



## Mary Lou Schaffer

September 25, 2024

Mary Lou Schaffer, 77, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday September 25, 2024, in Hobe Sound, FL.

Mary Lou was born the third of six children to parents Vincent and Marie Imbriani, in Roslyn Heights, NY. The family spent their early years in Williston Park, NY and in 1952, when Mary Lou was five years old, the family relocated to Miami, FL.

Mary Lou grew up in Miami, attending elementary school at St. James Catholic School and then attending high school at Notre Dame Academy. After graduating from high school, Mary Lou moved to Ft. Lauderdale and, at 23 years old, she married Bernard Nelson and had her two children, Christopher and Jennifer. She would later meet and marry the love of her life, Harry Schaffer- her late husband of 42 years. They were married in 1976, as they combined Mary Lou's two and Harry's three children. In 1986, they moved their family from Ft. Lauderdale, FL to Jupiter, FL where they lived for 37 years. After losing her husband in 2018, Mary Lou would move to her home in Hobe Sound, Florida.

Mary Lou was extremely hardworking from a very young age and this work ethic followed her over the course of her lifetime. She enjoyed learning bookkeeping and accounting in her young adult life and spent most of her

professional career working alongside her husband Harry in the construction industry.

Mary Lou faced numerous challenges in life and was forced to learn resilience in the face of adversity many times over. She was a natural born leader. She particularly enjoyed helping others with their business endeavors and enjoyed helping her friends and family succeed in whatever they chose to pursue. Mary Lou was also a nature enthusiast and enjoyed fishing. She spent a lot of time traveling and exploring throughout her life. But what she most enjoyed was spending time entertaining and visiting with her family.

Mary Lou will be forever remembered by her family and friends for her generous heart. She was a loving and devoted mother, sister, grandmother, great-grandmother, wife and friend. She will be deeply missed by those whose lives she touched and whose lives she helped to make better.

Mary Lou was preceded in death by her parents, Vincent and Mary Imbriani; her husband, Harry Schaffer; her brother, Ralph Imbriani; and, her son-in-law, Doug Mischler.

Mary Lou leaves behind her children, Chris (Meredith) Nelson; Jennifer (James) Sransky; Karen Mischler; Kathy (Steve) Hodges; and, Harry (Sue) Schaffer; her 16 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

A Visitation will be held on Friday, October 4th from 4:00pm-7:00pm at Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home in Jupiter, FL. The Prayer Service will be held at 5:00pm. A Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, October 5th at 10:30am at St. Christopher Catholic Church, in Hobe Sound, FL. The Burial will directly follow the Mass, at 12:00pm, at Riverside Memorial Park, in Tequesta, FL.

For those who wish to leave a donation in Mary Lou's name please consider

St. Jude Children's Hospital <https://www.stjude.org> ; American Cancer Society <https://donate.cancer.org> ; or American Lung Association <https://action.lung.org>

# Cemetery Details

## Riverside Memorial Park

19351 SE County Line Road  
Jupiter, FL 33469

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 4. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home  
250 Center Street  
Jupiter, FL 33458  
(561) 744-2030  
<https://www.taylorandmodeenflorida.com>

## Prayer Service

OCT 4. 5:00 PM (ET)

Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home  
250 Center Street  
Jupiter, FL 33458  
(561) 744-2030  
<https://www.taylorandmodeenflorida.com>

## Funeral Mass

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OCT 5. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Christopher Catholic Church  
12001 SE Federal Hwy.  
Hobe Sound, FL 33455

## Burial

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OCT 5. 12:00 PM (ET)

Riverside Memorial Park  
19351 SE County Line Road  
Jupiter, FL 33469

# Tribute Wall

LB

“ We were ever so blessed to meet Mary Lou & Harry on their Alaska cruise tour. We kept in touch since then -Mary Lou was a special lady and will be greatly missed by all her many friends a family( whom she dearly loved and spoke often & highly about) RIP Mary Lou.

**linda Byrne** - October 04, 2024 at 04:46 PM

NI

“ You are very loved and missed Grandma. You will forever hold a special place in our hearts. There will never be another you. There is some comfort knowing that you are now reunited with Grandpa now. I love you.



**Nicole** - September 29, 2024 at 05:21 PM

ML

“ I feel honored to call Marylou my dear friend for over 40 years. We shared so many good times and lots of laughs which will remain in my heart forever. Go now and be with your beloved Harry and smile from above. Your legacy is solidified and the love you shared with famiy and friends will live on. Christopher and Jennifer, your constant care and love is heartfelt. I extend to you and the entire family my love and condolences. Lou, you are loved and will be missed. Rest in peace my dear friend.

*I love you,*

*Maria* 🥹❤️🙏

**Maria Levix** - September 27, 2024 at 02:58 PM

MA

“ *Sending prayers and love to your family. Mary Lou was very blessed with her kids and loved all of you as much as you loved her. So glad that you Christopher and Jennifer were with her. Must cherish all your memories always. She touch all of our lives and will always be a live in our hearts. Sending love and prayers for all of your family.*



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**Mary Anne** - September 25, 2024 at 09:06 PM