



## Mary Lou Paurazas

July 14, 1936 - October 5, 2023

Mary Lou Paurazas, age 87 gained entry to her heavenly home on October 5, 2023. Mary Lou was the daughter of Herb and Margaret Lettner who raised her and her five siblings on a dairy farm in Trempealeau, WI. Mary Lou married Joe Paurazas in August 1957. They had 4 children: Beth Carole Beach, Ruth (Dave) Christopher, Allen (Kimberly) Paurazas, Rebecca (Jim) Ambler; 14 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild. She graduated from the college of St. Theresa in Winona, MN with a Bachelor's degree in English in 1963. She spent her career as a teacher in WI, MN, TX and IN. After moving their family to Bloomington, she was a homemaker, established her own daycare, and spent 13 years with Headstart. Mary Lou loved spending time with her family. She was a champion for anyone who needed help or a second chance. She loved crafting, puzzling, laughter, and her beloved Padre Pio. At this time we will not be holding a public service. We will be celebrating her life with family and friends in the Spring. Her husband Joe, would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff at Owen Valley Health Campus, and Heart to Heart Hospice. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the "Padre Pio Foundation of America".

# Tribute Wall

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“ I taught with Mary Lou at Head Start for many years. She was a dedicated teacher as well as a mentor to many. The biggest differences we had was on room temperature! She was like a polar bear and liked it cold. She couldn't believe I was cold at 60 degrees in the teacher room - especially at Harmony. Her fortitude can't be matched and she will be missed. Barb Hefty Jones

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“ Enjoying the beautiful fall weather while I'm here, and remembering how much my mom loved watching the leaves change color and the cooler crisper weather.

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**Elizabeth Beach** - October 12, 2023 at 05:38 PM

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*Mary Lou was my pre school teacher , and about the only teacher I truly loved and respected and trusted , I was going through a really rough time during those years with being able to trust and she never gave up on me , through the 20 years since she taught me I never ever forgot her and never will !*

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**Shannon Troxel** - October 12, 2023 at 09:09 PM