



Mrs. Mary Lou Decker

September 15, 1933 - November 25, 2023

Mary Lou Powers Decker, of Pittsfield, passed away on Saturday, November 25, 2023, just months after celebrating her 90th birthday. Born in Pittsfield, MA, on September 15, 1933, the daughter of the late Edward and Mae Carey Powers, she graduated from Pittsfield High School.

Mary Lou's family was always of utmost importance to her. She loved spending time by their side, seeing that each of their needs was met with love and support. Mary Lou was proud of her work at General Electric, England Brothers, and local banks, but she was especially gratified by her twenty-years as a HospiceCare in the Berkshires volunteer.

She enjoyed playing her organ, spending holidays with family, and travelling with Dufour Tours. In addition to her deep and abiding faith and friendships, a special place in her heart was reserved for playing Rummy and sharing in the annual Christmas Yankee Swap with family.

Mary Lou was very active in the community. She was a member of the Gladys Allen Brigham Community Center, as well as the OTC Falcetti Music program, the Ralph Froio Senior Center, and Saint Charles parish.

Mary Lou was predeceased by her beloved husband of 63 years, Ralph A. Decker, whom she married on October 2, 1954. Ralph passed away in

November of 2017. She was also predeceased by her brothers, Edward, Richard, James, and her sister Jane Huber.

Mary Lou is survived by her children, Dr. Donna Decker (John Sharp), Glen Decker (Karen), Juliann Decker (Christopher DePierro), and Maribeth Decker (Michael Daoust). She leaves behind her grandchildren, all of whom she adored: Caitlin Francis, Alyssa Catlin, Courtney Decker, Kellan Reck, Cory Decker, Brendan Daoust, Carly Decker, and Bridget Daoust. She is also survived by her dear great grandchildren, Austin Shepard-Decker, Colton Coniglio, Samantha, Sadie, and William Catlin, Camden and Riley Francis, Cayden and Emma DePierro, and Hudson Perrut.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mary Lou Decker will be Friday, December 1, 2023, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11 am at St. Charles Church, celebrated by the Rev. Steven Montesanti, Pastor of Sacred Heart Church. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery. Calling hours will be Thursday, November 30, 2023, from 4 pm to 7 pm at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield MA 01201.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Mary Lou's memory can be made to HospiceCare in the Berkshires, Inc. or Mount Greylock Extended Care Facility in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

222 Peck's Rd.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 30. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer Family Funeral Home
776 North Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 442-5094
info@dwyerfuneral.com
<https://www.dwyerfuneral.com/>

Service

DEC 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Charles Church
89 Briggs Ave.
Pittsfield, MA 01201
<http://stcharlespittsfield.org/>

Tribute Wall

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“ *Condolences to the Decker family on the loss of their Mom and Grandmother.* ”

Thomas Shepard - December 10, 2023 at 11:57 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Lou Decker.* ”



November 30, 2023 at 09:15 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Lou Decker.* ”



November 29, 2023 at 02:14 PM

WD

“ *Maribeth and the Family of Mary Lou-My deepest condolences on the passing of Mary Lou. May your memories of her carry you through your grief. I have a couple of connections to your family as Mary Lou graduated from high school with my mother and my dad was a fellow Pittsfield firefighter with your dad, Ralph. I got to know Mary Lou more recently at the Osteo exercise class at the Senior Center. I really enjoyed chatting with her. Unfortunately, another connection happened on Saturday. My father passed away the same day.*

Wendy Johnston DuBois - November 28, 2023 at 07:46 PM

PS

“ *So sad to hear of Mary Lou's passing. We met in the 80s. A great lady you can never forget! Saw her throughout the years when she would come in for lunch regularly with Ralph. Always so good to visit with them and later with Mary Lou and her friends. It was always wonderful to run into her later on, too. Maribeth, Glenn, Jiliann, and Donna you are all a great legacy to your parents love.*
Patty Simonetta

Patricia Ann Simonetta - November 28, 2023 at 03:02 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Lou Decker.*



November 28, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Lou Decker.*



November 28, 2023 at 09:17 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Mary Lou's passing! Shared many special times with her at our retreats, conventions & so much more. Condolences & prayers to family! ❤️❤️*

Carla Prendergast - November 27, 2023 at 08:37 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Lou Decker.*



November 27, 2023 at 07:38 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for the loss of your wonderful Mom. I will always remember her beautiful smile and the love she clearly had for your amazing Dad and all of you. Truly a great family! My thoughts are with all of you.*
Annie Ferris

Annie Ferris - November 27, 2023 at 02:59 PM



Thanks Anne for your beautiful words ❤️❤️❤️

Juliann Decker - November 28, 2023 at 06:59 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Lou Decker.*



November 27, 2023 at 01:58 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Lou Decker.*



November 27, 2023 at 01:14 PM



“ *Andrew, Megan & Checie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Mary Lou Decker.*

Andrew, Megan & Checie - November 27, 2023 at 01:14 PM