions. She had invited us all to spend a day this year at their cottage at the SW Beach. Jimmy, our deepest sympathy to you Michelle, Monty and the rest of your family. It is with a sad heart that I bid Mary Lou farewell. ❤️*

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**Donna McBeath** - June 02, 2020 at 04:57 PM

LR

“ My condolences to Mary Lou’s family. I feel blessed to have been one of Mary Lou’s tennis friends. I am so saddened and will miss her dearly.

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**Laura Rogers** - June 02, 2020 at 04:46 PM

LB

“ My condolences to Jimmy, my Dad’s best friend, and his family at this very sad time. Virtual prayers and hugs to everyone affected by this loss

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**Linda Burns** - June 02, 2020 at 10:35 AM

MM

“ My deepest sympathy to Mary Lou’s family. I worked with Mary Lou in the bindery at RR Donnelley. She was a delight to work with and always made the day go quickly with stories and laughter. She will always have a special place in my heart. God rest her soul. She will be greatly missed by family and friends. Such a beautiful soul.

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**Marilyn Maskel** - June 01, 2020 at 10:57 PM

MS

“ My deepest condolences to Jimmy, Mary Lou’s children, grandchildren, and family. Mary Lou was a dear (tennis) friend, as well as a loving and kind person. She often talked about her loving family and how very proud she was of them. I will always remember the sound of her laughter and that beautiful white hair. She will be missed, but her memory will always be in my heart.  
Marge Schuit

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**Marge Schuit** - June 01, 2020 at 12:56 PM

JA

“ Jim, you and your family have our deepest sympathy, our thoughts and prayers go with you.



John and Gwen Airgood - June 01, 2020 at 09:54 AM

MC

“ Our thoughts and prayers going out to family. Remember her being there at baseball games. Cal played ball with our grandson, Cody. You could see the love she had for her family. Cherish memories made. ❤️

michaeleen clavey - June 01, 2020 at 09:44 AM

MS

“ So sorry to hear of Mary Lou's passing our prayers go out to Jim and Michelle and Monty and family. She always made sure that there was laughter. Such a sweet person. With our heart felt condolences. Michelle and Nikki Smolik



Michelle and Nikki Smolik - May 31, 2020 at 03:42 PM

BS

“ So sorry to the family of Mary Lou. I was a tennis friend that always enjoyed to visit with her. She will be missed

Becky Sharp - May 30, 2020 at 11:45 PM

CB

“ So sorry, Michelle! My prayers!

carol blair - May 30, 2020 at 09:20 PM

SS

“ Steve & Sherri Swain lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Smolik



Steve & Sherri Swain - May 30, 2020 at 09:07 PM

LT

“ My mother was one of Mary Lou’s tennis buddies and they played together every week for the past twenty years. Mary Lou was so energetic and always smiling and laughing on the court. And so tolerant of all the crazy, competitive trash talking silliness. She lit up the whole world and there are no words to express how much we loved her and will miss her. God has a new angel and doubles partner! ❤️🙏🏻🎾



Liz Van Tassel - May 30, 2020 at 02:49 PM

DG

“ Sending our blessings ... Don and Sharon Gaddo

Don Gaddo - May 30, 2020 at 01:34 PM

DS

“ *David Sorensen lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Smolik*



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**David Sorensen** - May 30, 2020 at 05:36 AM

KB

“ *Jim, you and your family have our deepest sympathy. Mary Lou brought Joy and love and fun everywhere she went, and she will be so missed.*

*Dan and Kay Bell*

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**Kay Bell** - May 29, 2020 at 11:03 PM

TS

“ *Todd Smolik lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Smolik*



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**todd smolik** - May 29, 2020 at 10:33 PM

JZ

“ *She was my cousin and unfortunately we hadn't seen each other in years! But I loved sharing all her adventures through her pictures on FB! She was so active and fun loving! I was jealous and wished I could have gone on some of the wonderful trips she took! 😊😊😊 She will be missed by so many people who loved her!*

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**Jan Zamarripa** - May 29, 2020 at 09:45 PM

TG

“ So sorry to hear about Mary Lou... Never hesitated to help people. Always had some kind of remark to say that made anyone laugh. We miss you already... Monica and Tim Granger...”

Tim Granger - May 29, 2020 at 07:56 PM

SC

“ Shirley Cryder lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Smolik



Shirley Cryder - May 29, 2020 at 07:28 PM

TN

“ Tracy & Denise Nielsen lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Smolik



Tracy & Denise Nielsen - May 29, 2020 at 07:20 PM



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



May 29, 2020 at 07:16 PM

CS

“ Jimmy, Monty, Michelle and family...we are praying earnestly for you all, and sending all our love!



Christopher Smolik - May 29, 2020 at 07:09 PM

RL

So sorry for your loss what a wonderful woman and human being 🥺❤️

Rita Nielsen Lovell - May 29, 2020 at 07:55 PM

CS

“ Christopher Smolik lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Smolik



Christopher Smolik - May 29, 2020 at 07:06 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Smolik.



May 29, 2020 at 06:53 PM

LL

“ So sorry to hear of Mary Lou 's passing. A sweet lady. Loved to watch her and Judy doing the polka when my band played the Cro-Club. Our thoughts and prayers for the family. RIP Mary Lou. We will miss you  
Lee and Jean Lockhart



Lee Lockhart - May 29, 2020 at 06:26 PM

DP

“ What a sad tragic day. Mary lou was loved by so many. So fun loving and a delight to be with. She will be sorely missed. Prayers to the family and all her friends.

Diane Peterson - May 29, 2020 at 06:18 PM

CJ

“ For all the years and years of laughs and memories, I will miss you. From Camping to tennis playing, Mary Lou was always smiling and always cracking jokes. Her smile and laughter lit up the room! I'm grateful to have known her. My condolences to “Jimmy Lou”, Monte and Michelle and all her family. I know you will sorely miss her energy. I know I will.

Corinne Jensen - May 29, 2020 at 05:21 PM

NS

“ Jimmy & Family:

So sorry to hear about MaryLou, prayers and sympathy. Sincerely hope your great memories will help you through this difficult time.  
God be with you and your family.

Don and Natalene Ferrari Schultz

Natalene Ferrari Schultz - May 29, 2020 at 05:11 PM

JE

“ So very sorry for your loss. She was a fabulous lady.

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**Jeanie Entwistle** - May 29, 2020 at 04:41 PM

BA

“ We loved Marylou and are so sad to hear of her passing. We send prayers for Jimmy and the family.

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**Bonita Ahart** - May 29, 2020 at 04:15 PM

RB

Having a beer with Mary! 😊

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**Ronda Dearing Billingsley** - May 29, 2020 at 06:58 PM

MJ

“ My deepest condolences to the Smolik family. My heart goes out to all of you.

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**Mary (Finn) Jensen** - May 29, 2020 at 03:51 PM

BS

“ Bob And Sue Suddick lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Smolik



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**Bob and Sue Suddick** - May 29, 2020 at 03:23 PM

RP

“ Thinking of Jimmy, Michelle, Monty and families. Mary Lou was so full of life! She will certainly be missed by all who knew her. Will miss seeing her at church.



Regina & Paul - May 29, 2020 at 02:30 PM

RM

Loved Mary Lou Always a fun time with her at the Cro Club and St Joe's Park

rita miller - May 29, 2020 at 04:31 PM

CS

Mary Lou was a dear tennis friend for over 30 years. I am so sorry she has left us. I will never forget her and her sense of humor and warmth.

Charlotte Stobart - May 30, 2020 at 03:31 PM

DS

Jimmy and family, very sorry to hear of Mary Lou passing. Our condolences to you all. May she Rest In Peace. David and Gayle Scanavino

David Scanavino - May 30, 2020 at 04:08 PM

DG

Sending our blessings ... Don and Sharon Gaddo

Don and Sharon Gaddo - May 30, 2020 at 05:02 PM

TL

My deepest sympathy goes out to Mary Lou's family. I always enjoyed playing tennis with Mary Lou. She was such a bright light and had so much energy . I loved hearing about her upcoming trips and places she really enjoyed. She will definitely be missed by all.

Trudy Long - June 02, 2020 at 10:15 PM