



## Mary Lou Zehr

December 19, 1945 - March 16, 2024

Dateline, Dubois, Indiana

Mary Lou Zehr, age 78, of Dubois, Indiana, passed away surrounded by family at 1:15 p.m. on Saturday, March 16, 2024, at St. Charles Health Campus in Jasper, Indiana.

Mary Lou was born in Dubois, Indiana, on December 19, 1945, to Edward and Emma (Thimling) Schott. She married Howard J. Zehr on September 10, 1966, at St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Dubois, Indiana. He preceded her in death on June 18, 2006.

She was a 1963 graduate of Dubois High School.

She was a homemaker and then was a bus driver for 29 years for the Northeast Dubois School Corporation. She also had worked at Wabash Valley Produce and was a part time rural mail carrier and was co-owner of Mary Lou's Crafts in Dubois.

She was a member of St. Peter's UCC, where she was a youth advisor. She operated the Dubois Youth Center for many years. She was past president and board member as well as a founding member of the Dubois Ruritan Club, secretary of the Dubois Fire Board, member of the Harbison Township

Advisory Board, a former Dubois Town Board Secretary, and was president, secretary, and treasurer of Hickory Grove Community Club. She was a member of the past Dubois Home Economic Club, Vice President in 1985 of the Dubois 100-year centennial committee, was a volunteer for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program, and a member of the Dubois Musical Belles.

She enjoyed fishing and was a faithful I.U. basketball and Dubois Jeeps fan watching and attending as many sporting events as possible. She also loved spending time with her family and friends, especially her grandson.

Surviving is one son, Patrick (Vanessa) Zehr, Dubois, IN, one grandson, Wesley Zehr, Dubois, IN, one brother, John W. Schott, Dubois, IN, and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death besides her husband are three sisters, Marjorie Kalb, Shirley Humbert, and Judy Denu, an infant brother, David Schott, one step sister, Dorothy Lowe McNeely and three step brothers, Clarence, Robert, and Alfred Ruckriegel.

A funeral service for Mary Lou Zehr will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 21, 2024, at St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Dubois, Indiana, with burial to follow in the church cemetery.

A visitation will be held from 2:00-7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at the Becher-Kluesner North Chapel in Jasper, Indiana, and one hour before services at the church from 9:00-10:00 a.m. on Thursday.

Memorial contributions may be made to Dubois Community Park or to St. Peter's United Church of Christ.

Online condolences may be made at [www.becherkluesner.com](http://www.becherkluesner.com).



# Cemetery Details

## St. Peter's Cemetery

Dubois, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 20. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Becher & Kluesner Funeral Home - North  
3221 N. Newton Street  
Jasper, IN 47546  
(812) 482-4141  
email@becherkluesner.com

## Visitation

MAR 21. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM.

St. Peter's UCC  
Dubois, IN

## Service

MAR 21. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter's United Church of Christ  
Dubois, IN

# Tribute Wall

PM

“ *For my cousin Mary Lou. You will be missed and are loved greatly!  
Rest in peace.*

*Patty Moye (Hammer)*

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**Patty Moye** - March 21, 2024 at 01:10 PM

ML

“ *Mary Lou was loved by many people and she will be greatly  
missed!! My thoughts and are with family and friends.*

*Sincerely,  
Marc Lampert*

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**Marc A. Lampert** - March 20, 2024 at 09:35 PM

RD

“ *I didn't know Mary Lou personally, but I think her long service to her  
community on the Harbison Township Advisory Board is noteworthy  
and as the Chairman of the Dubois County Republican Party, and a  
Citizen of Dubois County, I want to Thank Mary Lou for all her  
community service.*

*Bob Duncan  
Chairman, DC Republican Party*

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**Robert Duncan** - March 20, 2024 at 01:25 PM

BU

“ *Beth Underwood lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Zehr*



**Beth Underwood** - March 19, 2024 at 10:22 PM

CF

“ *Carla Schroering Fuhrman lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Zehr*



**Carla Schroering Fuhrman** - March 19, 2024 at 09:32 PM

DK

“ *Mary Lou was a dear friend and always put others first. I'm going to miss our phone calls and her beautiful smile and sense of humor. RIP Mary Lou! ♥♥♥*

**Dr. Susan Kraft** - March 19, 2024 at 03:56 PM

C(

“ *My deepest sympathy and prayers to Mary Lou's family. I was lucky to meet Mary Lou when we were campaigning for different candidates in the county. What a fun loving lady that always put her all into everything.*



**Chris (Bohnert)Hinkle** - March 19, 2024 at 10:18 AM

JR

“ Jeff & Denise Reuber lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Zehr



Jeff & Denise Reuber - March 18, 2024 at 04:57 PM

JS

“ Mary Lou was a generous and kind soul. She was home-bound through much of my time in Dubois, but she loved our visits and always had wise counsel for a young pastor. She will certainly be missed by the Dubois community and the congregation of St. Peter's...Pastor John Sterrett

John Sterrett - March 18, 2024 at 02:20 PM

GE

Mary Lou was a dear friend of mine she would do anything to help you out I worked with her at the youth center in Dubois we were next door neighbors you will be missed dear friend

Gerald Enlow - March 19, 2024 at 11:05 AM

MA

There is so much I can say about Mary Lou, she had the biggest heart, full of kindness, a true willingness to share wisdom, just an awesome person. My dearest sympathy to Pat, Vanessa and Wesly. Mary Lou will always be in my memories as she was a great lady, and I am so thankful I could call her my friend, my mentor.

Mark - March 19, 2024 at 03:01 PM

LB

Mary Lou was very active with area UCC youth groups back.in the 70's. She was funny, loving and active with us. She touched so many young lives. I was fortunate mine was one of those. May you find peace in all the memories and love.

Laurin L Baker - March 19, 2024 at 03:06 PM

BU

*I got to know this sweet lady when I was coaching volleyball at Dubois and she was our bus driver....we shared laughs and tears in those years....I am so glad I got to know her!! Sending hugs and prayers..*

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**Beth Underwood** - March 19, 2024 at 10:23 PM