



## Mary Koeller

June 27, 1928 - August 25, 2009

Mary Lou Koeller, 81, of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, died August 25, 2009, at Van Buren, Arkansas. Born June 27, 1928, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, she was the daughter of Rembrandt Mechtly and Lucy Sanders Mechtly. She moved to the area in 1964 from Muskogee, Oklahoma. She was a teacher for the Gentry School District, Gentry, Arkansas. Mary Lou married Norman Koeller in Russellville, Arkansas in 1972. She was a member of Grace Episcopal Church, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. She was preceded in

death by her first husband, Paul Altland and one son, Wesley Altland. Survivors include three sons: Bill Altland and wife Sarah of Craig, Alaska, John Altland and wife Sherry of Fayetteville, Arkansas, and Mike Altland and wife Vicki of Conway, Arkansas; one daughter, Mary Patterson and husband Phillip of Alma, Arkansas; one brother, Bud Mechtly of Rockwood, Tennessee.

Burial services will be 10:00 a.m., Saturday, August 29, 2009, at Grace Episcopal Church, Siloam Springs, Arkansas, with The Rev. Stan McKinnon officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to your favorite charity or Grace Episcopal Church, Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

# Tribute Wall

KM

“ *Mary Koeller*

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**Karen McGehee** - September 19, 2012 at 12:00 PM

PD

“ *Bill, I just read Thursday's paper this weekend. I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. Were you able to get away for the service on Sat. We were in Tulsa on Sat for a wedding. Thinking of you. Pam*

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**Pam S. Delaney** - September 19, 2012 at 12:00 PM

NB

“ *We send our love & condolences from Shanghai, China to the whole family. Mary, Mike, John & Bill and there families. Norm I pray peace & strength of the good Lord in your life. You all know that your in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Aunt Mary always had a warm hug & a tender smile, with her head tilted for extra measure. That's a memory that I'll hold on to.*

*With much love & sympathy,  
Mike & Nancy Betzen*

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**Nancy Betzen** - September 19, 2012 at 12:00 PM

PJ

“ *My prayers are with the family!*

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**Pat Jones** - September 19, 2012 at 12:00 PM

BM

“ *I am very sorry for your loss.*

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**Beth Massey** - September 19, 2012 at 12:00 PM

JM

“ I was in the first class that Mrs. Altland taught in Gentry and my second daughter was in the last class that Mrs. Koeller taught in Gentry - what a wonderful span of years to share her wisdom! In the last few years I have counted Mary Lou as a true friend who shared her heart and love. Each time I saw her I enjoyed being made to feel like I was one of her favorites. She shared her thoughts, views and advice -much of which I wish I would have paid more attention to!! Norm and family - our prayers are with you all - you were all blessed with one of the best!!

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**Jo Ellen Martin** - September 19, 2012 at 12:00 PM

DB

“ Norm and family, we're so sorry about your loss! Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

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**Dan & Helen (Long) Beeman** - September 19, 2012 at 12:00 PM

PN

“ I'll see you Sat. to honor Mary Lou's life. She was always good to me and the kids. I loved her!

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**Peggy Newcomb** - September 19, 2012 at 12:00 PM

BS

“ So sorry to hear of Mary Lou's passing. So many happy memories of knowing you guys and all the stories swapped from our teaching experiences. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

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**Ben & Betty Southerland** - September 19, 2012 at 12:00 PM

BL

“ Dear Mr. Koeller; I am so sorry for your loss. I wish I could take the pain away, but please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. I so fondly think of you and Mrs. Koeller and what a special couple you made. Please take care and may you obtain strenght from the people who care about you.

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**Bobbi Marler Lancaster** - September 19, 2012 at 12:00 PM

DH

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to your family. Mrs. Koeller was a great teacher. May the Lord comfort you all. I know many former students of both Mr. and Mrs. Koeller are praying for you at this time.

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**Dea Ann (Hall) Heinen** - September 19, 2012 at 12:00 PM

TW

“ Norm, Bill, John, Mike and Mary,

*You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Mary Lou was one of a kind! I have many good memories of her. I know you do too, so treasure those. Love to you all,*

*Tammy*

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**Tammy Weeks** - September 19, 2012 at 12:00 PM



“ Mary,  
*I'm so sorry to hear about your Mom. Let me know if you need anything. We love you.*

*Steph*

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September 19, 2012 at 12:00 PM

CA

“*Mr. Koeller, as a former student of both you and Mrs. Koeller, I can honestly say that you both left quite an impression on me. I will never forget how every time I'd walk into her class, she would always say with an almost mischievous smile, "Good Afternoon". It was almost like, "watch out, you're in my world now --- let the learning begin!" My sincerest condolences.*

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**Chris Alsip** - September 19, 2012 at 12:00 PM

JT

“*Norm, Bill, John, Mike & Mary,  
I was blessed to grow up in Gentry where I had 2 grandmothers and 3 or 4 "moms", one of whom was Mary Lou. She was always quick to tell me how much she loved me and considered me to be one of her boys. She welcomed me into her life and we spent many an hour discussing various things. I will remember her fondly. Thanks for sharing her with me.*

*Blessings to each of you,*

*Jim*

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**Jim Twiggs** - September 19, 2012 at 12:00 PM