



Mary Lou Creath

July 17, 1934 - December 29, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Mary Lou Creath

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – MURPHYSBORO

1421 Walnut Street, Murphysboro, Illinois

Mary Lou Creath, age 91, of Sparta, Formerly of Murphysboro, Illinois, passed away on Monday, December 29, 2025 at the Randolph County Care Center in Sparta, Illinois.

She was born on July 17, 1934 to Dean and La Verne (Burriss) Draper in Cobden, Illinois. On August 21, 1951, she married Harold Ralph Creath and they spent over 45 years together until his passing in 1997.

Mary had worked in food service for Marriott Corp. through SIU. Mary loved reading and spending time with family and friends, especially her friend, Jenny. In her younger years, Mary enjoyed camping and fishing.

Survivors include her daughter, Roberta (Larry) Lee; two granddaughters,

Venessa (Tony) Ross and Jessica (Cleve) Leonard; brother, Wallace Dean (Nancy) Draper; sister-in-law, Barbara Creath; along with nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Along with her parents and husband, she is preceded in death by her brother-in-law, Earl Creath.

A Graveside Service followed by interment will be held on Friday, January 2, 2026 at 11:00 AM with Richard Reid, Sr. officiating at Murdale Gardens of Memory.

The family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions may be made to Faith Ministry of Sparta.

Crain Funeral Home in Murphysboro is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Murdale Gardens of Memory

137 Murdale Gardens Rd
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-1145
crain@crainsonline.com

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 2. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (cst)

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Tribute Wall

JE

“ Mary Lou was a wonderful, kind hearted person that i was fortunate enough to have as a friend. I already miss her, and all her wise advice and all the fun trips shopping..we always joked about every time we had plans, it would start raining..or snowing..or storming...once it was even a tornado watch and streets flooding.....we DID postpone that trip tho...so many memories...I will truly miss her



Jenny - December 31, 2025 at 11:32 PM

CA

“ I remember Mary Lou as a classmate at Cobden High School

Catherine Cerny agibbs - December 31, 2025 at 06:19 PM

RL

I remember Mother speaking of the Cerny family

Roberta Lee - January 02 at 06:28 PM

JR

“ Jim and Eileen Ross purchased the Arrive in Styl e for the family of Mary Lou Creath.



Jim and Eileen Ross - December 31, 2025 at 02:12 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Creath.*



December 31, 2025 at 12:24 PM