



Mary Lou Hiatt

March 25, 1927 - April 18, 2019

WALKERTON- Mary Lou (Widup) Hiatt passed away in Walkerton, Indiana on April 18, 2019. She was born in Kewanna on March 25, 1927 to Cyril and Mildred (Costello) Widup. She moved to Walkerton in 1943 and graduated from Walkerton High School in 1945. She graduated from the South Bend College of Commerce in 1946. On October 12, 1946, she married Branson Hiatt in South Bend and they lived together in Walkerton for the next 72 1/2 years. She worked with Branson in his insurance and real estate businesses until they retired in 2001.

Mary Lou was a member and leader of 4-H and the Better Homes Extension Club. She was a talented seamstress, making most of the clothes for herself and her children, including her two daughters' wedding dresses. She enjoyed interior decorating; wallpapering, furniture refinishing and making the drapes for her home. She also enjoyed bowling in leagues at Walkerton and North Liberty and traveled extensively with her husband, visiting 49 states. She was an active member and past secretary of the Walkerton Area Historical Society and she attended the Walkerton United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her step-father Harold Lehman; her step-mother Winnie (Siefert) Widup; her brother Paul Widup; sisters Betty Parcel and Judy Lees; grandchildren Stephen Sherland and David Sherland. She is survived by her husband and her children, Marilyn (Chuck) Sherland of Walkerton, Bill (LaVerne) Hiatt of Hendersonville, NC and Nancy (John) Turner of Walkerton; grandchildren Angela (Ken) Swank of North Liberty,

Laura Lambert of Henderson, NV, Annette Hiatt of Chapel Hill, NC, Diana (Tom) Hawkins of Fort Wayne; Sarah (Yale) Rice of Bend, OR and seven great-grandchildren. Also surviving are brother, Jim (Eunice) Widup of Billings, MT; step-sisters Terri (Glenn) Pipes of Midland, TX, Ruby (Ted) Ondo of Worland, WY and Cyrilin Green of Tucson, AZ; step-brother Merlin (Val) Widup of Cape Coral, FL; brother-in-law Kermit Parcel of Winamac and several nephews and nieces.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. EDT at the Walkerton United Methodist Church. Burial will follow at the Woodlawn Cemetery, Walkerton. Visitation will be Monday evening from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. EDT at Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel and Tuesday at the church one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the Walkerton Area Historical Society or the Walkerton United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

Industrial Park Drive and US 6
Walkerton, IN 46574

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **22**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rannells Funeral Home - Koontz Lake Chapel
7984 N. State Road 23
Walkerton, IN 46574
(574) 586-2120
rannellsfh@mchsi.com
<https://www.rannellsfuneralhome.com>

Visitation

APR **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Walkerton United Methodist Church
1000 Georgia St.
Walkerton, IN 46574

Service

APR **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *The angels of heaven have welcomed home their faithful servant. She was an outstanding woman and will be cherished in our memories. My sincere sympathy to all the family. Anna Anderson*

Anna Anderson - April 23, 2019 at 11:00 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Hiatt.*



April 23, 2019 at 03:43 AM

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“ *Phil, Rhonda and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Lou Hiatt.*



Phil, Rhonda and family - April 20, 2019 at 11:27 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Hiatt.*



April 19, 2019 at 03:33 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Hiatt.*



April 19, 2019 at 03:19 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Hiatt.*



April 19, 2019 at 11:33 AM



“ *Val Crist lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Hiatt*



Val Crist - April 19, 2019 at 11:31 AM