



## Mary Lou Lien

January 29, 1938 - December 25, 2025

The Mass of Christian burial for Mary Lou Lien of Elk River and formerly of Wadena, will be celebrated at 12:30 PM on Thursday, January 8, 2026 at the Church of St. Andrew, 566 4th St NW, Elk River, with visitation starting at 11:30 AM.

Mary Lou's service will be live-streamed at 12:30 p.m. (<https://vimeo.com/event/5621790>)

Mary Lou, age 87, passed away on December 25, 2025.

Wadena community members will remember Mary Lou as the owner and operator of Lien's Hobby Hollow for many years. She enjoyed crafts of all kinds, playing cards, camping when the kids were young, trips to Door County, WI, spending time with family and many special friends, and decorating and entertaining for the holidays.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Duane "Red"; parents, Sigurd and Minnie (De Florin) Langerud; daughter, Mara Jo Lien.

Mary Lou is survived by her son, Dennis (Leslie) Lien (Richfield, MN); daughters, Krista (Chuck) Potter (Dakota, MN) and Melissa (Ken) Jordan (Merrifield, MN); grandchildren, Brady, Bennett, Preston, and Mara; siblings, Joan Gerhardson, John (Karen) Langerud, and Sigurd Langerud; nieces, nephews, and a host of friends.

Cards of Condolences can be sent to:

Family of Mary Lou Lien  
C/O Krista Potter  
39751 County Rd 12  
Dakota, MN 55925

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Mary Lou (Langerud) Lien, please use the floral store serving Dares Funeral Home by going to ... <https://www.daresfuneralservice.com/listings>



# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

Franklin Dr. & 6th St SW  
Wadena, MN 56482

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 8. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Church of St. Andrew  
566 4th St NW  
Elk River, Minnesota 55330  
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## Mass

JAN 8. 12:30 PM (CT)

Church of St. Andrew  
566 4th St NW  
Elk River, MN

# Tribute Wall

BK

“ *Bob Keppers lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Lien*



**Bob Keppers** - January 08 at 09:13 AM

BC

“ *Barbara Quincer Coulter lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Lien*



**Barbara Quincer Coulter** - January 07 at 06:36 PM

JD

“ *Jerry & Janice Denny lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Lien*



**Jerry & Janice Denny** - January 05 at 01:20 PM

P&

“ *Patty &. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Lou Lien.*



**Patty &.** - January 05 at 12:46 PM

GC

“ *Greg & Kim Carlson lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Lien*



**Greg & Kim Carlson** - January 05 at 10:45 AM

DS

“ *Diane Stroot lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Lien*



**Diane Stroot** - January 04 at 05:56 PM

MH

“ *Marladene Heinen lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Lien*



**Marladene Heinen** - January 03 at 11:24 AM

JH

“ *Jay Hutson lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Lien*



**Jay Hutson** - January 02 at 12:53 PM

DA

“ *Di Schiller Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Lien*



**Di Schiller Anderson** - January 01 at 10:44 PM

PL

“ This is Patty..what can I say..I guess I am responsible for your mom ending up in Wadena many years ago..Met at the bank in Walker in 1956..What fun we had..She was more adventerous than me but I went right along! Coming with me to Wadena where she met all my family and friends including your dad and I guess he took a liking to her!! Years passed and when Lee I ended up in Wadena our friendship continued. In one of our last conversations she said " our friendship meant a lot to her " ... and me. as well. My love to all of you. I know it will be hard, but life wasn't very good for her anymore was it. Not sure we will be able attend the funeral unless David would be able to get us there, if not we will be there in prayer. God Bless all of you..

Patty & Lee - December 31, 2025 at 01:46 PM

KP

Thank you, Patty, that means a lot. Of course we'd love to see you at the funeral but understand that it isn't easy when it is not a local funeral. The funeral will be livestreamed if it works out for you to view it that way.

Krista (Lien) Potter - January 06 at 11:14 AM

PK

thank you, Krista...I will try to find it..

Patty Kicker - January 08 at 12:44 PM

LK

“ Lee & Patty Kicker lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Lien



Lee & Patty Kicker - December 31, 2025 at 12:38 PM

PD

“ Patty Desrocher lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Lien



Patty Desrocher - December 31, 2025 at 09:40 AM

KM

“ I've known Mary Lou for several years, way back when. We had a girls club, 13 of us, a bakers dozen. We met once a month taking turns at our homes. We started doing some type of craft, and a lunch, evening meetings. Then it got so we just got together, always some kind of lunch and always delicious. Mary Lou would have an open house at Christmas time for us, maybe others too, and she went 100% to decorate and the food. The good old days. My sincere, heartfelt sympathy to the whole family. Karen Thomson Munson



Karen Munson - December 31, 2025 at 09:37 AM

KP

Thank you Karen. We sure appreciate hearing memories of our mom.

Krista (Lien) Potter - December 31, 2025 at 10:02 AM

RB

“ Ray and Dorothy Beyer lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Lien



Ray and Dorothy Beyer - December 31, 2025 at 09:31 AM



“ Rocky Reese lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Lien



Rocky Reese - December 30, 2025 at 08:44 PM

JJ

“ Jon and Patty Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Lien



Jon and Patty Johnson - December 30, 2025 at 08:38 PM

GH

“ *Gene and Kathy Hinman lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Lien*



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**Gene and Kathy Hinman** - December 30, 2025 at 04:53 PM