



Mary Lou Finan

July 14, 1927 - January 19, 2018

Mary Louise Finan, 90, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Friday, January 19, 2018.

Mary Lou was born July 14, 1927, near Wheaton, Kansas, the daughter of James and Margaret Higgins Keating. She graduated from Blaine Rural High School in 1945, St. Francis School of Nursing in 1948 and was an RN in the U S. Cadet Nurse Corps. On September 2, 1950, Mary Lou married Thomas Finan in St. Columbkille's Church in Blaine. He preceded her in death on April 6, 2004.

Mary Lou was a school nurse for over 30 years at Holy Name School (Mater Dei School) and USD 501 schools. She was a member of Mater Dei Holy Name Church for more than 60 years. She volunteered in her parish, at the VA Hospital, St. Francis Hospital and the American Red Cross where she received the Jan Ogan Distinguished Nurse Award in 2000.

Mary Lou is survived by her children, Kaye Brown (Tom) of Wichita, Linda Landon (Bill Maxwell) of Lecompton, Pat Finan (Janet) of Topeka, Sharon Gamblin (Morris Patrick) of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Carol Ann Tenpenny (Bill) of Topeka and Janet Lynn Unrein (Kevin) of Shawnee; 12 grandchildren, Tim, Mike and Scott Brown, Shawn Landon and Erin Landon O'Brien, Ryan and TJ Finan, Joe Herold and Christy Hayes, Samantha Tenpenny, Logan and

Lindsey Unrein; 17 great-grandchildren, Lani, Jessica, Hannah, Dillon, Jamie, Bella, Josie, Ashlynn, Averie, Peighton, Stella, McKinley, Cecilia, Chloe, Sophia, Jackson and Katelyn; siblings, Henrietta "Hap" Scott, Topeka, Bobbie Jordan (Joe), Parkville, Missouri, Jimmy Keating (Kathy), Kansas City, Kansas; brother-in-law, Hank Graf, Topeka; sisters-in-law, Berna Lee Leibbrandt, Atwood and Dorothy Finan, Blaine; and an aunt, Elva Higgins, St. Marys. Mary Lou was also preceded in death by her siblings, Donald "Bud" Keating, Margie Fox, Katherine "Nila" Graf, Beatrice "Bea" Fealey, Georgia Kaye "Kellie" Ray and twin great-grandsons, Nathan and Caleb.

The Daughters of Isabella will lead a rosary at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Visitation will follow until 6 p.m. when the parish rosary will be prayed and then visitation will continue until 7 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday at Mater Dei Holy Name Church, 1114 SW 10th Avenue, Topeka KS 66604.

Burial will follow at 12:30 p.m. in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Blaine, Kansas.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Midland Care Hospice, Mount Calvary Cemetery Fund, Blaine, Kansas, or to Mater Dei School, all sent in care of the funeral home.

Previous Events

Rosary

JAN 24. 4:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614
(785) 272-7888
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Rosary

JAN 24. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

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Mass of Christian Burial

JAN **25**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Mater Dei Holy Name Church
1114 SW 10th Street
Topeka, KS 66604

Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Lou Finan*



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - January 24, 2018 at 03:38 PM



“ *Mary Lou Finan*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *We so sorry for your loss. We have both lost our parents and it doesn't get any easier regardless of age or health. You have your memories to comfort you, and you and your family are in our thoughts. Gary & Judy McGinness*

Judy McGinness - January 26, 2018 at 04:23 PM



“ *I just heard about Mary Lou passing. I am so very, very sorry for your loss. I wish I could be there in person to celebrate such an amazing lady. All of you are in my thoughts during this difficult time.*

*Kristina Glick (Daughter of George and Loma Glick)
Lawrence, KS*

Kristina Glick - January 25, 2018 at 12:50 PM

BF

“ Carol, Bill and Sam,
So sorry for the loss of your mother and grandmother. She was a sweet lady and Bernice always enjoyed the "sister" visits - they had lots of good laughs. We will keep your family in our thoughts and prayers.
Bob & Kate Murray and family

Bob & Kate Murray and family - January 25, 2018 at 07:26 AM

TW

“ So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for your family.

Pat, Mike and Tim Walsh

Timothy L Walsh - January 24, 2018 at 07:05 PM

BD

“ Carol , Bill and family prayers are with you in the loss of your mother and a delightful lady losing you mother is tough but you know she is in heaven taking care of other people something she always did when she was here with us God Bless

BOB Domer DVM - January 24, 2018 at 01:35 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Finan.



January 24, 2018 at 10:34 AM

VH

“ *Kaye and other family members, I would like to express sympathy to your family at this time. Sorry to hear of your loss. Your mother was always so kind and friendly. Remembering you in our prayers.*

Vickie (Jones) Hasenkamp

Vickie (Jones) Hasenkamp - January 23, 2018 at 09:59 PM

MF

“ *MY HEART AND PRAYERS Mary Lou always was sweet and kind she and my mom and dad would go to bingo know mom and dad and Mary Lou are together in heaven Margaret and Charley Fudge daughter Margaret ann lives in San DIEGO*



Margaret Fudge - January 23, 2018 at 06:14 PM

CF

“ *My heart and prayers go out to each of you. Mary Lou always had a smile. I felt welcome, whether it was a quick visit or and over night stay. Regretfully, previous plans will keep me from attending her services.*

Love and prayers, Carole Finan

Carole Finan - January 23, 2018 at 04:56 PM

JE

“ *To all of Mary Lous family, we share in your grief and sorrow. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Barb & Jerry Estes

Jerry & Barb Estes - January 23, 2018 at 04:22 PM

CS

“ I worked as the USD 501 audiologist for many years. Mary Lou was such a joy to work with. She was sweet, kind, and a great nurse. I felt like if she touched me, she would heal me! I could feel the warmth and compassion in her hands! Such a beautiful person! Thanks for sharing her with us. Condolences to her family.

Cathy Miller Shepherd - January 23, 2018 at 12:41 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Finan.



January 23, 2018 at 09:23 AM

LM

“ Carol, Pat and Finans: We are sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. Our thoughts are with you during this time. Love, Lari & Mark Mertel

Lari Mertel - January 22, 2018 at 11:20 PM

PB

“ My heart is with all the Finans. Tom and Mary were always so cheery and kind to me during the 20 years I delivered their mail on Buchanan. Always had a cold drink for me in the summer and I would step inside to warm my bones on those arctic days. Then Mary "followed" me (I used to kid her) when I changed routes and I got to still be her letter carrier at Atria till I retired in 2012. I miss them both and their lovely smiling faces, and glad I got to be a small part of their lives.

Patti Blackwood - January 22, 2018 at 09:57 PM

BO

“ Our condolences to all the Finan family. Mary Lou was a great lady and so glad we knew her and had some fun times in the past. I know she will be missed by you all. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Barb and Dick OConnor

Barb OConnor - January 22, 2018 at 09:36 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Finan.



January 22, 2018 at 07:39 PM

LS

“ Our Schreiner Family would like to extend our Sympathies to All the Finan Family !! I have so many great memories of riding to school with Mary Lou and All the overnights at their house. Tom and Mary Lou always made me feel like one of theirs. I will miss her very much and send you All our thoughts and Prayers. Linda Schreiner-Knudson

Linda Schreiner-Knudson - January 22, 2018 at 07:05 PM

LL

“ Prayers to all the Finan family. What a wonderful Mother, Grandmother, and Great Grandmother she was. Mary Lou was so sweet and pleasant. I just loved her. I will be thinking of everyone as you go through this difficult time. My hear goes out to you. Love to all of the Finan's.
Linda Lolli

Linda Lolli - January 22, 2018 at 02:08 PM

PP

“ Pat, Matt and I want to extend our sympathy on the loss of your Mother. I love her face. Such a lovely lady to me through many years at Holy Name. I’m sure you have many many wonderful memories. Take care during this difficult time. Love to you all!!! Patti

Patti Porubsky - January 22, 2018 at 12:10 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Finan.



January 22, 2018 at 10:29 AM