



## Mary Lou McNelly

December 27, 1940 - February 28, 2023

Dateline: Fairview Heights, IL

Mary Lou McNelly celebrated her homecoming to heaven on the morning of Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at Belleville Memorial Hospital. Born December 27, 1940, she was the daughter of William and Mary A. (Russell) Kincade. She married the love of her life, Gary McNelly on October 22, 1960. He survives. She was a member of Reorganized Church of Latter-day Saints in Wood River. If you could pick out all the good words in the dictionary, Mary would be this over and over again. She was the best mother and wife anyone could ask for, and everyone loved her. Many people have called her a hard-working woman, a real gem, absolute phenomenal person, incredible woman, and she touched hearts in so many ways. She was a one-of-a-kind person, was sweet and influenced many people. She was the best human and kindest person ever. Her talents included being an historian for our families and keeping track of everyone's birthday, anniversary, and death. Starting in 1714 to 2023, she kept track of everyone until February 23, 2023. Mary is survived by her husband, Gary McNelly and her sons, David and Keith McNelly, her grandchildren, Joe and Ashley (McNelly) Giglotto, Peter, Hanna, and Bethany and one great grandchild, Lucas. She was preceded in death by her parents, and brothers, William, David and Robert Kincade. Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until time of funeral at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Burial will be at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.co](http://www.gentfuneralhome.co)

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# Cemetery Details

## Valhalla Memorial Park

2308 W. Delmar Ave.  
Godfrey, IL 62035

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 8. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home Inc  
2409 State Street  
Alton, IL 62002  
(618) 466-5544  
<https://www.gentfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral

MAR 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I worked with Mary for 10 years and we swapped many family stories over the years. May your family find some peace in all of the wonderful memories you have of Mary. She was a wealth of knowledge. Such a kind soul. She will be missed.  
*Amy Shoemaker*

Amy Shoemaker - March 09, 2023 at 06:42 AM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Mary Lou McNelly.



March 06, 2023 at 10:22 PM

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“ We are just passing through. Our purpose here is to observe, to learn, to grow, to love... and then we return home". You lived 100% of this quote. You always had a warm smile and heart. I know that heavens gates opened wide for you. RIP Mary. I will keep your family in my prayers.

Tiffany Hall - March 06, 2023 at 04:50 PM

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“ *I worked with Mary years ago. I would always stop by the fitting room counter and chat and share laughs with this wonderful woman! Also her granddaughter Ashley and a good friend of mine Joe are married. Sending hugs and prayers to the family...! She will truly be missed*



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**Dimitri H** - March 06, 2023 at 02:56 PM