



Mary Louise Barton

March 13, 1937 - July 15, 2025

In Loving Memory

Mary Louise (Mary Lou) Barton

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A Life Remembered

Mary Louise “Mary Lou” Barton (Maday), age 88, passed away peacefully under hospice care on July 15, 2025, at the Martha T. Berry Nursing Facility in Mt. Clemens, Michigan.

Mary Lou was born on March 13, 1937, and graduated from Dominican High School in 1955. She considered joining the religious order and aspired to teach. Instead, Mary Lou married and as a faithful wife mothered three children.

She practiced the art of cosmetology and eventually found her true calling as a school bus driver for the Anchor Bay School District. She forged lasting bonds with her bus driver colleagues and was admired and respected by the children she transported. Several children would honor Mary Lou during holidays and special events lasting into adulthood.

Mary Lou’s life was full of laughter, love, and generosity. She was an enthusiastic bingo player, bowler, card shark, and board game competitor. She enjoyed lottery

scratch-offs and friendly wagers. She embraced fun wherever she could find it.

Mary Lou gave back through sisterhood and service as a longtime member of Beta Sigma Phi, Xi Omicron chapter. She deeply valued connection with family and friends, staying in touch via greeting cards, phone calls and postings on Facebook. She especially enjoyed social media updates from her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Her favorite delicacies included rutabaga, shrimp cocktail, chicken livers (just like Frankenmuth makes them), and small frog legs—her final meal.

Mary Lou is survived by her loving children Thomas (Debra) Barton, Timothy Barton, Marianne (Craig) Hanselman, grandchildren Jonathan (Audrey) Barkus, Jessica (Keith) Chartrand, Robert Hanselman, great grandchildren Owen Barkus and Auden Barkus, grand dogs Tucker Hanselman, Oliver Hanselman, and Annie Barton

Celebration of Life

A graveside service, open to anyone who wishes to pay their last respects and share memories will be at St. Denis Cemetery, 7125 Harrington Road, Lexington Michigan, Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at 11:00AM.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to St. Jude Hospital or a charity close to your heart in her name www.stjude.org/memorial

A Final Thought

"She lived simply, laughed often, and loved deeply.

Previous Events

Grave Side Committal Service

JUL **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Denis Cemetery
7125 Harrington Road
Lexington, MI 48450-9328

Tribute Wall

LS

“ *Mary Lou was my neighbor. I first met her at her parents' store, Maday's Market, in Detroit 70 years ago. Surprisingly she became my next door neighbor 20 years later in New Baltimore. She was my barber, friend, and confidant. I will always remember her smile and eternal optimism. I'm sure we will be neighbors again in heaven.*
Lenny Satawa

Lenny Satawa - July 21, 2025 at 03:29 PM

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Tim Barton - July 21, 2025 at 06:39 PM

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“ *It is with a heavy heart that I say good bye to Mary Lou. It was in 1973 that we first met. She was new in the neighborhood and my neighbor. Mary Lou came out to introduce herself. In talking we found out that we had a lot in common--We both attended Our Lady Queen of Heaven grade school, we both attended Dominican High School and we grew up within blocks of each other. We spent many days talking across the fence to each other while our dogs, Snoopy (Mary Lou) and Sweet William (mine) sat at our sides. Until we meet again. Love Carolyn Satawa.*

Carolyn Satawa - July 21, 2025 at 03:22 PM

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Tim Barton - July 21, 2025 at 06:39 PM

MP

“ Michael Pemberton purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Mary Louise Barton.



Michael Pemberton - July 21, 2025 at 11:04 AM

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“ Michael Pemberton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Louise Barton.

Michael Pemberton - July 21, 2025 at 11:04 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Barton.



July 20, 2025 at 06:30 PM

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“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



Tim Barton - July 18, 2025 at 03:11 AM

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“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



Tim Barton - July 17, 2025 at 02:06 PM

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“ 12 files added to the tribute wall



Tim Barton - July 17, 2025 at 02:04 PM

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“ MOTHER

*Morning new
Days are bright
Moments looking back*

*Yesterday revealed
Tomorrow innate
Narrative, mother perceived*

*Days of Joy
A child's toy
Continually without complaint*

*Forced to cry
Wondered why
Dismayed to infer the strain*

*Fixity of purpose
Movement forward
Obligation of the heart*

*Others first
Without exception
Victim of devotion*

*An ardent soul
Austerity scarce
Exuberantly restrained*

*Merit earned caste
Lovingly amassed
Reverent quietly magnified*

*Pillar of strength
Overflowing emotion*

A well amply supplied

Mother you're loved

Past and today

Permanently in my heart

Tim Barton - July 17, 2025 at 01:59 PM