



Mary Lu McManus

September 10, 1944 - November 14, 2021

Dateline: Alton

Mary Lucille “Lu” McManus passed away Sunday, November 14, 2021 at her home in Alton.

Mary Lu was a loving daughter, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She will be missed by family and friends.

Mary Lu’s adventurous free spirit, love of the outdoors, her creativity and the love she gave to her family and friends is what made her unique. Traveling was Mary Lu’s passion, taking her all over the world. She enjoyed nature, whether through hiking, canoeing, kayaking or camping with family and friends. Her love of nature was passed down to her family.

She graduated from Alton High School and went to college at Western Illinois University and earned her Bachelor’s Degree from Southern Illinois University of Edwardsville. She retired from South Roxana Schools as a Sixth Grade English and Math teacher. After retiring, her teachings took her to Chongqing, China, where she taught the English language.

Mary Lu was always embarking on a new adventure, such as joining the New Horizons Band, playing the Alto Saxophone to encompass her love of music. She was always taking classes to further her education and explore her many interests such as, the study of Healing Touch, meditation, the research of her heritage and much more. She passed down the love of reading to her children and grandchildren. Mary Lu was known for her wonderful pieces of art,

whether it was sewing, jewelry designs, needle point, drawings, paintings, knitting or crocheting. Her creativity was centered through her daily walks, meditation and Yoga.

Mary Lu was the daughter of James Jay and Martha (Shea) McManus. She is survived by her daughter Elizabeth (Daniel) Meyer, her son Jonathan Seibold, her grandchildren Holly and Lucas Seibold, her sister Martha Kane, her nephews Zachary (Joni) Kane, Grant (Meghan) Kane, Evan (Emily) Kane and great niece and nephews and her grand-dog Miley. She was preceded in death by her parents, her former husband, James Seibold and her brother-in-law, J. Michael Kane.

Memorials may be made in honor of Mary Lu McManus to the Boys and Girls Club of Alton, IL. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Lu McManus*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Mary Lu McManus*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *To Mary Lu's family: I am so saddened to hear of my dear childhood friend's passing. Mary Lu was always such a lovely, strong spirit. And though we hadn't seen each other in probably 20 years, I was somehow more at peace knowing her spirited presence was alive and well in our world. She remains alive in many hearts.*

To Mary Lu: Your loving soul and shining presence will be dearly missed. Dance with the angels, my friend, and prepare for the party we'll have when we meet again.

With love, Jane

Jane Nicolet - November 26, 2021 at 02:06 PM



“ *Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Mary Lu McManus.*



November 19, 2021 at 12:09 AM

SA

“ My heart was saddened to hear of Mary Lu's passing. She was a beautiful soul; free spirited and tenacious. I will miss our girls night out. Her smile would light up a room. i will always treasure the precious memories that we have shared. Until we met again, Mary Lu , keep those angels entertained in Heaven. Love you, Sheila Alexander

Sheila Alexander - November 18, 2021 at 09:43 PM

JG

Mary Lu you will be missed love always.

Jack Grant - November 24, 2021 at 02:30 PM

SB

“ My deepest sympathies to your family & friends that you loved so dearly. You are one of the smartest, creative, classy & unique woman I have ever met. You taught me so much & I will forever be grateful for our friendship.



Samantha Burton - November 18, 2021 at 06:32 PM

BB

“ You will be missed by many MaryLu, including me. I will always treasure the good time we shared in California visiting Joshua tree Natl . Park and Palm Springs. Rest In Peace my friend.

barbara Buckshot - November 18, 2021 at 10:56 AM

LW

“ Dear Mary Lu, You were the most amazing and beautiful friend. You taught me to value meditation, yoga, art, and Healing Touch. I will cherish the memories of you. Love You

Linda Warren - November 17, 2021 at 11:02 PM

CR

“ I'm so very sad and sorry to hear of Mary Lu's passing. We went to the same church as kids In Jr. High. We're in the same high school grad. class. She was a good friend.

Carolyn Rogers Roettgers - November 17, 2021 at 05:59 PM

PA

“ My Dear Friend Mary Lu,

Your life was a Blessing to me
Our memories I will always Treasure
You are loved beyond words
And will be missed beyond measure.

Namaste

Patricia Ackman - November 17, 2021 at 05:02 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Lu McManus.



November 17, 2021 at 03:49 PM

DS

“ Her sweet smile and gentle, encouraging spirit will be missed in the yoga studio and beyond. I was saddened to hear of her untimely passing. She was a lovely woman.

Debbie Sheary

Debbie Sheary - November 17, 2021 at 03:22 PM