



Mary Lou Sherren

May 1, 1938 - November 24, 2024

Mary Lou Sherren, a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and devoted friend, passed away peacefully at her home, surrounded by family, on November 24, 2024, at the age of 86. Born on May 1, 1938, Mary was the seventh of eight children born to Wallace and Bertha Ames. She grew up in a loving household alongside her siblings and carried that same love and devotion into her own family.

On September 18, 1955, Mary married George William “Bill” Sherren Sr., and together they built a life of love, family, and entrepreneurship. Over the years, they owned and operated several businesses, including a truck stop, gas station, restaurants, and a mechanic’s shop. Their partnership extended beyond business as they raised three children: George William “Billy” Sherren Jr., Teala Beth, and Shannon Heidi. After 45 years of marriage, Bill passed away in 2000.

In 2001, Mary was blessed to find companionship again with Cecil Blankenship. They shared nine wonderful years together until his passing in 2010.

Mary’s professional life included a career with the Illinois Secretary of State, where she retired in 2004. A dedicated Christian, she found strength and guidance in her faith, which sustained her throughout her life. She was also a

proud member of the Order of the Eastern Star for over 50 years, cherishing the friendships and service opportunities it brought.

Mary was a matriarch to a large and loving family, leaving behind her children Billy (Vicky), Teala Boyer (Mike), and her 11 grandchildren: Julie, Natchure, Mindy, Shelby, Marlaina, Ricky, Maimi, GW, Christopher, Michael and Olivia. She was also the proud great-grandmother of 22 great-grandchildren: Savannah, Skyler, Colten, Raygan, Emma, Blake, George, Jaden, Hinlee, Jayden, Logan, Kylee, Brooklyn, Jaxsen, Zaylin, Reese, Parker, Adalie, Leah, Tamzin, Raziell, and Havanna.

Mary is preceded in death by her beloved husband Bill, her daughter Shannon, her companion Cecil, her parents Wallace and Bertha, and her seven siblings. She has now been joyfully reunited with them in eternal rest.

Mary's legacy of love, resilience, and faith will live on in the hearts of all who knew her. She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by her family, friends, and community.

Services will be held on Saturday, November 30, 2024, at Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg. The Order of the Eastern Star will perform a ceremony at 11:45 am. Visitation will be held from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm and the funeral service beginning at 2:00 pm with Pastor Abraham Mogerman officiating. Burial will immediately follow at Rose Hill Cemetery in Petersburg. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Mary's honor to St. Jude's or Shriner's Hospital for Children.

Please visit Mary's online obituary at hurleyfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

IL-123
Petersburg, IL 62675
(217) 632-3022

Previous Events

Order of the Eastern Star Service

NOV **30**. 11:45 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Petersburg
122 West Douglas Avenue
Petersburg, IL 62675
(217) 632-2500
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ I loved watching Mary Lou and my Mom cook together, it was hilarious. You know they learned from the best Grandma Birth! They were all great cooks and good people ❤️❤️
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Bonnie Fisher - December 01, 2024 at 02:56 AM

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“ Mary Evelyn, Lisa & Cricket purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mary Lou Sherren.



Mary Evelyn, Lisa & Cricket - November 29, 2024 at 02:09 PM

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“ Mary Evelyn, Lisa & Cricket planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Lou Sherren.

Mary Evelyn, Lisa & Cricket - November 29, 2024 at 02:09 PM