



Mary Lou Bowers

February 12, 1944 - August 27, 2025

Mary Lou Bowers, 81, of Liberty Center, Ohio, passed away at her home on Wednesday, August 27, 2025. She was born in Bowling Green, Ohio, on February 12, 1944, to the late William Rudolph and Lovena (Echelbarger) Rudolph. On May 5, 1963, she married Terry Bowers at Sharon United Methodist Church.

Mary Lou was a member of the Liberty Center United Methodist Church, where she served as a trustee. She also served as a trustee on the board of the Liberty Center Public Library. She enjoyed volunteering at Together We Can Make a Difference and organized several "Powers for Bowers" Relay for Life teams.

Mary Lou and Terry owned Morrison's Department Store in Liberty Center, and they were co-owners of East Street Enterprises, which renovated and leased several downtown LC buildings. She held many positions throughout her career, including with Bowling Green State University and the Ohio Department of Transportation, where she retired as a construction inspector.

Mary Lou was very artistic and loved painting, ceramics, and stained glass. She studied art at Bowling Green State University, taught art to others, and ran Mary Lou's Crafts and Gifts.

Mary Lou is survived by her children, LuAnn Bowers, and Tim (Stacy) Bowers; grandchildren, Emma, Audrey, and Meredith; brother, James Rudolph; and stepsisters, Linda Kitchen, Tina Manning, and Sue Mottashed. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Terry, and her stepfather, Albert Lance.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, on Sunday, September 7, 2025, from 3:00 PM until 6:00 PM. Funeral services will be held at the Liberty Center United Methodist Church on Monday, September 8, 2025, at 11:00 AM with an hour of visitation prior to services. Memorial contributions may be made to "Together We Can Make a Difference Initiatives" or to the Liberty Center Public Library. Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family at rodenbergergray.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

SEP 7. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545

Memorial Gathering

SEP 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Liberty Center United Methodist Church
307 East Street
Liberty Center, OH 43532

Memorial Service

SEP 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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

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“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Bowers.



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“ Mary Lou was such a wonderful person! Spent a lot of time at the Bowers house growing up and she always made you feel welcome - even if she knew we were up to some shenanigans! She was always positive and supportive, which I appreciated so much. Absolutely blessed to have Mary Lou as a friend. Prayers for you Tim and LuAnn.

Tim Meister - September 03, 2025 at 05:26 PM



“ i will never forget my cousin Mary Lou's smile and the times we shared growing up together as kids - i especially will miss our phone calls - i admire the strength she had in taking care of Terry when he became sick - she holds a special spot in my heart and i know i will see her again in heaven - she will be waiting for us

linda parker - September 02, 2025 at 04:32 PM