



## Mary Lou Cameron Batty

September 20, 1945 - September 9, 2019

Mary Lou, age 73 of Hammond, Louisiana passed away Monday September 9, 2019. She was the daughter of the late Kenneth Calvin and Marguerite Lenore Cameron of Broadview, Illinois. Beloved wife of her husband James E. Batty. Loving mother of Christopher James Batty and wife Debra of Greenwell Springs, Louisiana, and Geoffrey Kenneth Batty and wife Candice of Daphne, Alabama. Cherished grandmother of Brennan James Batty, Brock Cameron Batty, Brant Christopher Batty and Kayla Faith Scales.

She was a graduate of Southern Illinois University. She ran the Navy Exchange Display Department at NAS Lemoore, California. She also managed the Lane Bryant Store in Hammond, Louisiana.

Her hobbies sewing, quilting, baseball and taking care of grandchildren. She was a member of the Gulf States Quilting Association, the Going to Pieces Quilt Group and the Queen Bees Quilt Group.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to a Visitation from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, Hammond on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. until the start of the Funeral Service at 11:30 a.m. Interment will follow in the Louisiana National Veterans Cemetery in Zachary, LA.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Louisiana National Cemetery**

303 W Mt. Pleasant Zachary Rd.

Zachary, LA, 70791

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**Visitation**

09:00AM - 11:30AM

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Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Hammond, LA

12012 Highway 190 W, Hammond, LA, US, 70401

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**Funeral Service**

11:30AM

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# Comments

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“ Jim, Chris, and Geoff,  
I am so sorry. From the time I first met Mary Lou when we were young moms in CCHills, she was the most generous, open, positive, enthusiastic, talented woman and remained that way through her lifetime. She was always so busy with all kinds of projects, but never too busy for a friend. She was a wonderful daughter, wife, Mom, and Grandma..She was so proud of her whole family. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I know you have lots of beautiful memories to comfort you at this time.  
Cathy Santori

**Cathy Santori** - September 15, 2019 at 04:39 PM



“ Thank you very much! You were always on her mind. She spoke of you and your family often over the years. I would say you described her perfectly! Thank you again! Tell everyone I said hello! Geoff

**Geoff** - September 16, 2019 at 03:06 PM

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“ Jim,  
No words can describe the loss you feel with the passing of your soul mate, but they can in a quiet way reflect the love that others have for your precious wife. Mary Lou could very well have been named Grace for this is what she extended to others even as she struggled under harsh circumstances. I pray that God's Blessings be extended to you and your family. Yours in Christian fellowship,  
Jim Perrin

**Jim Perrin** - September 12, 2019 at 09:44 AM



“ Thank you for your kind words! She was our strength! Geoff

**Geoff** - September 16, 2019 at 03:09 PM

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“ Rest in peace,sweet lady.I didn t know you but any friend of Liz Higgins has to be a wonderful person. I heard so much about you from Liz.She always enjoyed the chats at the ballgames and you never missed a game. You will be missed.

**Linda Watters** - September 11, 2019 at 04:58 PM



“ Thank you Linda! That speaks volumes about who she was, I appreciate your sentiment!  
Geoff

**Geoff** - September 16, 2019 at 03:10 PM

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“ Vicky Blaze and Jodie and Charles Rohner purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Lou Cameron Batty.



**Vicky Blaze and Jodie and Charles Rohner** - September 11, 2019 at 07:59 AM

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“ From Your Acetylenics Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mary Lou Cameron Batty.



**From Your Acetylenics Family** - September 10, 2019 at 04:14 PM

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“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Cameron Batty.



September 10, 2019 at 02:54 PM

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“ I was not a close friend of Mary Lou's but we met through our mutual enjoyment of quilting and shared time for the last several years at week-long quilting retreats at St. Jseph's Abbey.. Needless to say (to all who knew her at all ) she was always pleasant. But more than that; she was always upbeat and a great one to just chat it up for a few minutes as I walked around seeing everyone's beautiful work. She participated fully and made a pleasant and cheery event more pleasant - all the while she had to use one hand and arm to hold her own head up. I never got the story of what happened to cause Mary Lou to have this painful condition in her neck that robbed it of the strength needed to hold her head as she chose, but it did not stop her nor make her lose her kind and open disposition. Many there knew her better than I did and can share much more intimate stories but she taught me a great deal about attitude and acceptance just by being there . Each time I looked up from my machine I saw a happy woman who was making the very best she could of the very difficult situation she had. She was an inspiration to me.

**Carolyn Thornton** - September 10, 2019 at 02:02 PM



“ Thank you Carolyn! As others have you have explained her struggle and strength! In short she had Tardive Distonia, it affected her ability to tell her neck muscles what to do. My understanding is that it can affect different parts of the body but hers happened to be her neck. She looked forward to the retreat every year and couldn't wait to see you all and have great time. She loved to teach her craft also! Thank you so much for your comments!  
Geoff

**Geoff** - September 16, 2019 at 03:15 PM

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“ Mona, Denise, Cody, & "Sew This" Staff purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Mary Lou Cameron Batty.



**Mona, Denise, Cody, & "Sew This" Staff** - September 10, 2019 at 01:23 PM

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“ Jim, Chris and Geoff, our hearts our with you in your loss. Mary Lou was such a wonderful Godmother to me. Always, caring and supportive. I will miss her deeply. I know there is great joy in heaven at her arrival to be with Christ, but the world is certainly dimmer without her here to continue to share her love with all of us. With love, Jim

**Jim Flight** - September 10, 2019 at 10:16 AM



“ Thank you Jim, she loved your family and spoke to your mom often. Appreciate you reaching out.

**Chris** - September 10, 2019 at 12:40 PM



“ Thank you Jim! She spoke fondly of you over the years and loved to hear updates from your Mother about you and your family! Thank you for your kind words.

**Geoff** - September 16, 2019 at 03:17 PM

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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Cameron Batty.



September 10, 2019 at 10:05 AM

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“ Mary Lou’s very special friendship and memories will always be in my heart. Her joy and laughter crossed the geographic distances between us. Mary Lou is a life long best friend.

We grew up together, sharing special trips, music and our hobby of sewing. I remember learning how to swim in a pool at a ranch in Colorado with Lou and her parents. We performed a song one night there - her on the piano and me on the guitar. During summers we would each sew a variety of clothing. We frequently visited the remanent shop on Roosevelt Road, choosing treasured pieces of fabric that we transformed into special clothes. We were in Girl Scouts together and went to summer camp together..

Some of my most joyous memories of Mary Lou is her incredible talent as a pianist. She would play Gershwin’s “Rhapsody in Blue” and “An American in Paris” for me, allowing me to be present in her living room while she practiced. She created in me the love of this music, and many times when I hear it on the radio I text her to tell her thank you for developing this love of music.

Mary Lou, your amazing love for all of us brought us so much joy and at times, needed comfort.

Please continue to spread your wings around all of us. We will always know and share your presence.

Jim, I am thinking about your and sending special wishes and comfort.

Chris and Geof, and everyone in your families I am sending wishes of comfort.

The Rhapsody of your life plays on in us.....

Love Forever,  
Joanie

**Joan Truckenbrod** - September 09, 2019 at 11:40 PM



“ Thank you Joanie, she loved you and spoke of you often.

**Chris** - September 10, 2019 at 12:39 PM



“ Thank you Joanie! Your memories mean so much to me. It’s great to hear about who she was before she was my Mother! She was tremendous!

**Geoff** - September 16, 2019 at 03:23 PM

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“ Grethe and Don Armstrong purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Mary Lou Cameron Batty.



Grethe and Don Armstrong - September 09, 2019 at 11:04 PM

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“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Cameron Batty.



September 09, 2019 at 10:37 PM

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“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Cameron Batty.



September 09, 2019 at 09:45 PM

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“ My heart sank when I saw that Mary Lou passed away today. We had just hooked up on Facebook about a yr.ago. We had not seen you guys for years,but we thought about you often. We used to have such great times at Wayne and Audrey’s house and in St. Louis.

She was such a great lady. Our hearts and prayers are with Jim and all of your family at this difficult time.

Love, Jed and Penny Barrow

**penny barrow** - September 09, 2019 at 08:44 PM



“ Thank you Penny, much appreciated.

**Chris** - September 10, 2019 at 12:42 PM



“ Thank you very much Penny!

**Geoff** - September 16, 2019 at 03:24 PM

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



September 09, 2019 at 08:43 PM

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“ With Love, Donna purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary Lou Cameron Batty.



**With Love, Donna** - September 09, 2019 at 08:26 PM

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“ My dearest cousin,as well as the sister of my heart. Today she has gone to be with God. She's walking, dancing and holding her head high. She held a special place in my heart from the time she was a baby. I will miss talking to her. Love you kido

**Donna** - September 09, 2019 at 07:39 PM



“ Thank you Donna, she loved you very much!

**Chris** - September 10, 2019 at 12:42 PM



“ Very well said! I think she couldn't wait to see her parents again! Thank you for your sentiment. Mom spoke of you every time we visited to give us an update on how you were and what was going on with Jim also. I'm glad you two had each other! Geoff

**Geoff** - September 16, 2019 at 03:27 PM

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“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Cameron Batty.



September 09, 2019 at 07:29 PM

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



September 09, 2019 at 07:22 PM

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“ Mary Lou was a wonderful , amazing woman. She was indeed an inspiration to all who knew her. She will be missed by everyone and also by the members of her quilting groups.

**Peggy J Verberne** - September 09, 2019 at 06:31 PM



“ Thank you Peggy

**Chris** - September 10, 2019 at 12:43 PM



“ Thank you very much! She made every effort to welcome people to a conversation and enjoyed sharing her craft.

**Geoff** - September 16, 2019 at 03:29 PM

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



September 09, 2019 at 06:25 PM