



Mary Lou McGowan

October 19, 1956 - December 13, 2025

Mary Lou McGowan, 69 of Judsonia, went to her heavenly home to be with her Lord on Saturday, December 13, 2025 at Unity Health Medical Center in Searcy, Arkansas. She was born in Searcy, Arkansas on October 19, 1956 to Clelly Clay and Charlene (Gunnett) Williams.

She loved fishing and camping, she always enjoyed working when she could and the many friends she met along the way. She admired and loved spending time with her husband, Donny of almost 50 years, as well as her children and grandbabies. She enjoyed cooking, especially making egg custard pies for "Bear" who she claimed as her baby. Mary loved the Lord, Jesus Christ, and talked of him till her last day. Mary was strong willed and out spoken, as well as kind hearted and a woman who would do anything for anyone she knew.

As well as her husband, Donny, others left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Jessica Vanpelt (John); her son, Dustin McGowan; brothers, Ronnie Williams (Jonna), Wayne Williams (Judy), Alan Williams (Sandy), Terry Williams (Betty); sisters, Kathy Williams, Gail Quattlebaum (Craig); her seven grandchildren; eight nephews; eight nieces; fourteen great nephews; ten great nieces and many more friends and family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Monty Williams; sisters,

Zilla and Willistine Williams.

Services will be conducted on Wednesday, December 17, 2025. Visitation will be from 10:00am-11:00am at Powell Funeral Home of Bald Knob-Judsonia. A graveside service will follow beginning at 11:30am at Providence Cemetery.

Arrangements entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Bald Knob-Judsonia.

Cemetery Details

Providence Cemetery

Providence Cemetery Rd.
Providence, AR 72020
powellbk@cablelynx.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Bald Knob)
1272 Highway 367 North
Bald Knob, AR 72010
(501) 724-3201
baldknob@powellfuneralhome.net
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Graveside Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Lou McGowan*



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - December 16, 2025 at 06:57 PM

BG

We offer our deepest sorrow for your loss. I remember Mary Lou most as a teenager and how much fun we would have on our frequent visits. She was lived and will be deeply missed.

Bobby Gunnett - December 16, 2025 at 07:58 PM

RW

“ *So sorry for your loss. Praying for you all.*

Ramona Hensley's Watson

Ramona Hensley Watson - December 17, 2025 at 09:17 AM

DC

“ *This world has lost one of the sweetest souls, but Heaven gained one! I know she will be ready for to sit diwn and visit when we make it to Heaven! Love her, and Donny and the whole bunch! My prayers are, have been, and will be with them! Love y'all so much! - Danielle C.*

Danielle Carpenter - December 17, 2025 at 06:13 AM

GD

“ Our deepest sympathy is with you all, the beautiful smile reminds us of the kind, happy lady that she was! She was a dear friend and we share many memories. Keeping you all in our hearts during this difficult time!



Gary and Anita Duncan - December 15, 2025 at 07:03 PM

VR

We pray for you all. Always remember the good things that you use to have together. She was amazing person. She was my adopted sister. We were always getting into trouble. Loved working with her. Going to miss her a lot.

Virginia Ross - December 16, 2025 at 02:49 PM