



Sister Mary Lou Debauche

July 27, 1944 - July 18, 2019

Sister Mary Lou DeBauche, OSU, 74, died Thursday, July 18, 2019 at ProMedica Ebeid Hospice Residence.

Sister Mary Lou was the daughter of the late Louis George and Mary Helen Nash DeBauche. Born and raised in East Toledo, the family was active in the former St. Louis Catholic Church. Sister Mary Lou graduated from the St. Louis school, St. Ursula Academy, and completed one year at Aquinas College before entering the Ursuline Convent of the Sacred Heart in September of 1963. Sister Mary Lou was also known in religion as Sister Helen Louise, the name chosen to honor her parents. She then earned a Bachelor's degree from Mary Manse College, a Master of Religious Education degree from Seattle University and a Master of Science in Social Administration degree and LICSW (Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker) from Case Western Reserve University before working in counseling. Sister Mary Lou's teaching career was spent at Rosary Cathedral, St. Agnes, St. Angela Hall, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and St. Thomas Aquinas schools in Toledo. She served as Pastoral Associate at St. Michael's Ridge for six years and then went on to a position of Director of Religious Education and Pastoral Associate at Galion St. Joseph for two years. Sister Mary Lou was employed as a case manager at St. Paul's Community Center for four years. She also was employed by Sandusky Valley Center and then Firelands Regional Medical Center as an Addictions and Mental Health therapist, holding that position for 18 years until retiring in 2009. A champion for social

justice and those with addictions, Sister Mary Lou was a member of various ministry teams that serve the Lucas County Jail, the Toledo Correctional Institution, the Toledo Correctional Treatment Facility, and prisons in Lima, Mansfield and Madison County, Ohio until her health would no longer permit her to do so.

Sister Mary Lou is survived by her sisters Terrie Smith and Dr. Bette Lewicke, and brothers Dr. Thomas DeBauche and Michael DeBauche, her loving nieces, nephews and great-nieces, and her Sisters and the Associates of the Ursuline Community. Memorials may be made to the Ursuline Convent, 4045 Indian Road, Toledo, OH 43606.

Visitation will be on Friday, July 26, from 3 – 8 p.m. at the Ursuline Center, 4035 Indian Road, Toledo, OH, with a Scripture Vigil at 6:30 p.m. The funeral liturgy will be on Saturday, July 27, 2019, at 10:30 a.m. at the Ursuline Center. Please sign the guest register at CoyleFuneralHome.com. Arrangements are by Coyle Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

5725 Hill Avenue
Toledo, OH 43615

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 26. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ursuline Center
4035 Indian Road
Toledo, OH 43606

Vigil

JUL 26. 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral

JUL 27. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“*Mary Lou and I went to St. Ursula Academy together. We were close friends during school. We tried to learn American sign language our senior year so that we could talk during class but never during tests. Helene Roth was another part of the group that Mary Lou and I hung around with. There were others but I can't remember who they were. After graduation, there was a get together at Mary Lou's family's get away which I believe was in either in Sandusky or Port Clinton. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend. Much later, I contacted the convent to find out where Mary Lou was. I lived in East Toledo, in Good Shepherd Parish and she was at St. Thomas. I reached her by calling the convent at St. Thomas and I invited her to my home for a visit. I truly enjoyed her company and the stories she could tell. She also told me about some of the other girls from our class that had joined the convent. She will be lovingly remembered by me and I'm sure many of the other girls in our class as well as the sisters' she served with. Sadly missed.*



Patricia Solomon Gray

Patricia Solomon Gray - July 27, 2019 at 06:16 PM

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“*Sr. Mary Lou was one of the kindest women I have ever known. She walked the talk as far as helping the disenfranchised and for that I will always remember and honor her memory. Laura Jehanne DeAngelo*

laura deangelo - July 26, 2019 at 05:11 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sister Mary Lou Debauche.*



July 25, 2019 at 10:34 AM



“ *Bette Lewicke lit a candle in memory of Sister Mary Lou Debauche*



Bette Lewicke - July 25, 2019 at 07:20 AM