

*Mary Lou* was born on January 27, 1927, the eighth of ten children to Roy and Hattie Egtvet Johnson, in Baker Montana. She grew up on the family farm 28 miles south of Baker during the heart of the depression. She attended Chimney Creek School through 8th grade and graduated from Baker High School in 1945. She worked at the Lake Theater as usher and the Bank of Baker as a teller. Soon after, she married Joe Stanley Wells from Ekalaka, Montana. They moved to Sheridan Wyoming where their daughter Karla Jean Wells was born. Four years later they moved to Helena, Montana where their second child Joe Ross Wells was born. In 1957 the family moved briefly to Covington Ohio where her husband Joe started a specialty automotive tools supply business. Soon after Joe relocated the family and business to Colorado Springs where Mary Lou lived the remainder of her life. Mary Lou was a dedicated mother and wife, and enjoyed summer and Christmas vacations traveling and visiting parents and many siblings. She successfully took over and managed the family business for many years after husband Joe passed away in May of 1969 after a long battle with cancer. She loved babysitting her grandchildren and great grandchild Payton, as well as children of friends. Kids seemed drawn to her like a magnet. She was survived at the time of her passing by her son Joe Ross Wells of Pueblo West, Colorado, one sister Joy Hayden of Baker and her granddaughter Kelly Elliot from Colorado Springs. Sadly, Kelly passed away three months after Mary Lou of cancer. Mary Lou was preceded in death by her parents Roy and Hattie, her husband Joe, her daughter Karla and granddaughter Hailey Wells. Also, by her sisters Ione Coldwell, Irene Wiman, Montie Sipma, Helen Tennent, Betty Jo Johnson and brothers Don Johnson, Lloyd (Buster) Johnson and Earl (Bud) Johnson.



# Mary Lou Wells

January 27, 1927 - July 31, 2021



Poem from movie "Ode to Billie Joe"  
(Bobbie Lee remembering Billie Joe)

There's a time and place we've yet to know.  
There's a sea we've yet to sail.  
And though we saw the mountain long ago,  
It's a peak we've yet to scale.  
There's another world we've yet to find.  
There's a world we've yet to lose.  
And there's a winding road we've left behind...  
And another yet to choose.  
And there's a tender journey yet to take.  
The sun waits to rise.  
And there are promises we've yet to make.  
But days we'll spend never end  
in each others' eyes.  
And there will be lovers' songs for us to sing...  
In that place we've yet to be.  
There will be time enough for everything.  
Time for life, Time for love, Time for us,  
Time for you, Time for me.



*And God shall wipe away all tears from  
their eyes; and there shall be no more  
death, neither sorrow, nor crying, nei-  
ther shall there be any more pain: for  
the former things are passed away.  
Revelation 21:4*



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## GRAVESIDE SERVICE:

Saturday, September 3, 2022 2:00 pm

Bonnievale Cemetery

Baker, Montana

## OFFICIATING:

Joe Ross Wells

## PRINTED MATERIAL:

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Baker, Montana

