



## Mary Lou Popelka Tolly

August 28, 1948 - July 3, 2018

Mary Lou Popelka Tolly , age 69, was reunited with her husband in heaven on July 3, 2018. She was born August 28, 1948 in Belleville, Kansas. She was preceded in death by the love of her life, Ernest (Jim) Mason Tolly, her mother and father Henry and Irene Popelka and siblings Anna Mae Johnson, Geralyn LaGuire, Henry Popelka, Jr, Thomas Popelka and Judy Popelka.

She is survived by her children Diane Morgan and husband Scott, James Tolly and wife Mindy, and Karen Tolly. She leaves behind 3 grandchildren, Avery Parker, Connor Tolly and Caleb Tolly, sisters Jane Raney (Raymond) and Alice Majkzrak, and two one of a kind and once in a lifetime friends, Marianne Bailey and Shirley Rousey.

Mary was loved, is missed, and will always be cherished. She was first and foremost dedicated to her family. She was Mom to her children, Grandma Mary to her grandchildren, Mary Lou to family and Mary to friends. Mary was caring person who was loved not only by family but by her dear friends and former patients.

Raising her children was Mary's first career. When her children reached school age and began attending elementary, she began working as a teacher's aide at the school they attended, Lee Elementary in Springdale where she was able to continue to keep a close eye on them. Mary's husband of 24 years, Jim, died in 1990. After his passing, she went back to school while simultaneously raising her 3 children and working at Springdale Memorial Hospital as a nursing assistant. She graduated as a Licensed

Practical Nurse at the age of 42 from NTI where she remained an active board member for many years. Mary was a nurse for 25 years, During her career she cared for patients at Washington Regional Medical Center, Northwest Arkansas Urology Clinic, and Hedberg Allergy and Asthma. Mary's last job was her most important and that was being a Grandma and spending time with her grandchildren. Her influence and love as Grandma Mary will carry on in the hearts of her grandchildren whom she cherished and adored. Her loved ones will never eat a cinnamon roll, kolaches, oatmeal chewy chocolate chip cookies or piece of angel food cake without thinking of her. Mary loved her family, friends and patients and they all loved her.

A visitation will take place on Sunday, July 8 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm at Sisco Funeral Chapel of Springdale. A rosary will follow the visitation starting at 5:00pm.

A mass of Christian burial will be held on Monday, July 9 at St. Raphael Catholic Church in Springdale starting at 10:00am with Father John Connell officiating. Burial will follow at the Fayetteville National Cemetery at 2:00pm. In lieu of flowers, please make a memorial in her name to Pancreatic Cancer Action Network or Circle of Life Hospice.

To sign the online guestbook, visit [www.siscofuneral.com](http://www.siscofuneral.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Fayetteville National Cemetery

700 Government Ave.  
Fayetteville, AR  
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/fayetteville.asp>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 8. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Sisco Funeral Chapel  
705 West Meadow  
Springdale, AR 72764  
(479) 751-4577  
[siscofuneralchapel@gmail.com](mailto:siscofuneralchapel@gmail.com)  
<https://www.siscofuneral.com>

## Rosary

JUL 8. 5:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

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JUL 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Raphael Catholic Church  
1386 S. W. End St.  
Springdale, AR 72764

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Lou Popelka Tolly*

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy Alice and Jane in the passing of your sweet sister Mary Lou. We have you and the families in our thoughts and prayers. Much peace and love, John & Fran Pachta*

**John & Fran Pachta** - July 08, 2018 at 06:25 PM



“ *Simply Happy Kalanchoe Plant was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Popelka Tolly.*



July 08, 2018 at 03:12 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Video Memories Album*



**Sisco Funeral Chapel** - July 08, 2018 at 10:49 AM



*So sorry for you loss, Thanks for sharing pictures of Mary's life.*

**Melinda Horn** - July 08, 2018 at 07:14 PM

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*So sorry I totally missed Sunday. Yesterday was so full at work. Thank you for sharing this online for those who did not make it. Take care of yourselves and your kids. Please reach out if I can help. Thoughts and prayers with you all.*

**Yvonne Zimmerman** - July 10, 2018 at 06:58 AM



“ 104 files added to the album *Memories of Mary Album*



**Sisco Funeral Chapel** - July 08, 2018 at 10:49 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Popelka Tolly.*



July 07, 2018 at 04:51 PM

JB

“ *Mary was a sweet lady enjoyed working with her at Washington regional.*

*Prayers and thoughts are with the family*

*Jeff bartlett*

**Jeff bartlett** - July 06, 2018 at 08:07 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Popelka Tolly.



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July 06, 2018 at 02:18 PM



“ Mary was such a wonderful person and will be missed very much. She was such a delight to work with at Hedberg Allergy, the day was always a little bit better with her there. I will never forget her "Maryisms!!!" RIP Mary. -Christy Edwards

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**Christy Edwards** - July 06, 2018 at 12:06 PM



“ To my dear friend, you meant more than a friend, you were an extension of my family. Your smiling face, your laughter will always be remembered. Our times together acting like school girls and your always willing to help attitude made you someone we all looked up to and wanted to be like. Thank you for all you did for me, Nathan and the babies. Thank you for being there through the difficult times. We all love you and will miss you, but we will see you again.  
Love,  
Melinda Borell and family

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**Melinda Borell** - July 06, 2018 at 09:49 AM

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“ To my oldest sister,  
I will miss our very frequent phone conversations. It was so helpful  
to be able to converse with a sister who had also lost the love of her  
life. We will all miss you and I will be praying for your three loving  
children and your grandchildren.  
Love,  
Alice Popelka Majkrzak

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Alice Mjkrzak - July 06, 2018 at 05:39 AM

JR

“ To my beloved sister, second mom & best friend. Your love, our long  
talks & your smile was worth more than anyone will ever know.  
All my love,  
Your littlest sister,  
Jane Popelka Raney

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Jane G. Raney - July 05, 2018 at 10:59 PM