



Mary Lou Ward

May 5, 1941 - June 28, 2025

Mary Lou Ward, 84, passed away June 28, 2025. She was born May 5, 1941, in Beech Grove, Indiana to the late William John Withem and Mary Bernadeen (Gootee) Withem. Mary Lou graduated in 1959 from Scecina Memorial High School and on February 13, 1960 she married Robert L. Ward.

Mary spent more than 25 years working as a Medical Receptionist for St. Francis Hospitals; and more than 60 years a devout member of St. Therese Little Flower Catholic Church where along with her husband Bob, she coached girl's kickball and volleyball and mentored many kids both as coach and secretary in the school office.

Visitation will be Wednesday, July 2, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at 10:00 a.m. at St. Therese Little Flower Catholic Church, 4720 E. 13th St., Indianapolis, IN 46201.

Mary is survived by her husband, Robert L. Ward; daughter, Janet T. Bolner; sons, Michael R. Ward (Jennifer) and Robert W. Ward (Maureen); brothers, Thomas Withem (Barbara) and Joseph Withem; four nieces, four nephews; eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Mary is preceded in death by her daughter-in-law, Leisa Ward; and sister-in-law, Sally Withem.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Little Flower Catholic Church. Final arrangements and care are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

435 W. Troy Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46225
<http://www.catholiccemeteries.cc>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 2. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Little Flower Catholic Church
4720 East 13th St.
Indianapolis, IN 46201
(317) 357-8352

Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Mary Lou was a delight to know and a wonderful, kind, and giving Lady. I had the privilege to know her when she worked at St. Francis Diabetes Clinic. I was the young, new Practice Manager and she was like a second Mom to me. I learned a lot from her and after she retired we stayed in touch. It saddens my heart to learn she passed away. May her soul rest in peace and be blessed. I know she is in a better place where her pain and suffering have been brushed aside by the hand of God. I will miss her dearly.
Gregg Grote

Gregg Grote - August 06, 2025 at 02:08 PM



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

July 01, 2025 at 03:27 PM



“ Red Double Knock Out Rose was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Ward.



July 01, 2025 at 03:27 PM



“ Marilyn D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Lou Ward.

Marilyn D. - July 01, 2025 at 12:33 PM

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“ Marilyn D. purchased the *Your Light Shines* for the family of Mary Lou Ward.



Marilyn D. - July 01, 2025 at 12:33 PM

MM

“ Melissa D Miller lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Ward



Melissa D Miller - July 01, 2025 at 11:40 AM

MM

"May God's love and peace bring you comfort during this difficult time"

Melissa D Miller - July 01, 2025 at 11:43 AM



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

June 30, 2025 at 07:22 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Ward.



June 30, 2025 at 07:22 PM



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

June 30, 2025 at 07:07 PM



“ Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Ward.



June 30, 2025 at 07:07 PM



“ She was such a dear...when she worked in Dr McAree office she is the only one that pronounced my last name correctly...I remember my husband and I let her and Bob go stay in our condo in Chicago for a fun weekend.....Linda Suesz

Linda Suesz - June 30, 2025 at 05:36 PM



“ What a wonderful woman, wife, mom, and grandmother to all of us who had the pleasure of knowing her. May God bless her beautiful family and may you all remember the great memories of such a great lady. Many prayers coming your way. Gary and Joni Irwin

Joni Irwin - June 30, 2025 at 05:34 PM