



## Mary Lou Decker

September 5, 1935 - May 27, 2026

Mary Lou Decker, 90, of rural Bluffton, passed away on Wednesday afternoon, May 27, 2026, at Christian Care Retirement Community.

She was born on September 5, 1935, in Wells County, to R.D. and Bessie (Tester) Williams, Sr.

On June 25, 1955, Mary Lou Williams and Jack Decker were married in Bluffton. They were married for over 69 years, until Jack's passing on October 29, 2024.

Mary Lou graduated from Bluffton High School in 1953. While the children were growing up, Mary Lou was a homemaker and later was employed by Carnall & Sons Abstracting and then the Recorder's office and the Treasurer's office in the Wells County Courthouse.

Mary Lou attended Murray Missionary Church for 70 years, where she served in various roles over the years. She loved to read, garden, take walks and spend time with her family. She laughed so much and cooked fabulous meals for the family. Her family was her highlight.

She is survived by daughters, Cara (Wes) Crickard of Markle, Sandy (Mike) Allred of Bluffton, son, Dr. Jeffrey (Shuyan) Decker of Lincoln, CA. and Timothy (Kathy) Decker of Fort Wayne, along with five grandchildren, Dr. J. Brooks (Dr. Heather) Crickard of Ithaca, NY., Tessa (Bryan) Wight of Fort Wayne, Evan (Olivia) Decker of Fort Wayne and Jimmy & Ben Decker of Lincoln, CA. and four great-grandchildren, Max, Charlotte and Elisabeth Wight of Fort Wayne, Inna Decker of Fort Wayne and another one on the way.

Mary Lou is preceded in death by her husband, parents, brother, R.D. Williams Jr., and sisters, Phyllis Miller and Pauline Maller.

The family would like to thank everyone involved in Mary Lou's care, especially the staff at Christian Care.

Funeral services will take place at 12 Noon on Friday, June 12, 2026, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton, with Pastor Mike Gilbert officiating.

Visitation will be held from 10 A.M. until the time of the service.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends may share online condolences with the family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Oaklawn Cemetery

701 S. Jefferson St.  
Ossian, IN 46777  
(260) 622-6526

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 12. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home  
308 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
(260) 824-3850  
info@thomarich.com

## Funeral Service

JUN 12. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Lou Decker*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - June 12 at 01:19 PM**



“ *110 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - June 02 at 01:34 PM**

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“*Mary Lou was such a sweet lady. Always seem to have a smile on her face when coming to church no matter what cancer battle she was fighting at the time. Will miss that beautiful smile!! Her birthday was the 5th and mine was the 7th of September. We always made a point to wish each other a Happy Birthday whether in person or by sending a card to each other. I will miss those cards and best wishes!! I will always think of her in September!! May beautiful memories bring you peace and comfort in the days and weeks ahead. God Bless,*  
*Glennis (Schoeff) Henly*

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**Glennis Henly** - June 01 at 03:36 PM