



Mary Lou Sanny

August 5, 1940 - March 1, 2026

Mary Lou Sanny, 85, of Kearney, died March 1, 2026, in Kearney at the Good Samaritan Society – St. John’s. Funeral services will be 11:00 am, March 6, 2026, at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services. Burial will be held at a later date. Viewing will be from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, March 5, 2026, at the Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the family to be designated later.

Mary Lou was born August 5, 1940, in Lime Springs, Iowa to Harry and Wilma (Hamman) Kintz. She grew up near Chester, IA and also in Remsen, IA where she graduated from high school. She then graduated from Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, IA.

Mary Lou married Marlin Sanny on August 5, 1961, in Remsen, Iowa. She started her teaching career in Gowrie, IA and also taught at Storm Lake, IA and Holstein, IA. In 1973, Marlin’s job took them to Hastings, NE where she was a substitute teacher in the area. In 1980, the family moved to Beatrice, NE where she held many jobs over their years there. A few included working at the Beatrice Daily Sun newspaper, the Beatrice Public Library and the Beatrice Museum. She also enjoyed time as job trainer for the State of Nebraska as well as working with the wonderful people at Mosaic in Beatrice. Her most fulfilling job was “mom.” She worked hard to help provide Melissa and Mitch the opportunity to graduate from college. Mitch followed in her

footsteps and became a math teacher.

After living in Beatrice for 39 years, she and Marlin moved to Kearney to be closer to their grandsons. Moving from the country to the “big city” took a little adjustment, but luckily their back window looked out onto a corn/bean field and she and Marlin enjoyed watching the growth progress of that as well as the wildlife that would feed on it. She loved seeing the Sandhill Cranes visit the Kearney area. Little did they know when they moved, the challenges they would face with COVID, but also the joyous birth of their fourth grandson Hayes. She and Marlin were fortunate to be able to see him grow and change over the last five years. Grandma’s face would light up with every visit from Hayes.

She and Marlin traveled the country for many years, meeting up with good friends in the Jaycees and the JCI Senate. She was the first person to be awarded the Friendship Award from the JCI Senate, of which there have been 127 people presented with this honor since.

Mary Lou was an avid watcher of sports. She really enjoyed playing high school basketball in Iowa, where the girls played 6 on 6. That love continued her entire life as she enjoyed watching Iowa Women’s basketball and the WNBA. Her main love was Husker Athletics. She secured season tickets to Husker Football games for the family in 1992. In recent years, she would mark her schedule so she would not miss any football, volleyball or basketball games. Upon moving to Kearney, she was urged by Harrison and Mitch to start watching the Denver Nuggets. She was soon hooked on them as well. Mary Lou enjoyed her soap operas over the years, but also loved reading, mainly newspapers, and she would have a bag ready for Mitch that would contain many articles she knew that he would be interested in reading as well.

Mary Lou is survived by her husband, Marlin Sanny of Kearney, children,

Melissa Sanny of Lincoln, NE, Mitch (Carissa) Sanny of Kearney, grandchildren, Harrison (Jenna) Sanny, Jackson Sanny, Lincoln Sanny, and Hayes Sanny all of Kearney.

Mary Lou was preceded in death by two brothers, Raymond and Roger Dean Kintz.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl
2421 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847
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Funeral Service

MAR 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Marlin and family, I am so sorry for your loss of MaryLou. She was a wonderful person and so much fun to be around. I was a high school classmate of hers. May you find comfort and peace in knowing that she is at rest. May God give you strength during these difficult days ahead. Love to all.

Caryn Riedemann - March 15 at 11:51 AM



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Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services - March 06 at 01:38 PM

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“ I remember Mary Lou very well from my high school job experience working at Beatrice Public Library. I loved her!

Victoria Ayotte - March 04 at 02:30 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Lou Sanny.

March 03 at 02:32 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Sanny.



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“ *Forever in Our Hearts LED Musical Water Globe* was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Sanny.



March 02 at 03:27 PM