



## Mary Lou Dettmer

February 18, 1943 - October 7, 2023

### MARY LOU DETTMER

Mary Lou Dettmer, age 80, of Gravois Mills, Missouri, passed away Saturday, October 7, 2023 at Arrowhead Senior Living, Osage Beach, Missouri. She was born February 18, 1943 in La Union, New Mexico, a daughter of Savino “Chato” and Agapita “Nena” (Medrano) Guaderrama.

She was raised in Las Cruces, New Mexico where she attended secretarial school. While working for the Navy at White Sands Missile Range, she met and married Jerry Franklin Dettmer on February 20, 1966. They moved to St. Louis, Missouri in 1967 where they became parents to a daughter and a son and lovingly raised their children. Mary Lou became a procurement contractor for the Federal Government and retired after many years of service in 1996. She and Jerry then moved to the Lake of the Ozarks.

Mary Lou was an active member and participant at St. Patrick Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary and The National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry; a daughter, Michelle Koenigsman and husband Mike of Gravois Mills, Missouri; a son, John Dettmer and wife Amy of Uvalde, Texas; ten grandchildren, Jason, Nicole, Matthew, Nicholas, Nathan,

Blake, Luke, Reagan, Cooper and Max and a host of other relative and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Chato and Nena Guaderrama and two brothers, Johnny and Juno Guaderrama.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, October 13, 2023 at St. Patrick Catholic Church. Visitation will be from 9:30-10:30 a.m., Friday at the church with a rosary will begin at 10:30 a.m. Burial will follow in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to The National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church.

Online condolences may be left at [www.kidwellgarber.com](http://www.kidwellgarber.com).

Arrangements are under the care and direction of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Patrick Cemetery

800 Highway O  
Laurie, MO 65038

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 13. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church  
176 Marian Dr.  
Gravois Mills, MO 65037  
<http://www.stpatrickcatholicchurch.org>

## Rosary

OCT 13. 10:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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## Mass of Christian Burial

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OCT **13**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

HM

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to you, Jerry, and your family for the loss of Mary Lou. Have always considered Mary Lou and Jerry to be among my closest friends since we all met at White Sands Missile Range, NM 57 years ago. She always greeted us with a smile. We had many enjoyable gatherings over the years.

*Harry Murray*

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**Harry Murray** - October 14, 2023 at 10:31 AM

KH

“ Jerry, John & Michelle-- the Hemley's & all her beloved family in El Paso send our heartfelt love and embrace to all of you. We know and share the painful loss of a mother--but have so many joyous memories to always make us SMILE and warm our heart! Our hearts go out to you; am sure through your faith that was so strong in your upbringing, you will know she is at peace and singing like an angel in heaven. That's how we will remember her...always singing & moving to music just like her parents. We are thankful for sharing such good times at the Lake. Hope to see you in the near future. Mucho carino+ Kym



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**Kym Hemley** - October 13, 2023 at 01:17 PM

AK

“ I had the pleasure of working with Mary Lou for several years at the Federal Center. Her smile, laughter and warmth made it a joy to be with her. It was always a treat when Jerry stopped by her desk to visit. My sympathy to Jerry and Mary Lou's family. Art Kruse

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**Art Kruse** - October 11, 2023 at 11:12 AM

RM

“ Please accept our sympathy on your loss. We will keep you in our prayers. Love, Richard and Rita Milke

Rita Milke - October 10, 2023 at 10:44 AM

KR

“ So sad to hear you are gone from us but hope to see you again! You have been such a blessing to our family! I know you are with Jesus...and there's comfort in knowing this. Now you can speak to Him in person! We will miss you greatly but hopefully we'll see you again one day! Our condolences to the family ! Love Karen and Walter



Karen Russell - October 10, 2023 at 09:55 AM

RG

“ Our sincere condolences to Jerry and the family Mary Lou was a sweet lady and she will be missed May she rest in peace ☩

Roger & Carol Gibson - October 09, 2023 at 02:06 PM

GT

“ Guaderrama, Tere lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Dettmer



Guaderrama, Tere - October 09, 2023 at 01:22 PM

TS

“ *Tony Schaffer lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Dettmer*



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**Tony Schaffer** - October 09, 2023 at 11:02 AM