



## Mary Lou Holden

February 18, 1949 - July 20, 2024

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

Mary Lou Jolly Holden, 75, of Abbeville, passed away at Baptist Memorial Hospital North Mississippi on Saturday, July 20, 2024.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, July 24, 2024, from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM at Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford. The funeral service celebrating her life will take place on Wednesday, July 24, 2024, at 1:00 PM in the chapel of Coleman Funeral Home.

Mary Lou graced this world with her presence on February 18, 1949, in Pontotoc, Mississippi, as one of the children born to the late Quinn Lawson Jolly and Annie Lou Pritchard Jolly.

She graduated from Pontotoc High School in 1968. Upon graduating from high school, she married and began her family, devoting her time to her family as a homemaker. After the passing of her first husband, William Thomas Busby, she pursued a career in healthcare as a certified nursing assistant. She used her loving disposition and skill to care for the sick and elderly in extended care facilities and home settings.

While strolling down the path of life, she found the man, Shannon Holden,

who would become her loving husband. Shannon began loving her children as his own and is affectionately known to their grandchildren as 'Papa Shannon.' Aside from looking after the family together, the couple loved to travel, most frequently traveling to Nashville, Tennessee, and Loretta Lynn's Ranch in Hurricane Mills, Tennessee. In Addition to traveling, Mary Lou and Shannon found joy in tending to an expansive vegetable garden.

In addition to her roles as a loving wife, grandmother, great-grandmother, and caregiver, Mary Lou had many hobbies and interests. She was a talented singer who shared her soothing voice with the residents of The Ellison. Her talent led her to win a singing competition in Branson, Missouri, which resulted in Mary Lou being invited to Nashville to record music and cut a CD. Moreover, she also had a green thumb and vast knowledge of flowers, growing many different varieties and colors.

Although she has departed from our presence, Mary Lou has gone to rest with her Savior in a land that is fairer than a day, a place where her spirit will sorrow no more.

She leaves behind a loving family to continue walking down the path of life in her absence; her beloved husband, Shannon Holden of Abbeville; six children: Tina Lewis of Oxford, Mississippi; Carey Busby of Abbeville, Mississippi; Charley Busby and his wife Camille of Abbeville; Waylon Busby and his wife Susie of Courtland, Mississippi; Chisolm; Busby and his wife Katrina of Abbeville; Angel Busby of Abbeville; fourteen grandchildren: Meredith Bridgman and her husband Andrew of Paris, Mississippi; Dylan Busby of Abbeville; Landon Busby of Abbeville; Richey Traylor of Oxford; Courtney Traylor and her significant other Tyler of Abbeville; Leslie Traylor of Little Rock, Arkansas; Dalton Busby of Abbeville; Nikki Roden and her husband Ky of Batesville, Mississippi; Briar Busby of Batesville; Brandon Trubey of Abbeville; Trey Busby and his wife Taylor of Abbeville; Kiersten

Busby of Abbeville; Preston Perkins of Abbeville; Mary Faith Raylee Perkins of Abbeville; ten great grandchildren: Magnolia Rayne Bridgman, Crew Thomas Busby, Indie Blake Busby, Addison Feather, Maci Feather, Emerie Feather, Kyler Roden, Karla Roden, Taylee Busby, and Willa Busby.

The loved ones who departed from this life before her include her first husband, William Thomas Busby; her father and mother, Quinn Lawson Jolly and Annie Lou Pritchard Jolly; and four siblings: Catherine Davis Walls, William Doster, Thomas Jolly, and Quinn Lawson Jolly Jr.

In place of traditional flowers, the family has requested that donations be given to the Cherry Creek Baptist Church Cemetery Fund. Mail Checks to 32 Subertown Road Ecu, Mississippi 38841.

The Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford staff is honored to serve the family during this challenging season of life. Online condolences may be left on her Tribute Wall at [www.colemanfuneralhome.com](http://www.colemanfuneralhome.com).

Psalms 91:11

For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.

Numbers 6:24-26

“The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.”

# Cemetery Details

## Cherry Creek Baptist Church Cemetery

275 Subertown Road  
Ecru, MS 38841

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 24. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford  
601 Commerce Parkway  
Oxford, MS 38655  
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## Funeral Service

JUL 24. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford created a Webcast in memory of Mary Lou Holden



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**Coleman Funeral Home** - July 24, 2024 at 02:53 PM



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Lou Holden



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**Coleman Funeral Home** - July 23, 2024 at 06:36 PM



“ I worked with Mary Lou at the Elison in Oxford, Ms. She was a dedicated resident assistant and loved being able to assist the residents and the staff. She will truly be missed, but I know she knew Jesus as her Lord and Savior. My name is Carol Ayers, a nurse at the Elison, and I enjoyed working with Mary Lou.

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**Carol Ayers** - July 24, 2024 at 04:02 PM

DC

“ *Mary Lou was the sweetest lady. She loved everyone. Always saw the best in people, never the worst. She would give you her last dime. She always had kids at her house. I spent many summers there myself. We had the best times. I will miss her dearly. Her family was her pride and joy. Her children are her legacy. They definitely have their mother's heart. Say hello to my daddy , Mary Lou. He always made you laugh. Heaven gained a true angel when you arrived. I love you so much sweet lady. You deserve your Heavenly home.* ”



Donna Curle - July 23, 2024 at 11:22 PM

JF

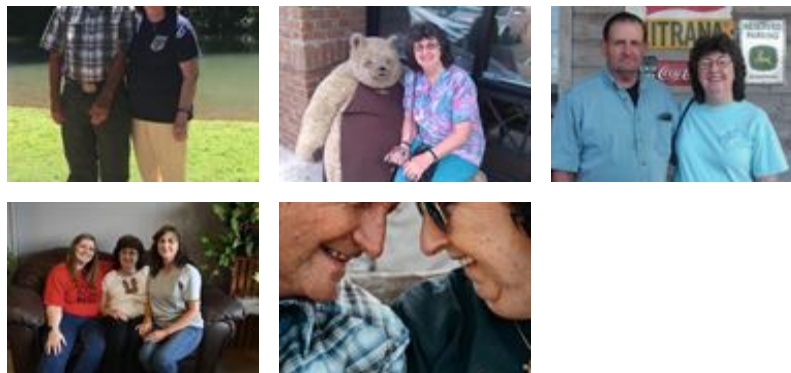
“ *Janice Walls Alford and family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mary Lou Holden.* ”



Janice Walls Alford and family - July 23, 2024 at 02:02 PM



“ *65 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



Coleman Funeral Home - July 23, 2024 at 10:53 AM

CR

“ *Cyndi, Pat Roetto, Sherrill & Larry Rich purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary Lou Holden.*



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**Cyndi, Pat Roetto, Sherrill & Larry Rich** - July 23, 2024 at 09:40 AM

SF

“ *Sandy Haynes and Bennett Hill Families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Lou Holden.*



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**Sandy Haynes and Bennett Hill Families** - July 23, 2024 at 09:21 AM

SS

“ *We met Mary when our mother was living at (then) Brookdale. The kindness she always showed mom (and us) made such a difference in our lives. She was such a special person. Our deepest sympathy goes out to her family.*

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**Scarlett Sterczela** - July 23, 2024 at 02:35 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Holden.*



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July 23, 2024 at 12:46 AM

DM

“ Mary Lou was one of the sweetest, kindest people I have ever known. She really enriched our lives here at the Elison, she laughed with us and cried with us. Our hearts will have a big empty hole without her. We love you, Mary Lou.  
Dot Merchant

Dot Merchant - July 22, 2024 at 10:14 PM

AJ

“ Andrew, Chrissy, Emma & Holden Jolly purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary Lou Holden.



Andrew, Chrissy, Emma & Holden Jolly - July 22, 2024 at 09:35 PM

MT

“ Prayers for Mary Lou’s family and loved ones. She was a wonderful Christian lady with a beautiful voice.

Mary Margaret Turner - July 22, 2024 at 09:18 PM

TC

“ Tim, Kim, Michael and Cheyanne purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary Lou Holden.



Tim, Kim, Michael and Cheyanne - July 22, 2024 at 08:02 PM

MM

“Michelle Waldrop Moncrief lit a candle in memory of Mary Holden



Michelle Waldrop Moncrief - July 22, 2024 at 07:36 PM

HW

“She was my dearest school friend. We stayed at each other's house a lot of times. Then she and I got my mom and her uncle together and that's how I ended up with a wonderful step dad and the step part can be removed. He was my dad for 12 yrs. He passed on their 12th anniversary. So this made me and Mary Lou cousins but more like sisters after that. I know for sure she's with Jesus today.

Hope Welch - July 22, 2024 at 06:02 PM

CM

Mary Lou shared her God given gifts of not only her extraordinary musical gift of singing, but her kind and gentle spirit with all she came in contact with. She was truly one of the sweetest and kindest people I've known. We graduated from High School together and I fondly remember her singing with a group of friends at our last reunion. The heavenly choir gained a jewel. She will be sorely missed. Lifting prayers for her family. Cherie Stafford Matthews

Cherie Stafford Matthews - July 23, 2024 at 08:39 AM

TB

Heaven gained a precious soul when Mary Lou entered the gates. She was such a sweet lady and everyone enjoyed her singing at our 50th class reunion. Prayers for her husband and family members  
Classmate 1968 - Theresa Bass

Theresa S Bass - July 23, 2024 at 01:49 PM