

Mary Lou Catherine McKernan was born on January 4, 1940, in Milbank, SD, to Emmett and Catherine (Huneger) McKernan. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Milbank. Mary Lou attended St. Lawrence School for her early education and graduated from Milbank High School in 1959. Following graduation, she moved to Minneapolis, MN, where she worked briefly before returning to South Dakota.



On October 14, 1961, Mary Lou married Gordon “Sam” Jarman at St. Lawrence Catholic Church. The couple settled on the family farm, where Mary Lou devoted herself to raising their two sons: Samuel and Wayne. Once her sons were older, she began working at Foss Café in the late 1970s. She later spent ten years working at Liebe Drug before joining State Auto Insurance, where she remained employed until her retirement. In August of 2017, they moved to Valley View Assisted Living, later becoming Darcie’s Homecare. Mary Lou resided there after Gordon passed away. In April of this year, she moved to St. William’s Care Center. Mary Lou was an active member of the Catholic Daughters and the VFW Auxiliary. She cherished her children and grandchildren and had a passion for flowers and reading.

She will be forever loved and deeply missed by her two sons: Samuel “Rick” (Shoshana) Jarman of San Diego, CA; Wayne (Julie) Jarman of Wilmot, SD; one sister, Elizabeth “Betty” (Lloyd) Fenhaus of Milbank, SD; two sisters-in-law: Sharon McKernan of Bloomington, MN; and Sandra McKernan of Milbank, SD; four grandchildren: Ezri Jarman, Mackernan Jarman, Sam Jarman, and Sarah Jarman.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Emmett and Catherine; her beloved husband, Gordon “Sam” Jarman; three brothers, Gene, William “Bill”, and Joseph McKernan.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Mary Lou Jarman

WHO WAS BORN

January 4, 1940
Milbank, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

December 22, 2024
Milbank, South Dakota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Friday, January 3, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.
St. Lawrence Catholic Church
Milbank, South Dakota

CELEBRANT

Fr. Brian Eckrich

ORGANIST

Nancy Johnson

CASKET BEARERS

Samuel Jarman | Sarah Jarman | Ezri Jarman | Mackernan Jarman
Darin McKernan | Kevin McKernan | Mike McKernan | Rodney Fenhaus

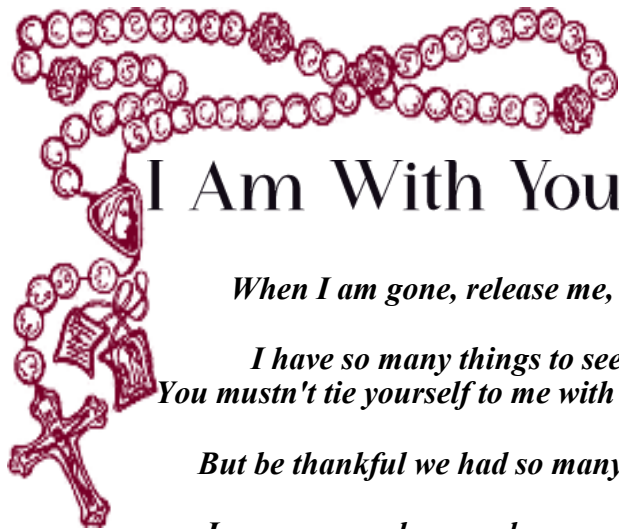
INTERMENT

St. Lawrence Catholic Cemetery
Milbank, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

Mary Lou’s family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the interment, please join the family for a time of fellowship and a luncheon in the church dining hall.

Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota



I Am With You Always

When I am gone, release me, let me go.

*I have so many things to see and do,
You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears,*

But be thankful we had so many good years.

*I gave you my love, and you can only guess
How much you've given me in happiness.*

*I thank you for the love that you have shown,
But now it is time I traveled on alone.*

*So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must
Then let your grief be comforted by trust
That it is only for a while that we must part,
So treasure the memories within your heart.*

I won't be far away for life goes on.

And if you need me, call and I will come.

*Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear
All my love around you soft and clear*

*And then, when you come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and a "Welcome Home".*

Please use this QR code to access Mary Lou's
online guestbook & tribute video.



Remembering
THE LIFE OF

Mary Lou Jarman

