



## Mary Lou Gardner

April 6, 1932 - September 9, 2019

Mary Lou (Axsom) Gardner, 87, of Bloomington, Indiana, passed away on September 9, 2019 at the IU Health Bloomington Hospital. She was born on April 6, 1932 in Brown County, Indiana the daughter of Theodore E. and Ida B. (Hanner) Axsom.

Mary Lou was a 1950 graduate from Nashville High School. She married Paul E. Gardner on October 25, 1952. She was a homemaker and loved her family and spending time with them, she also enjoyed working crossword puzzles. Mary Lou was a member of Pentecostal Faith Assembly where she taught Sunday School for many years, and she was a member of the Eastern Star #547 Solsberry. She will be missed by all who loved and knew her.

Mary Lou is survived by her loving grandchildren, Amber (Rev. Ken) James of Columbia, MO; Ashlie (Rev. Ezeriah) Gorley of Steele, MO; Theo (Jaime) Gardner; Rev Travis (Ashley) Gardner both of Bloomington, IN. Mary is also survived by her amazing great grandchildren, Tyler, Taylor, Braxton, Josiah, Tanner, Xander, Zeke, Zach, Carson, Zoey. and an eleventh on the way, and a son-in-law Randy Deckard of Columbia, MO.

Mary Lou was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Paul Gardner; son, Theodore Paul Gardner; daughter, Diana Lynn Deckard; two brothers, Leverett and Willian Neal Axsom; three sisters, Iona Axsom, Leona Clark,

Thelma Jacobs.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 13, 2019 at the Pentecostal Faith Assembly. with Rev. Michael Douglas and Rev, Travis Gardner officiating. Burial will follow at Valhalla Memory Gardens. Visitation will be held from 4:00pm to 8:00pm Thursday, September 12, 2019 at the Allen Funeral Home 4155 S. Old St Rd 37, and from 10:00am to service time Friday September 13, 2019 at the church.

Donations may be made in Mary Lou's memory to Pentecostal Faith Assembly. Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos, and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Valhalla Memory Gardens

310 North Johnson Ave.  
Bloomington, IN 47401

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 12. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
4155 S. Old State Road 37  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
(812) 824-5905  
<http://www.allencares.com>

## Service

SEP 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Gardner.*



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September 12, 2019 at 09:30 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Mary Lou was a sweet loving person who never knew a stranger. She loved all of the Axsom families. It was an exciting time when we had a reunion . She always greeted us as soon as we got there. We only got to see her when we had the reunion because we in live in Crawfordsville. She hated for us to leave to come back home. I remember going to Aunt Ida's home when I was a young girl. I loved her like a sister. We couldn't wait till the 2nd Sunday in August for reunion. God bless her family she will be missed. By Lenna Axsom Mings*

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**Lenna Axsom Mings( her 2nd cousin) -** September 11, 2019 at 08:41 PM



“ *It is impossible to share just one memory of Mary Lou, she was special. I was one of her Sunday School girls. She told me, not too long ago, that I have always been one of her favorites. She will be missed but she is out of pain and shouting on the hills of glory! All of you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Sandy Barger Chamberlain -** September 11, 2019 at 12:01 AM

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“ *Sorry for your loss. Family and friends are in our thoughts and prayers* 🙏🙏



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**Tom & Shannon Vincent** - September 10, 2019 at 08:10 PM