



Mary Lou Johnston

November 25, 1963 - July 18, 2025

KEGLEY – Mary Louise Rarick Johnston, 61, of Kegley, WV passed away July 18, 2025. Born November 25, 1963, in Bluefield, she was the daughter of Rita Huffman Burton and Gussie Burton, Jr. and her biological father, the late Jimmy Rarick.

She was a member of Johnston Chapel Baptist. She was a graduate of Spanishburg High School, Concord College, and Averett College. She retired from Wythe Community Hospital after 38 years, where she was awarded The Mercy Award as well as Employee of the Month. She enjoyed bowling, spending days at Myrtle Beach; where she had a second home; and long country rides. She had a true love for life. Mary was a wonderful mother to all her children and her fur-babies.

She was preceded in death by grandparents, Troy and Gracie Huffman, and Gussie and Emma Burton.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband, Mike Johnston and son, Kyle Johnston whom she loved and cherished; parents, Gussie and Rita Burton of Princeton, sister and brother-in-law, Chuck and Kelli Via of Princeton, brother and sister-in-law, James and Karen Rarick of Hillsboro, VA; sons, Andy Johnston and wife Brandi of Evans, WV, and Adam Johnston and wife Rachel of Mullens, WV; grandchildren, Pressley Milam, Kynsli Johnston,

Wyatt Jesse, Peyton Jesse, and Ty Mason Johnston; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral Service will be held 12:30 p.m. Friday, July 25, 2025 at Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home with Pastor C.T Lilly and Bishop Steve Robinette, officiating.

Interment will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton.

Chuck Via, Chase Roberts, Ethan Roberts, Brady Johnston, Jordan Johnston, and Brayden Via will serve as pallbearers. Andy Johnston and Brian Taylor will serve as honorary pallbearers.

The family will receive visitors from 11:30 p.m. until the service hour.

Arrangements by Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.bailey-kirk.com.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memorial Gardens

450 Courthouse Road
Princeton, WV 24740

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 25. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home
1612 Honaker Avenue
Princeton, WV 24740
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Lou Johnston*



Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home - July 25, 2025 at 03:06 PM

TR

“ *The family of Ada Rarick-Willis purchased the For ever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Mary Lou Johnston.*



The family of Ada Rarick-Willis - July 24, 2025 at 01:39 PM

LM

“ *I worked with Mary Lou at WCCH for several years, and she was a great person to be around. Always with a smile. My condolences to her family, she will be missed by many.*



Linda Mitchell - July 22, 2025 at 10:55 AM

SM

“ To the Rarick Family - Steve & I are so saddened to learn of the passing of Mary Lou. We had the pleasure of meeting her several times during the Rarick reunions. Such a beautiful soul, always with a smile and a warm hug. Our thoughts and prayers go out to each of you. God Bless.

Steve & Dot Manos - July 22, 2025 at 09:15 AM

DT

“ Mary Lou was a compassionate and Godly woman of faith with such a sweet and pure heart. My heart breaks for Michael and Kyle and the family. Know that you are all in my prayers as you grieve this great loss. Mary Lou, you will be missed by many as Jesus welcomes you home. Love and hugs to the family ❤️🙏🙏❤️

Drema Tote - July 22, 2025 at 12:14 AM

TB

God hug the family, heaven is definitely, brighter. Mary Lou is home

Teresa Brown - July 22, 2025 at 07:24 PM

SS

“ I'm so sorry for the loss of Mary Lou. She was a good lady and friend to all who knew her. Fly high my friend and walk the streets of gold. Prayers for all.



Sylvia Sadler - July 21, 2025 at 11:14 PM

KG

Mary Lou was a great person I knew her from bowling after her mom Rita Burton got me to bowl on their team Thursday nights.....I loved our bowling trips and won't forget them..... Mary you fought long and hard.... I'll miss you.... Watch over your family...RIP my friend

Kim Gentry - July 24, 2025 at 03:49 PM

SR

“ *She will be greatly missed. Mary Lou was one in a million. Always had a smile.*

Steve Robinette - July 21, 2025 at 03:25 PM

AN

I am saddened to hear of Mary Lou's passing. I have fond memories of her from high school. Condolences and prayers to her family.

Aldena Naxey - July 21, 2025 at 09:26 PM

MJ

She proved angels walk among us. She fought this terrible disease and did with a smile and never lost her compassion for others even when she was so sick. You are missed more than you could ever imagined. ❤️

Mike Johnston - July 22, 2025 at 12:51 AM

BS

Mary Lou has been our neighbor for the last 15+ years. She was such a pleasant person to talk to. She definitely was a tough fighter if ever there was one. She will definitely be missed. My deepest condolences to Mike and his family.

Brenda and Mahmoud

Brenda Salimi - July 22, 2025 at 09:29 AM