



## Mary Louise "Mary Lou" Shearer-Brennan

March 10, 1958 - February 18, 2025

Mary Louise "Mary Lou" Shearer-Brennan, 66 formerly of Towanda passed away February 18, 2025, at her residence in Beaver Lake, Lycoming County, PA. She was born in Towanda, Pennsylvania on March 10, 1958, the daughter of the late Nelson and Anita "Bettie" O'Keefe Shearer.

Mary Lou married Terence Brennan at Saints Peter and Paul Church in Towanda on May 23, 1987; Terry survives her. After their marriage Mary Lou and Terry lived in Sayre, PA until Terry was transferred to Williamsport and they relocated there at that time.

Mary Lou attended St. Agnes Elementary school and graduated from Towanda area High School with the class of 1976. After graduation she attended Mansfield University. Her professional career in Bradford County included many years of employment in Nursing administration at the Bradford County Manor followed by several years at the Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre.

Mary Lou was raised in an Irish family that included the O'Keefe, Farley, Hurley, Sullivan and Frawley families. She was named after her mother's cousin and best friend Mary Lousie Maloney Farley. Through these relationships Mary Lou picked up a quick wit and she always enjoyed a party and especially loved family dinners when everyone gathered and visited. Mary Lou will be remembered for her kindness and zest for life.

Besides her husband Terence she is survived by a brother Charles Shearer and his spouse Chris of Sayre, PA and many cousins from Towanda and her

Shearer cousins from Drums, PA along with a host of close friends who will sadly miss her.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, April 26th, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home 217 York Ave. Towanda, PA with Rev. Joseph Kuriappilly, pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Towanda officiating in remembrance of the time we were able to spend with Mary Lou. Interment will follow in Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery in North Towanda, PA. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery

James Street  
North Towanda Township, PA 18848

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR 26. 12:00 PM (ET)

Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home  
217 York Ave.  
Towanda, PA 18848  
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# Tribute Wall

TE

“ TERRY purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Louise "Mary Lou" Shearer-Brennan.



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TERRY - April 22, 2025 at 02:57 PM

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“ TERRY planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Louise "Mary Lou" Shearer-Brennan.

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TERRY - April 22, 2025 at 02:57 PM

TA

“ To Terence and Charlie,  
What a beautiful picture of Mary Lou!  
I have wonderful memories of Mary Lou when she was on Linda's swimming and volleyball teams. Linda and I always enjoyed going to Nelson and Bettie's house after volleyball games. Nelson was famous for his "stiff drinks". Nelson and Bettie were so proud of Mary Lou and her accomplishments.  
It is so sad to read about her passing at such a young age. I send love and prayers to her family.  
Rest in peace, Mary Lou.

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Tom Abell - March 09, 2025 at 11:17 AM

LC

“ *Mary Lou and I went through grade school and high school. I loved her humor. She introduced me to tennis! We were also on the swim team together. Mary Lou was a good friend and always cheerful! She will so missed!*

*Linda Chilson*

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**Linda Chilson** - March 05, 2025 at 06:08 PM

GN

*I worked with Mary Lou at Bradford County Manor in the 1980s. She was so much fun to be around, always joking, liked to pull pranks. She was also a caring person, she was our staffing coordinator and did her best to meet your staffing request. She was loved by everyone and will be sorely missed.*

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**Gen Novak** - March 06, 2025 at 01:06 PM

JG

“ *Chris and Charlie, I'm so sorry for your loss. I have many fond memories of Mary Lou and our Lake Wesauking adventures.*

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**Joy Grace** - March 05, 2025 at 01:16 PM

GT

“ *I met Mary Lou through the Beaver Lake community. I will cherish the humor and kindness that she shared. I am thankful to have that friendship, over the years.*

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**Gerry Traupman** - February 27, 2025 at 07:15 PM

SG

“ Mary Lou was a best friend in life. Her and I were roommates for several years had some great great memories attending Irish festivals, Armenia mountain trips, and going to family dinners that Betty always cooked so well. Spent many many years with her and her cousin Henry. Spent many many times at Mary Lou and Terry's house and she will be greatly missed. So proud to say my daughter's middle name was Louise after Mary Lou. Rest in peace my great friend ❤️❤️🍀🍀🍀💔💔

Sharon Guinane - February 27, 2025 at 06:28 PM

DD

“ I was Mary Lou's godfather at 14 years old, I believe the designated godfather could not attend that day so they asked me to replace them. I remember the Shearers well, great friends of my mom and dad, Brose and Mary Dunn

David Dunn - February 27, 2025 at 10:30 AM

AF

“ She will be deeply missed by many. She could always make a bad day turn into a good day with her sense of humor.

Amanda Funk - February 27, 2025 at 09:54 AM

AF

“ She will be deeply missed by many people. She always could make your bad day better with her sense of humor. She was known for the many tricks she played on everyone.

AMANDA FUNK - February 27, 2025 at 09:44 AM

DW

“ I will always remember her for her kindness and sense of humor. I worked with her at lowes in Montoursville. She will be missed. Condolences to her family and friends.

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**Diane Wood** - February 27, 2025 at 08:27 AM

BE

“ Mary Lou,  
Thank you for your friendship and all the laughs we shared. We became friends first and then neighbors. I won't ever forget telling you of the place I just purchased and you're like OMG we are neighbors and how great that was! I'm going to miss you!

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**Becky** - February 27, 2025 at 06:22 AM