



## Mary Lee Lueken

January 16, 1953 - June 15, 2017

Mary L. Lueken, 64, peacefully passed away Thursday, June 15th at home after a 3 year struggle with stage IV metastatic cancer.

Born January 16th, 1953 in Newton, Illinois to Loren and Georgiana Schackmann. Mary received a bachelor's degree from Eastern Illinois University. She married Thomas J. Lueken of Teutopolis, Illinois on April 5th, 1975. After marriage, they moved to Albion, Michigan. Mary spent her life shaping and mentoring the youth of Albion. She spent over two decades at Johnson Child Care and Development Center. Upon retirement, she spent 14 years as the cook and house mother at Delta Sigma Phi fraternity on the campus of Albion College. When asked to compare running a child care center to a fraternity house, Mary used to always smile and say, "Two year olds and twenty year olds are very similar, they just talk about different things!" After her diagnosis in 2014, Mary and Tom moved to Sharpsburg, GA to be closer to grandchildren and the Cancer Treatment Center of America. Mary is survived by her husband, Thomas. Her daughters Jessica (Brandon Young), Jennifer (Joseph Vocca) and Lindsay (Jermaine Nelson) and 6 grandchildren.

We will celebrate her life with family and friends by hosting a meal in her honor in Newton, IL on July 8th. The meal will feature many comfort food dishes that Mary was known for.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Mary's honor to the Cancer Treatment Center of America's emergency support fund: National Assistance

in Healthcare: <http://newnan.aih.org/>

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com).

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

# Cemetery Details

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# Tribute Wall

PA

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of yet another member of the Newton Class of 71. Mary and I served as class officers our senior year. We were also classmates at St. Thomas. It appears her life served a purpose here on earth and you, the family, should find comfort in that. God bless all.  
Peggy Astacio nee Rohr

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**Peggy Astacio** - July 05, 2017 at 02:57 PM

DS

“ I loved visiting your old farm house when we were children.so very sorry for your loss! paul said tto be absent from the body is to be present with the lord...till we meet again! (Debbie (parscenski) schnelten.

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**debbie schnelten** - June 24, 2017 at 05:39 PM

CW

“ Tom...we were so sorry to hear about Mary. Our hearts go out to you & your family, and we will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers. Dave & Cindy Will

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**Cindy Will** - June 23, 2017 at 10:46 PM

NS

“ So sorry to hear of Mary's passing. I worked in a doctor's office in Albion for many years and got to know Mary and her children. She was such a caring and kind person. Unfortunately we also both shared a diagnosis of cancer. My thoughts and prayers are with Tom and the girls and her large group of friends who are going to miss her so much.

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**Nancy Sparks** - June 22, 2017 at 09:32 AM

PB

“ Tom and girls and all the Schackmanns, - so very sorry for your loss. I have come to learn the courage and strength that a family endures when cancer is diagnosed. Mary continued to show the world who she really is. She is an inspiration for us all, even for people that she had not even met. I will always remember her smile and her genuine caring for others. May God's peace be with you.

Cousin - Paul and Michelle Bigard and girls, Brooklyn and Laura

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Paul Bigard - June 22, 2017 at 07:33 AM

LK

“ Mary was a giver in all that she did in her full life. As a neighbor, and friend, in Albion, she was always there when ever I needed her. Our children grew up together, sharing backyards. Mary will never be forgotten. My deepest sympathy to her family. My heart is with you.

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Linda K. Kolmodin - June 22, 2017 at 07:03 AM

JP

“ Tom, Jen, Jess and Linds and families,

*There are so many memories we have of Mary. So many to do with swimming, fun at your house, Barbie dolls, sleepovers, laughter, friendship. Mary made everyday better. I remember the beautiful dinner she and Anita Lerma did for Kizzy's wedding. It was fantastic and she did it always smiling No one can ever be Mary. No one can fill that empty space in our heart.*

*Thank you Mary for everything. Thank you most of all for being you and for loving and caring for all of us. You will be missed so very, very much. Much more than words can express*

*All our love and prayers,  
Walt and Joni Pinkham*

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**joni pinkham** - June 21, 2017 at 07:44 PM

DD

*When I met Mary I was a care giver for her mother and loved her immediately she was a very caring person and will be missed for it. My deepest sympathy for all the family she has left a beautiful memory REP Mary you will be sorely missed.*

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**Delories Dorn** - June 22, 2017 at 08:17 AM