



## Mary Lou McClelland

May 6, 1931 - February 4, 2025

Mary Lou McClelland, 93, of Carrollton, passed away Tuesday evening February 4, 2025 at Centreville Village assisted living facility.

Born May 6, 1931 in Carrollton, she was the daughter of Wilbur and Wilda Maple.

She began her teaching career at Malvern elementary where she taught for one year while attending Kent State.

Before returning to teaching she helped her husband, Mac, run the Dairy Isle in town and made the iconic coney sauce that people fell in love with. She returned to teaching kindergarten in Dellroy, where she taught for a memorable 24 years and retired in 1989.

For many years after retiring she would run into former students and stop to ask them about how their families and lives had turned out over the years. Many times she was told that she was their most beloved teacher.

Until her health declined she was a faithful member of the First United Methodist Church in Carrollton. Her church family was very important to her as well as coffee time afterwards with friends.

She is survived by her daughter, Joy (Rick) Smith; her two sons, Jeff (Andrea) McClelland and Kevin McClelland; grandchildren, Abbi (Dave) Eft, Ben (Krystal) Smith, Corey McClelland, Tana (Adam) Lyons, Bayley McClelland and Landen McClelland; her sister, Karen (Robert) White; and five great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Mac McClelland, in 1999, her parents, her two sisters and two brothers.

Funeral services will be Saturday, February 8 at noon in Dodds Funeral Home of Carrollton with Pastor Mark Statler officiating. Burial will follow in Westview Cemetery. Visitation will be Saturday from 10 a.m. until time of services in the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## Westview Cemetery

Fourth Street SE  
Carrollton, OH 44615

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 8. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Dodds Funeral Home-Carrollton  
129 N Lisbon St  
Carrollton, OH 44615  
(330) 627-5505  
<https://www.doddsfuneralhomes.com/>

## Service

FEB 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

SH

“ My mom, Dorothy Showalter, enjoyed visiting Mary Lou so much. We were able to see her a few times before my mom passed 3 years ago. They shared so many memories, laughed, & whispered like they were young moms again

Sue Hoffmeyer - February 18, 2025 at 09:55 AM

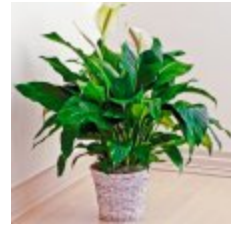
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“ I'm so sorry, Joy, to hear of your mom's passing. I enjoyed seeing sweet Mary Lou at Centreville on visits when my mom was there.

Emily Ulman - February 07, 2025 at 04:30 PM

JR

“ Jody & Art, Betty & Randi purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Mary Lou McClelland.



Jody & Art, Betty & Randi - February 07, 2025 at 12:35 PM

SK

“ Mary Lou was a good friend of my mother in law . Always a pleasant person, Joy and Karen deepest condolences. Sheila and Dave



sheila kean - February 06, 2025 at 02:25 PM

JG

“ So sorry to hear this. Joy and Karen, you and your Families have my deepest sympathy.

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**Jean Griffeth** - February 06, 2025 at 10:29 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Lou McClelland.

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February 06, 2025 at 08:56 AM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Lou McClelland.



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“ My first teacher in kindergarten and I've never forgotten her kindness and such a beautiful person inside and out. Knew her boys growing up and she raised them well. She will be missed!

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**Michelle Court** - February 06, 2025 at 07:17 AM

CC

“ She was such a sweet lady. We enjoyed our talks with her when she'd stop by when walking in our neighborhood. Sending our sympathy to her family.

Steve and Connie Carosiellie

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**Connie Carosiellie** - February 05, 2025 at 11:06 PM

RF

“ *What an amazing women! Actually her husband Mac was our insurance man and she was had all three 3of our boys in kindergarten. She was always so kind and the first place all the kids wanted to go during open house was to her class room. She was loved my many and made an impression on so many lives*

Robert and Faye Flanagan - February 05, 2025 at 06:02 PM

JT

“ *So sorry to hear of her passing. I went to school with her kids and worked with her sister, Pat, at Nationwide Insurance. She was so kind as was her sister. They had the best smiles and loved how their faces lit up when they saw you. Her and her were so sweet always. Prayers go to your family as you go through this journey.*

Julie Tarr - February 05, 2025 at 04:46 PM

ST

“ *As a little girl I would spend weekends with my granny,her mom. She would come in and help granny all the time, it's then when she taught me how to make potato soup. Always thinking of others.*

susan thompson - February 05, 2025 at 03:42 PM

JR

“ *So sorry to hear this. We have known her and Mac when they opened the Dairy Isle. God be with her family.*

Joel & Juanita Rogers. - February 05, 2025 at 03:24 PM

HH

“ *Farewell Dear Friend! Happy memories of good times together,and of your being a great kindergarten teacher in Dellroy!*

Harry Dee Ann Horstman - February 05, 2025 at 03:04 PM

ER

*She was such a wonderful teacher for our daughters. They loved her and she was Just a all round a Beautiful person. So sorry for your loss. Love you all*

**Eileen Rutledge** - February 05, 2025 at 05:03 PM

EM

*She was my kindergarten teacher and I still remember her fondly to this day. She was always so kind.*

**Elizabeh Michel** - February 06, 2025 at 02:44 PM