



Mary Lou White

July 9, 1932 - June 19, 2019

Mary Lou White, 86
Kearney resident

Mary Lou White, 86, of Kearney died Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at Mother Hull Home in Kearney. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:30 a.m. Monday, June 24, 2019 at St. James Catholic Church in Kearney. Father Art Faesser will officiate. Interment will be held at a later date. Family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sunday at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney with a Vigil/Prayer Service beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Mary Lou White was born on July 9, 1932 in Petersburg, Iowa to Clarence and Anna Wessels. She graduated from St. Boniface High School in New Vienna, Iowa.

Mary Lou Wessels married Paul E. Rahe on April 18, 1953, at the St. Boniface Catholic Church in New Vienna, IA. Two children were born of this marriage, Patrick and Paul.

Paul E. Rahe died in an accident on September 27, 1956.

Mary Lou Rahe married Vernon A. White at the St. Boniface Catholic Church in New Vienna, IA on May 11, 1962. Children of the marriage of Vernon and Mary Lou are Mary, who died at birth, and Daniel, David and Steven.

Mary Lou was a stay at home mother until her sons were in high school. She then she worked at Kearney Catholic High School, where she worked until her retirement.

Mary Lou enjoyed bowling on several leagues at the Ertl Lanes in Dyersville, IA and at the Hilltop and Big Apple Lanes in Kearney. She also enjoyed gardening and canning. Vernon and Mary Lou did extensive traveling during their retirement. The two of them spent the entire summers at their cabin at Harlan County Lake.

She loved her sons, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Left to cherish her memory are her sons, Patrick Rahe and his wife, Teri, Paul Rahe and his wife, Kimberly, Daniel White, David White and his wife, Cheryl all of Kearney and Steven White and his wife, Sharon of Elm Creek; grandchildren, Andrew (Mandy) Rahe of Kearney, Michelle (Corey) Friedrich of Aurora, SD, Alex Rahe of Kearney, Tori (Shawn) Hatcher of Severn, MD, Jacob White of Lincoln, Bailee White of Elm Creek, Colten White of Lincoln, Dane (Kara) Johnson of Elm Creek, Josh (Abby) Johnson of Kearney, Cody (Katie) Sparks of Milford, Ryan Sparks of Kearney, Ross Sparks of Callaway, NE, and Trevor (Nikki) Sparks of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; great grandchildren, Shelby (Brett) Johnson, Cale, Krason, Cannon, Coy, Hayden, Connor, Rhett, Ezra, Logan, Wyatt, Carleigh, Madison and Deklyn; great-great grandson, Briggs; brother-in-law, Allen (Dee) White of Guttenberg, IA; sister-

in-law, Gloria Marolf of Farley, IA; along with other relatives and many friends.

Mary Lou was preceded in death by her parents; husbands, Paul Rahe and Vernon White; infant daughter, Mary; brother, Fred Wessels; sisters, Germaine Schuster, Eileen Engelken, Phyllis Clemens and Ruth Osenburg; brothers-in-law, Ralph Marolf, Richard "Dick" Jacque, Wayne Osenburg, Arnold Schuster, Clarence Engelken and D. O. Clemens; sisters-in-law, Ethel Jacque and Norma Wessels; and great grandson, Blake Rahe.

Previous Events

Family receiving friends

JUN **23**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations
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Vigil / Prayer Service

JUN **23**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

JUN **24**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church
3801 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Lou White*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Always remember Mary Lou's brownies! They were known as Sludgies! She will be missed!*

john klinginsmith - June 29, 2019 at 12:28 AM



“ *Dear RAHE/WHTE Cousins and Families, Sending Love and Prayers from Iowa as you remember ALL your Family time with Mary Lou!! I have been sharing some memories here with our famiy. As you know, I grew up with Mary Lou as my Aunt. I remember ALL you boys from the time you were born and and helped your Mom by babysitting you and being with you all as you grew up! I have been reflecting n the great SISTER love th Wessel girls and brothe had for oneanother! I loved being with all of them together and the many coffee mornings at Grandma's house, my Mom,s and MaryLous's kitchen thru my growing up years! Mary Lou was a beautiful and fun lady! We will a miss her! My prayers and hugs from New Vienna. See y!!!*

Kathy Engelken - June 23, 2019 at 05:57 PM

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“ To all off my Aunt Mary Lou’s family. Please know how sadden I am to read of the immense loss of your beloved Mother, grandmother, great great grandmother and treasured friend
I will forever be grateful for the time when I was on my way to Steamboat Springs, Colorado and my Uncle Vernon and my Aunt Mary Lou rescued me.
I was driving my red VW bug that had seen much better days.
I was alone and on the interstate late at night when my engine blew it’s transmission.No cell phones in those days.
There is so much more to this story.Short version.
Anyway, the Nebraska State Patrol called my Uncle Vernon and my Aunt Mary Lou who so lovingly and quickly came to rescue me from a truck stop and quelled my intense fear and anxiety.
They were so loving and I have never forgotten that night and how they were my “earth angels”.
I am so deeply sorry for your loss.
I have many fond memories of my Aunt Mary Lou.

Victoria White - June 23, 2019 at 03:20 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Lou White.



June 22, 2019 at 08:47 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mary Lou White.



June 21, 2019 at 10:22 AM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Mary Lou White.



June 21, 2019 at 10:16 AM