



## Mary Lois Root

August 30, 1951 - December 9, 2020

Mary Lois Root, 69, of Muncie, passed away on the morning of Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

She was born on August 30, 1951 in New Castle, Indiana, a daughter of Mary Louise (Blevins) and John C. Root, Jr.

Mary was a 1969 graduate of Hagerstown High School and attended Hobe Sound Bible College in Hobe Sound, Florida. She received her LPN from IVY Tech Community College and started her nursing career at Reid Hospital in Richmond, Indiana. Mary then transferred to Shawnee Mission Hospital in Kansas and later became a registered nurse. She then worked for Life Care Centers of America for many years, serving in management, governmental compliance, and training staff at their locations across the US, including Hawaii. Mary then worked for Vanguard Healthcare Services in Brentwood, TN retiring in 2018 when she moved to Muncie to be closer to family.

Mary enjoyed playing the piano, loved Southern Gospel Music, and was involved in music ministry with her family when she was young. She was a charter member of the Community Baptist Church in Spring Hill, TN and upon moving to Muncie attended True Light Baptist. Mary admired and enjoyed her family from the youngest to the oldest.

Those left to cherish Mary's memory include her mother, Mary (Kenny) Cowen of New Castle; siblings, John D. (Linda) Root of Economy, Michael D. (Gayle) Root of Decatur, Alabama, Carol (Phil) Mattingly of Hagerstown, and Robert "Bob" J. (Natalie) Root of New Castle, several nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews whom she dearly loved.

She was preceded in death by her father, John C. Root, Jr., a sister-in-law, Shirley Root, and a special great-nephew, Kinsler Tate Mattingly.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 am Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Pastor Dennis Trimble officiating. Burial will follow in Brick Cemetery in Hagerstown.

To view the funeral via livestream starting at 9:50 am Tuesday, December 15, 2020 Click Here (<https://www.sprolesfamilycares.com/obituaries/Mary-Root-5/#!/PhotosVideos/00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000001/WebcastVideo>).

Visitation will be held from 4 – 8 pm on Monday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Muncie Mission online here (<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E6971&id=6>)

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Mary Root.

# Cemetery Details

## Brick Cemetery

5352 N. Brick Church Road  
Hagerstown, IN 47346

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 14. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home  
2400 S Memorial Dr  
New Castle, IN 47362  
(765) 521-2400  
toms@sprolesfamilycares.com  
<https://www.sprolesfamilycares.com/>

## Service

DEC 15. 10:00 AM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sproles Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Lois Root*



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**Sproles Family Funeral Home** - December 13, 2020 at 08:28 PM

LM

*Beautiful! Have been waiting for this to become available, and I was certainly not disappointed. Someone did a wonderful job! Thank You*

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**Linda McPherson** - December 14, 2020 at 05:19 PM

JF

*Lovely and beautiful tribute to Mary Root! Thank you for posting.*

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**Janet Fulgham** - December 15, 2020 at 11:44 AM



“ *Sproles Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mary Lois Root*



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**Sproles Family Funeral Home** - December 13, 2020 at 03:08 PM

BR

*So glad for this webcast. Could not be there for my cousin and I will miss her so much. Love you cousin!*

**Bobbie Rickman** - December 15, 2020 at 10:43 AM

SU

*Mary Root , A life well lived. Will always love you.*

**susiehutchings** - December 15, 2020 at 10:44 AM

GF

“ *I remember Mary as a caring and understanding person. One that gave me words of support in a troubled time. I am praying for her family.*

*Gene Frye*

**Gene Frye** - January 30, 2021 at 08:26 PM

BR

“ *So sorry to hear this, prayers to the family.*

**Bob Rinehart** - December 20, 2020 at 10:15 PM

JF

“ *I have very fond memories of Mary and her family. Mary and I were classmates from Elementary through high school and we shared many fun times together. Sending condolences to all the family at this difficult time. Rest assured that Mary's impact on those she met will live on forever in the hearts of those she touched.*

**Janet Fulgham** - December 15, 2020 at 11:35 AM

KH

“ Remembering Mary and the fun times we had together in Nursing School and how she shared her family with me while I lived in Kansas City. What a truly beautiful person both inside and out. May your memories of Mary sustain you now and always. What a beautiful angel she is playing the piano for God now up in heaven. She will live on in my heart....Kate Homire

Kate Homire - December 14, 2020 at 07:38 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Lois Root.



December 14, 2020 at 04:07 PM

MS

“ To all of Mary's family, we are very sorry for your loss. You will be in our prayers.

Mark & Dot Schlegel

Mark Schlegel - December 14, 2020 at 03:42 PM

MR

“ Michael, Dana and Evan Root purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary Lois Root.



Michael, Dana and Evan Root - December 14, 2020 at 02:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Lois Root.*



December 14, 2020 at 10:49 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Lois Root.*



December 14, 2020 at 10:26 AM



“ *141 files added to the album LifeTributes*



**Sproles Family Funeral Home** - December 13, 2020 at 08:17 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Mary Lois Root.*



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December 13, 2020 at 07:55 PM



“ *Barbara Oehlert, Steve, Beth, Karen & families purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mary Lois Root.*



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**Barbara Oehlert, Steve, Beth, Karen & families** - December 13, 2020 at 06:25 PM



“ *I met Mary when she became my neighbor here at Eagle's Nest in Muncie. Mary was such a positive person, smiling each time I saw her. She always spoke fondly of her family. She loved her little dog Bella, and we sometimes would meet as we were both taking our dogs outside to “do their business”. I will miss having Mary for a neighbor and friend. May God give peace to her family.*



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**Cynthia Gregory** - December 13, 2020 at 06:17 PM

JA

“ *Julie Ann, Lanell and Paula Ann purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mary Lois Root.*



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**Julie Ann, Lanell and Paula Ann** - December 12, 2020 at 10:02 PM

MB

“ *Mary was a very dear friend of ours and sadly passed away on Wednesday. When she lived here in TN, we would get together often, usually at her house, and eat meals together and watch a movie or sometimes a sporting event (she liked all sports, didn't matter what it was) and have good conversations.*

*She was such a fun, caring, generous person. She gave us many Christmas decorations that I have displayed right now. She was an amazing pianist and loved Southern Gospel music and often felt compelled to share what Jesus had done for her. The hymn "At Calvary" was her favorite song because of the testimony of Christ's transforming grace.*

*I am heartbroken that she's no longer here, but grateful that she got to be with her family in Indiana the past couple years and that she's no longer in pain and can now worship Jesus face-to-face.*

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**Mary Broyles** - December 12, 2020 at 05:27 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Lois Root.*



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December 12, 2020 at 04:50 PM



“ *What fun we had as cousins growing up, at Grandma Lola's house and when we would come to your house and all kids would be sitting on your kitchen floor making homemade ice cream.*



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**Bobbie Rickman** - December 12, 2020 at 02:34 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mary Lois Root.*



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December 12, 2020 at 12:33 PM



“ *Denise Springer lit a candle in memory of Mary Lois Root*



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**Denise Springer** - December 12, 2020 at 09:36 AM

DF

“ *Darrell Watt Family and Linda McPherson Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mary Lois Root.*



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**Darrell Watt Family and Linda McPherson Family** - December 11, 2020 at 09:04 PM

GB

“ *Sorry of your loss. May God be with you at this time. Love and Prayers, Gary and Melba Brewer*

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**Gary & Melba Brewer** - December 11, 2020 at 07:05 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Lois Root.*



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December 11, 2020 at 06:26 PM

RE

“ *Wonderful Christian lady! Enjoyed her friendship and fellowship in many wonderful services... Very talented piano player. Will be sadly missed. Praying God will give comfort to all!*

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**Rick Evans** - December 11, 2020 at 06:10 PM

JG

“ I enjoyed working with Mary at Vanguard. She had a vast amount knowledge and a kindness in her heart. I'm sorry for her family's & friends' loss. May you find comfort in the days ahead.



Jody Gregory - December 11, 2020 at 05:33 PM

SA

“ See above purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Mary Lois Root.



See above - December 11, 2020 at 05:18 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Lois Root.



December 11, 2020 at 03:36 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Lois Root.



December 11, 2020 at 03:20 PM

GP

“ I met Mary when I first moved to Tennessee. She hired me at Life Care. She was not only my boss, but my friend. We traveled for work a lot in my first few years there and we even got rear-ended by a limousine on Sunset Boulevard in Hollywood. Rest in peace, Mary.

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**Georgann Perry** - December 11, 2020 at 02:58 PM

KB

“ Mary Lous Root was a great co worker. I have an aunt with the same first and middle name and she would joke about it. She was funny yet dedicated and loved her dog and her family talked about them all the time. She was smart and caring. She will be missed.

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**Kathy Bryant** - December 11, 2020 at 01:56 PM

PS

“ She was the best friend I could ever hope to have! She's now in Heaven, but lives on in my heart! I love you Root family! Pam Sunderland

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**Pam Sunderland** - December 10, 2020 at 11:24 PM