

MARY LOU (YOCKEY) JOSEPH



Age 77, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by her family, on April 30, 2024.

Mary Lou is survived by her children, Julie Joseph, James (Zoë Maher) Joseph, and Melissa Joseph; her siblings, Jeanne (Vincent) Umbrianna, Peggy (Richard) Morycz, William (Dayna) Yockey, Susan Yockey, Carol McIntyre, Patricia Yockey, Ava Kate Yockey, Laurie (Gerard) DeZern. She is also survived

by two grandchildren Olive and Owen Joseph (James). She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Frances Yockey (Connolly) and her ex-husband, K.C. Joseph, and her beloved dog, Oliver.

Mary Lou was born in Pittsburgh in 1946, the eldest of nine children. She graduated from St. Francis High School, then went on to attend Mercy Hospital School of Nursing, LaRoche College (BS) and the University of Maryland (MS in Counseling).

On March 26, 1977, she married K.C. Joseph and shortly after they moved to St. Marys, Pennsylvania where they raised their three children. In 2001, she moved to Lancaster Pennsylvania where she spent the rest of her life. Mary Lou brought joy to everyone she met. Her genuine kindness and generosity were hallmarks of her warm and caring spirit. She was a devout Catholic and lived in accordance with her faith and values. She loved crafting and was an avid quilter and cross stitcher. She enjoyed traveling and visiting with her family and friends around the world, but nothing made her happier than time spent with her greatest treasures, her grandchildren. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

We'd like to personally thank all the friends and family who have sent their love and support throughout her illness. We would also like to thank Amada Senior Care of Mount Joy, Pennsylvania.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, May 10 at 10 a.m. at St. Michael the Archangel - St. Bernard's Church in Mt. Lebanon with visitation starting at 9:30. Memorial donations, if desired, may be made to the American Cancer Society (<https://donate.cancer.org>) or Homeboy Industries (<https://homeboyindustries.org/donate/donate-online/>)

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