



## Mary Lou (Smith) Ziegler

December 21, 1946 - September 14, 2020

SHIRLEY: Mary Lou (Smith) Ziegler, 73, of Shirley, died Monday, September 14, 2020 at Life Care of Acton following a two year struggle with cancer.

Mary Lou was born in Ayer, December 2, 1946, a daughter of Charles H. and Irene C. (Fleming) Smith and was a lifelong resident of the Ayer & Shirley area. She graduated from Ayer High School in 1964.

A career lasting five decades, Mary Lou worked as a hairdresser at Margie's Beauty Salon in Ayer, Apple Valley Nursing Home and Nashoba Park assisted Living Center, also in Ayer. Additionally, for over 20 years she served as the hairdresser at the Anderson Funeral Homes.

She very much enjoyed her twenty two annual trips to Aruba. While at home she enjoyed working in her flower garden and spending time with her dogs. She leaves her husband of 52 years who she met at the Mohawk Club in Shirley while he was stationed at Fort Devens, Gary J. Ziegler; her daughter and son in law, Lisa Z. and Deven Cruishank of Shirley. She also leaves nieces and nephews.

Her sister, Irene H. DeChara of New Jersey died in 2019.

Mary Lou's family will receive family and friends at calling hours 4-7PM Friday,

September 18, 2020 at the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd., (Rte 2A) Ayer.

Sadly, due to Covid restrictions, funeral services and burial will be private.

Mary Lou's family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to Stephanie Burton and the staff of the Life Care Center of Acton for the wonderful care provided to her during her stay there.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Resident's Activity Fund, Nashoba Park Assisted Living Center, 15 Winthrop Ave, Ayer, MA 01432.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Cemetery

Bishop Rd.  
Ayer, MA

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

SEP **18**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Ayer  
25 Fitchburg Road ~ Route 2A  
Ayer, MA 01432  
(978) 772-2355

# Tribute Wall

SA

“ Ziggy and Lisa, I am so sorry for your loss. I am so sorry I could not be there to say goodbye! You both are in my thoughts and prayers! <3

Samantha - September 19, 2020 at 02:21 PM



“ Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of Mary Lou (Smith) Ziegler.



September 18, 2020 at 09:19 AM

MF

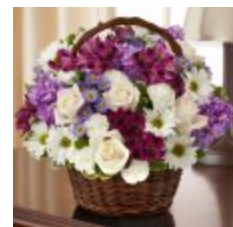
“ Mike and Kerry Bartels and family purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Mary Lou (Smith) Ziegler.



Mike and Kerry Bartels and family - September 17, 2020 at 11:41 AM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Mary Lou (Smith) Ziegler.



September 17, 2020 at 09:38 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Lou (Smith) Ziegler.*



September 16, 2020 at 06:11 PM

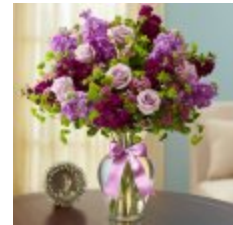


“ *I have known Mary Lou for many years. I was with Lou back when she met Gary at the mohawk club. It was so heartwarming to see these two beautiful people fall in love and then marry. The love they've shared over the years and stood by each other all this time. Gary my heart goes out to you and Lisa. I'll never forget you Lou. Please be one of my guardian angels. FLY HIGH AND HEALTHY. Until we meet again, I love you and I'm going to miss our talks and texting.* 😍💕💕🙏🙏🙏

**pat Francoeur** - September 16, 2020 at 04:57 PM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Mary Lou (Smith) Ziegler.*



September 16, 2020 at 12:50 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Lou (Smith) Ziegler.*



September 16, 2020 at 09:41 AM

CA

“ Can't begin to count all the hours we spent at " Lou's Tavern" watching games and yakking! I will miss you forever my Tiny but Mighty friend. Love and prayers to Gary and Lisa. Love you.

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**Cherie Ayers** - September 16, 2020 at 06:46 AM

CA

“ Dear Lisa and family,

*My wife and I will have Mary-Lou in our prayers. We will pray to God to embrace you with His peace, to cover you with His love so you can feel His presence in these difficult moments when He claimed Mary Lou to inhabit the Holy Kingdom of Heaven.*

*Give her Lord, eternal rest and let your divine perpetual light shine upon her.*

*May she rest in peace.*

*Carlos & Lissie Quiles  
Leominster, MA*

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**Carlos** - September 16, 2020 at 01:17 AM

DL

“ Gary, so sorry for your loss.

*Dick & Sheila Lambert*

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**Dick Lambert** - September 15, 2020 at 08:51 PM



“ *Lavender & White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Lou (Smith) Ziegler.*



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September 15, 2020 at 04:49 PM



“ *RIP, Lou.....Hang in there, Gary and Lisa and Deven*

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**Daniel Glennon** - September 15, 2020 at 02:36 PM



“ *Lisa & Gary,*

*I am so sorry to hear about Mary Lou. Her larger than life personality will never be forgotten. I will always have a love for Patsy Cline and Garth Brooks. To this day I think about her and laugh every time I hear them.*

*Michele*

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**Michele Baker** - September 15, 2020 at 12:39 PM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Mary Lou (Smith) Ziegler.*



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September 15, 2020 at 12:16 PM

TF

“ *The Smith Family purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Mary Lou (Smith) Ziegler.*



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**The Smith Family** - September 15, 2020 at 11:10 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Mary Lou (Smith) Ziegler.*



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September 15, 2020 at 10:08 AM

DB

“ *Mary Lou has always been a huge part of my happy growing up years and school years in Ayer, blessings and peace to her family and all the lives she has touched. I will always remember the American Legion Minsteral Shows!*

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**Dorothy Boisseau** - September 15, 2020 at 08:58 AM

LA

“ *Heartfelt condolences to MaryLou's family. Met this lovely lady in high school and reconnected years later. A wonderful person always a kind soul for everyone. I'm sure she's in the arms of angels right now. 🙏🙏🙏🙏*

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**Libby (Earnheart) Alexander** - September 14, 2020 at 10:21 PM

SM

“ Gary & Lisa,  
We are so very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you through this very difficult time.

R.I.P. Mary Lou  
The Mauro Family/Tiny's Restaurant

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**Sharon Mauro** - September 14, 2020 at 09:26 PM

DP

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Mary Lou at Apple Valley and she was such a light in the lives of the residents and staff. She always had a way of making everyone laugh and smile. Sending prayers and hugs to all.

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**Debbie Pa'u** - September 14, 2020 at 08:17 PM

CC

“ Gary and Family,  
I am so very sorry to learn of Mary Lou's passing. She was a huge part of many happy memories of times spent in Aruba. If she wasn't feeling good, she carried it well, no complaining from her. So glad she got to go this past February. She loved Aruba! No more suffering for her, she is in a much better place. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Love,  
Carol Cichy

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**Carol Cichy** - September 14, 2020 at 08:02 PM

KJ

“ My deepest condolences to Gary & Lisa, Mary Lou was a ball of fire! She will be missed. Thought & prayers for all of her family & friends...RIP Mary Lou

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**Karen Januskiewicz** - September 14, 2020 at 04:16 PM

BO

“ I am so sorry to hear about Mary Lou. She was a wonderful woman who I have had the pleasure of knowing, along with her husband Gary, since I was a kid living on Grove Street in Ayer, down the street from them. Gary, she will always be with us. Take care.

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**Bill Oelfke** - September 14, 2020 at 01:19 PM

TP

“ I remember Mary Lou from about age 8. I remember her singing on TV with her sister Irene and my cousin Regina as the Ayeretts on the amateur show Community Auditions.

*We were in the same class at Ayer High School.*

*Mary Lou was a friend to all and never met a stranger.*

*RIP Mary Lou*

*Tony and Jan Pursuite*

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**Tony Pursuite** - September 14, 2020 at 12:14 PM

AW

*RIP Lou. I will always remember the Sat nights at the Rotor Club.  
Dancing Friends Always Al & Gail Wendling*

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**Al Wendling** - September 14, 2020 at 02:57 PM

JO

*Gary, my sincerest condolences. Lou loubwas a good person and as I know I have known her since grade school.*

*Will always remember her in the legion minstrel show and as our own local TV talent*

*John oelfke*

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**john oelfke** - September 14, 2020 at 07:12 PM

BG

*Gary and family, I first met Lou in high school, and although she was diminutive in stature, she was always larger than life. She was always so nice to everyone who was fortunate to have met her. I am so sorry for your loss. Bobby Gardner*

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**Bobby Gardner** - September 15, 2020 at 08:52 PM

 Frank Shultz

*My condolences to the Ziegler and the Smith families. May you R.I.P. Lou. God has another Angel. I have known her since grade school. Mary Lou was always the nicest and kindest. May God Bless you Gary and all of you family. Frank Shultz.*

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**Frank Shultz** - September 15, 2020 at 09:35 PM

TL

*We were deeply saddened by the news of Mary Lou's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May our condolences bring comfort and may our prayers ease the pain of this loss.*

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**Ted & Nancy Landry** - September 16, 2020 at 05:38 PM