



## Mary Louise Rust

December 13, 1960 - September 19, 2017

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, September 22, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Geneva, Nebraska with Father Scott Courtney officiating.

A Rosary will be held on Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Geneva, Nebraska.

No Visitation as Mary's wishes were to be cremated.

Memorials are to be directed to the family for a later designation.

Burial of Ashes will be held following the Memorial Mass at the Geneva Public Cemetery.

Mary Louise Rust was born to Thomas Charles Ousey and Judy Lea Cumberland on December 13, 1960, at York, NE, and passed away September 19, 2017, at Methodist Hospital in Omaha, NE, at the age of 56. She was one of four children in the family.

Mary attended Catholic school, graduated from Geneva High School in the Class of 1979, stayed in Geneva to raise her family. Mary was married to the love of her life, Steven Wayne Rust, of Geneva, NE, on March 8, 1980, and to them four children were born inside of three years: Christopher James (CJ), Tiffany Suzanne, Marcus Wayne, and Kyle Thomas.

Being the mother of four children three and under, was an enormous undertaking, but Mary handled it with all the grace and grit anyone could have imagined. Mary and Steve spent their days attending football, baseball, softball, volleyball, and basketball games and watching track meets. She was especially happy her children inherited their parents' musical ability. When activities overlapped, they split their time and made sure to never miss an event. She was fiercely proud of her children and all their accomplishments, a fact

overshadowed only by her love of her eight beautiful grandchildren. Grandma Mary was a highly sought after commodity for all the kids and she never ran out of energy, hugs, or kisses for any of them, often traveling to Texas to spread her love. Family was everything. She raised her children to “sweep their side of the sidewalk”, never “write the script”, and always treat others how you wanted to be treated.

When she wasn't loving on her grandchildren, she could be found in her garden, watching Nebraska Volleyball, shopping with her friends, or working on her house. As the DIY queen, there was nothing she couldn't dream up for Steve to build. They were the ultimate team. She had the cleanest house in town and built a career out of her ability to organize and clean for other people. The people she cleaned for became her family. When her children were in school, Mary worked at the elementary school as a para-educator working with special needs children. She made many dear friends at this job and always appreciated her time there. In 1994, she began working at Cumberland's Fashions, her family's clothing store, a job she continued up until her death. She was known for her honesty and ability to decorate the store as well as she decorated her home. She was also an amazing cook and her broccoli was better than yours. Anyone who knew her knew she was also 29 years old in perpetuity.

Mary was a once-in-a-lifetime friend. She kept a tight circle, and once you made it in, she would do anything for you. Friends were no longer friends, but family.

Mary was preceded in death by her father, Tom Ousey, father and mother-in-law, Don and Laurine Rust, infant brother, Leon Ousey, and daughter-in-law, Erin Rust.

She is survived by her husband, Steve Rust of Geneva, sons CJ Rust of Aurora, Marcus Rust (Amy), and Kyle Rust (Tinera) of Geneva, daughter, Tiffany of McKinney, TX, mother Judy Ousey of Geneva, brother, Chuck Ousey (Kim), of Council Bluffs, IA, sisters Patty Roper-Epperson (Everett) of Geneva, Cindy Bruning (Dan) of Bennington, sisters-in-law JoDee Mika (Paul) of Exeter, Jan Myers (Kurt) of Geneva, Jeanne Royal of Lincoln, grandchildren Avary, Rylie and Kennedi Davis of McKinney, TX, Madison, Judson and Spencer Rust of Geneva, and Braelynn and Lennon Rust of Geneva.

# Cemetery Details

## Geneva Public Cemetery

Geneva, NE 68361

# Previous Events

## Rosary

SEP 21. 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church  
831 E Street  
Geneva, NE 68361

## Funeral Mass

SEP 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church  
831 E Street  
Geneva, NE 68361

# Tribute Wall

NB

“ Nick Boyes lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Rust



Nick Boyes - September 25, 2017 at 10:32 PM

BK

“ Steve and family, our hearts go out to you. Although we haven't seen much of each other since High School and shortly after we are still thinking of you and share your sorrow. Mary was a wonderful person and will be missed by so many. God Bless.

Brad & Joline Krause

Brad Krause - September 25, 2017 at 08:53 AM

NB

“ May God's perpetual light shine upon her. You're gonna love her smile, Jesus! Mary was a blessing in the SUCCESS 1 program. She put the kids first and was wonderful to work with. I remember a very cold picnic in Hastings. We had hoped for good weather but our picnic was cold and damp. Mary did everything I asked. Even pressed a dead fish for tee shirts one summer school session! She never let me forget it! God gave her to us for a little while. We were blessed. Now He has her back and we are blessed to have known her. Nyla Bitunjac

Nyla Bitunjac - September 23, 2017 at 05:34 PM

VA

“ Vicki Allgood lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Rust



Vicki Allgood - September 22, 2017 at 09:15 PM

PS

“ *Judy and Rust Family,*

*Sorry to read of Mary Louise passing. I don't think I ever babysat her. She sounds like a wonderful person. Your hearts are broken now but with the assistance of our Heavenly father (he will walk with you and yours in these dark days) May God bless you .*

*Pam (Clark) Schroeder*

Pam (Clark) Schroeder - September 22, 2017 at 04:56 PM



“ *149 files added to the album Flower Arrangements*



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - September 22, 2017 at 03:07 PM

DA

“ *Dan Ackland lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Rust*



dan ackland - September 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

Michele  
Votipka

“ *I remember being in grade school best with Mary, sweeping the green landing carpet at St. Joseph's Catholic school, sticks out in my mind. Standing there Mary talking to me. I can remember Mary's laugh and that she would tell you the truth, not what she thought you wanted to hear. I admired that. May God's goodness bring you comfort.*



Michele Votipka - September 21, 2017 at 10:08 PM

KT

“ *Kent & Rose Theobald lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Rust*



Kent & Rose Theobald - September 21, 2017 at 09:46 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Rust.*



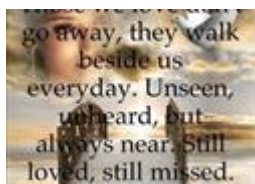
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MB

“ *We are so very sorry to hear of Mary's passing. I know that she will be deeply missed by all those who knew and loved her. May your loving memories comfort you all during this difficult time.*

*Sincerely,*

*Marv & Bridgette (Flohrs) Brummer  
Timothy, Angel & Xander Flohrs*



Marv & Bridgette Brummer - September 21, 2017 at 04:25 PM

Todd Bauer

“ *Todd Bauer lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Rust*



Todd Bauer - September 21, 2017 at 03:40 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Rust.



September 21, 2017 at 11:56 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Rust.



September 21, 2017 at 11:56 AM

TT

“ the Rosen's team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Louise Rust.



the Rosen's team - September 21, 2017 at 11:31 AM

MO

“ Marla Ourada lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Rust



Marla Ourada - September 21, 2017 at 11:09 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Rust.



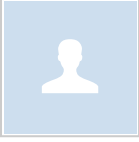
September 21, 2017 at 11:08 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Rust.*



September 21, 2017 at 11:07 AM



“ *Garden Accent - "Those we love don't go away..." was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Rust.*



September 21, 2017 at 11:05 AM



“ *Kim-Mike Shaner lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Rust*



**Kim-Mike Shaner** - September 21, 2017 at 10:52 AM



“ *Steve, Patty Rose and all family, my words of sympathy are beneath measure, yet know that my heart reaches out with love to your hearts.*

*Terri*

**Terri Mitchell** - September 21, 2017 at 09:45 AM



“ *Terri Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Rust*



**Terri Mitchell** - September 21, 2017 at 09:36 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Rust.*



September 21, 2017 at 09:14 AM

KL

“ *Karen Ladman lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Rust*



**Karen Ladman** - September 21, 2017 at 08:48 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Rust.*



September 21, 2017 at 08:39 AM

BP

“ *Bryan & Kim Peters lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Rust*



**Bryan & Kim Peters** - September 21, 2017 at 08:11 AM

AS

“ *Steve and family please accept our heartfelt sympathy for the loss of your beloved Mary. She was a beautiful person with a heart of gold. She will be missed by so many. Keep her memory alive in your hearts. May God be with you and your family through this difficult time.*  
*Alan and Pam*

**Alan & Pam Schroetlin** - September 21, 2017 at 07:20 AM

PS

“ Pam & Alan Schroetlin lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Rust



Pam & Alan Schroetlin - September 21, 2017 at 06:53 AM

BO

“ Brenda Olena lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Rust



Brenda Olena - September 21, 2017 at 06:42 AM

LS

“ Lauree Saum lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Rust



Lauree Saum - September 21, 2017 at 02:12 AM

ME

“ MARK, SARAH, BRANDON & ETHAN lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Rust



MARK, SARAH, BRANDON & ETHAN - September 20, 2017 at 09:49 PM

BB

“ I remember when Steve and Mary were baseball coaches. They had my son Kyle on their team. They taught the boys discipline, the rules of the game of course and good sportsmanship. I would like to thank them both for that. I would also like to thank them for having Kyle over and letting him crash at their place at times. Mary also was a Para Educator at FCS for my daughter Mandy, she helped her a lot too in so many ways so thank you for that too. Mary your 1 very fine woman, you will be greatly missed. God bless your family in the days ahead.



**Brenda Bonin** - September 20, 2017 at 09:34 PM

GG

“ Gary & Liz Gerberding lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Rust



**Gary & Liz Gerberding** - September 20, 2017 at 08:57 PM

DT

“ Dayle Turner lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Rust



**Dayle Turner** - September 20, 2017 at 08:36 PM

JW

“ Jan Wood lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Rust



**Jan Wood** - September 20, 2017 at 08:36 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Rust.*



September 20, 2017 at 07:05 PM

BK

“ *Brenda Kronhofman lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Rust*



**Brenda Kronhofman** - September 20, 2017 at 07:00 PM

BC

“ *Beverly 'Bauer' Copanos lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Rust*



**Beverly 'Bauer' Copanos** - September 20, 2017 at 06:56 PM

TF

“ *The McCoy Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Louise Rust.*



**The McCoy Family** - September 20, 2017 at 06:37 PM

DF

“ *Mary was a wonderful person. She always had a smile whenever I would see her. She will be truly missed.. What a special angel to watch over everyone she loved..*



**Deanne Fry** - September 20, 2017 at 06:26 PM

LG

“ Our sympathy and prayers to all of you in this most difficult time. We are with you in spirit even though we can't be there.  
Many memories babysitting for you and your siblings, riding in the back of the truck and singing, when your family came to Colorado and we went white water rafting and the only person that fell in was the guide! That was a little scary.! Then we went to see the Garden of the Gods.  
Mary, rest in the arms of our Heavenly Father, you have worked very hard.

Linda Gaspers - September 20, 2017 at 06:25 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Rust.



September 20, 2017 at 05:24 PM

SS

“ Steve & Barb Sadd lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Rust



Steve & Barb Sadd - September 20, 2017 at 05:23 PM

CR

“ Caleb Rippe lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Rust



Caleb Rippe - September 20, 2017 at 04:12 PM

DR

“ Doug Fischer & Holly Rippe lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Rust



Doug Fischer & Holly Rippe - September 20, 2017 at 03:38 PM

KW

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I agree with Mary Louise when she wrote of the bond we share growing up in our wonderful and magical south Geneva neighborhood. It was really special! I also loved babysitting my Ousey kids!*

*Take good care of each other.*

*Kathleen McCarthy Wilbeck*

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**Kathleen Wilbeck** - September 20, 2017 at 03:32 PM

MF

“ *Merle & Linda Gaspers and Families purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary Louise Rust.*



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**Merle & Linda Gaspers and Families** - September 20, 2017 at 02:16 PM

MF

“ *I held Mary Louise in my arms as a little child many times, had a wonderful time with our families together, especially white water rafting in Colorado, visits when at your dear mother's home, and I will always hold you and your family in a very special place in my heart! Rest in His Loving Arms, Sweet Girl! Our Love and Prayers to your Dear Mother, Family, Siblings, and extended family. Merle & I, Matthew, Anne, Sarah and their families are with you all in Spirit. God is Holding You All in the Palm of His Hands.*



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**Merle & Linda Gaspers Family** - September 20, 2017 at 01:59 PM

MG

“ *Merle & Linda Gaspers lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Rust*



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**Merle & Linda Gaspers** - September 20, 2017 at 01:38 PM

ML

“ Our sympathy and prayers to all of you. Most all of my childhood memories involve the McCarthy's and Ousey's and all the kids of the 'South Geneva neighborhood', St. Joe's and the many games we played or 'invented' on South 10th street are memories not forgotten. Even as adults the 'neighborhood' bond remained as evidenced by your attendance at Kelley's Celebration of Life. Perhaps Mary and Kelley will be organizing a "Kick the Can" game in Heaven! Mary will be greatly missed. May God hold her in the palm of his hand.

*With sympathy,*

*Mary Louise (McCarthy) and Roger Lundberg*

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**Mary Lundberg** - September 20, 2017 at 01:05 PM

PH

“ RIP Mary, always enjoyed our visits when we would see each other. May God Bless you and your family at this difficult time.



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**Pat Hayse** - September 20, 2017 at 12:55 PM

MW

“ Melea Walters lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Rust



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**Melea Walters** - September 20, 2017 at 12:45 PM

RS

“ Randy & Rhonda Schlick lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Rust



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**Randy & Rhonda Schlick** - September 20, 2017 at 11:53 AM