



Mary Lou Cottingham-Traylor

June 12, 1950 - June 9, 2025

Mary Lou Cottingham-Traylor, age 74, passed away peacefully on June 9, 2025, in Naples, Florida. Born on June 12, 1950, in Columbus, Ohio, Mary Lou was a beacon of warmth and kindness to all who had the privilege of knowing her. She began her professional life as a Registered Nurse, a role that perfectly suited her compassionate spirit. Her employers included Riverside Methodist Hospital, Central Ohio Colon & Rectal Center, and Abbott Laboratories. In 1995, she transitioned into a second career in real estate after moving to Yardley, PA, including Weichert Realtors and Long & Foster Realty, where she continued to help others with the same care and integrity she brought to nursing. She later retired to Naples, where she enjoyed the sunshine and community she so dearly loved.

Her faith was a cornerstone of her life. Deeply devoted to her church, Mary Lou gave generously of her time and energy to those in need. Whether through volunteering, offering a listening ear, or delivering her famous home-baked goodies, she had a special way of making everyone feel valued and loved.

Daughter of the late Fred R. and Niki Shook, she is survived by her loving husband, Robert E. Traylor, Jr.; her son, Michael (Kristin) Leggett; her daughter, Molly (Michael) Yeager; and her treasured grandchildren: Gwendolyn and Kaelyn Leggett, and Olivia, Emma, and Allyson Yeager. She

also leaves behind her beloved sisters, Dora (Bruce) Bergmann and Sandra (Gary) Smith.

A Memorial Service to celebrate Mary Lou's life will be held on June 30, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. at Bridgewater Banquet & Conference Center. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in her memory to: <https://avowcares.org/>, whose care and compassion supported her and her loved ones during her final days. Mary Lou's legacy of kindness, faith, and love will live on in the many lives she touched.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **30**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Bridgewater Banquet & Conference Center
10561 Sawmill Parkway
Powell, OH 43065

Tribute Wall

HN

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to Mary Lou’s beloved family during this difficult time

I had the pleasure of meeting Mary Lou through our work as Realtors, during what turned out to be a particularly tough transaction. My clients unexpectedly withdrew from the deal without explanation, and I braced myself about delivering that news. I was honestly expecting her to be upset— maybe even angry—and I wouldn’t have blamed her one bit.

But Mary Lou’s response was something I’ll never forget. She was full of grace, patience, and understanding. In a moment when she had every right to be upset, she instead offered me kindness—and even took the time to reassure me, a gesture I’ll never forget.

Our paths crossed again outside of business, and I was lucky enough to share her laughter and friendship throughout the years. Her warmth, sincerity, and steady presence left a lasting impression on everyone who knew her.

She was a true professional, but more importantly, a genuinely good and loving person. The way she treated people, even in challenging moments, speaks volumes about the kind of woman she was.

She stood out in this world, and she will be missed deeply.

Hope Nemanic

HOPE NEMANIC - July 17, 2025 at 03:50 PM

KH

“ A gift has been made to Mercy Chefs in memory of Mary Lou ~
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In her memory, may this donation to Mercy Chefs reflect her love and kindness she so generously fed to others along her life’s journey.

Our deepest sympathy and much love, The Hupps

Karen Smith Hupp - July 14, 2025 at 10:12 AM

SF

“ *Stellin Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Mary Lou Cottingham-Traylor.*



Stellin Family - June 27, 2025 at 01:15 PM

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“ *Rest in eternal peace. Prayers and condolences to all.*



Richard Oleksiw - June 27, 2025 at 08:18 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Cottingham-Traylor.



June 26, 2025 at 01:52 PM



“ David B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Lou Cottingham-Traylor.

David B. - June 24, 2025 at 08:17 AM



“ Crystal Hasman lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Cottingham-Traylor



Crystal Hasman - June 21, 2025 at 01:07 PM



“ Phil and Debbie (Traylor) Bard purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Mary Lou Cottingham-Traylor.



Phil and Debbie (Traylor) Bard - June 19, 2025 at 12:44 PM

MB

“ Mary Jean & Brian planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Lou Cottingham-Traylor.

Mary Jean & Brian - June 16, 2025 at 01:18 PM

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“ Mary Jean & Brian purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Mary Lou Cottingham-Traylor.



Mary Jean & Brian - June 16, 2025 at 01:18 PM