



Mary Lou (Esper, Besneatte) Henige

December 7, 1926 - March 1, 2014

Duck Lake - Mary Lou (Esper, Besneatte) Henige, 87, passed away peacefully on March 1, 2014. She was born on Dec. 7, 1926 in Dearborn, MI., the daughter of Al and Hannah Esper. On Oct. 29, 1949 Mary Lou married Robert S. Besneatte, who preceded her in death on May 28, 2003. Together they raised nine children; Joan M "Julie" Besneatte, Susan M. Nanasi, Patricia A. (Rick) Reid, Ann Marie Wood, Kimberly A. (Michael) Pankow, Mary L. Lazic, John P. (Susan) Besneatte, Kathleen M. (Richard) Bradley, the late Robert M. Besneatte, as well as 14 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren.

On Sept. 3, 2005 Mary Lou married John F. (Jack) Henige, a childhood friend who walked her home from school. They had reunited at their 60th high school class reunion. Jack preceded Mary Lou in death on Sept. 19, 2013.

Mary Lou treasured the many gatherings at Duck Lake and was happiest when surrounded by her family. She loved to see her grandkids splashing in the water while sitting on the end of the dock. Mary Lou was lovingly teased for always having a casserole in the oven and serving "nice" ham sandwiches. Mary Lou was a lady in every sense of the word and being a loving mother was her greatest joy. She was our gift, our graceful leader and will be in our hearts forever.

A funeral mass will be held at St. Patricks' Catholic Church at noon on Tues. March 4, 2014 with a visitation held one hour prior at 11:00am. A luncheon will follow the service.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider a donation to Munson Medical Center.

Please share your thoughts and memories with Mary Lou's family at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com

Arrangements for the family have been entrusted to Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Events

MAR **Visitation** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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St. Patrick Catholic Church

630 S. West Silver Lake Road, Traverse City, MI, US, 49685

MAR **Funeral Mass** 12:00PM - 01:00PM

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Comments



“ So many years of sharing times and smiles and kindnesses were always happening at the Duck Lake Home of Mary Lou and Jack.
So thankful to have known her for so many years and will miss seeing her ray of sunshine smile.
Prayers and love to her living family.
Robin Mathias

Robin Mathias - March 13, 2014 at 02:21 PM



“ May this poem bring you comfort:

God looked around His garden
and found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the earth,
and saw your tired face.
He put His arms around you
and lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
He always takes the best.
He saw the road was getting rough,
and the hills were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyelids,
and whispered "Peace be thine."
It broke our hearts to lose you
but you didn't go alone;
for part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.

With fond memories,
Renee Amico



Renee Amico - March 03, 2014 at 08:57 PM



“ I've had the joy of being at several of these family gatherings on Duck Lake, always a warm welcome! As a neighbor and friend of the kids, I enjoyed late night card games, bonfires, fishin' on the pontoon, and many days of waterskiing off the family dock. Sending you all love and peace. Marylou was a gem... and this gem still sparkles in the children she raised. Many Blessing, Kristy Balog

Kristy Balog - March 03, 2014 at 03:37 PM



“ Joseph & Margaret Amico lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou (Esper, Besneatte) Henige



Joseph & Margaret Amico - March 03, 2014 at 09:54 AM