



## Mary Lu Bickle

September 14, 1935 - June 22, 2025

Mary Lu Bickle, age 89, passed away peacefully on June 22, 2025, in Kingsford, MI, surrounded by her loving family. She was the second of five children born to Linnie and Wilfred Gottschalk and was a graduate of Jefferson High School. Mary Lu spent many years working at Farmers & Merchants Bank in Jefferson.

She was married to LaVerne (Vern) Bickle for 62 wonderful years until his passing in 2021. Mary Lu is survived by her two children, Bruce (Leesa) Bickle and Sara (Tal) Goodchild; and her five grandchildren, Cullen, Courtney, and Colton Bickle, and Hannah and Tanner Goodchild. She is also survived by her brothers, Jim Gottschalk and Don (Valerie) Gottschalk, along with several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Vern; her parents, Linnie and Wilfred Gottschalk; and her sisters, Kay (George) Meinel and Evelyn (Gil) Gaugert.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to the Goodchild family—Sara, Tal, Hannah, and Tanner—for their devoted and compassionate care of Mary Lu and Vern over the past six years.

Per Mary Lu's wishes, no formal funeral service will be held. A private burial

will take place at a later date at Evergreen Cemetery in Fort Atkinson, WI.

The family would also like to thank OSF Hospice and the staff at Evergreen Assisted Living in Kingsford for their exceptional care and support.

Condolences to the family of Mary Lu Bickle may be expressed online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

The family has entrusted the care of the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

VA

“ *Val lit a candle in memory of Mary Lu Bickle*



Val - June 26, 2025 at 07:28 PM

MB

“ *Bruce, Sara and your families. So sorry for the lost of Mom (my God Mother). It's hard to believe that generation is now all gone. God Bless and take care.*

*Mark Bickle*

Mark Bickle - June 26, 2025 at 04:58 PM

LW

“ *Bruce, Sara & families we are so sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. She was a beautiful soul, so many memories of both your parents at FAFD events back in the day ❤️ Our thoughts & prayers are with you all. Lisa (Reel) Wartgow*

Lisa Wartgow - June 25, 2025 at 09:00 AM

DE

*Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. The Bickle Family was our neighbors for years, what a great family.*

*Delaine Endl and Family.*

Delaine Endl - June 25, 2025 at 09:36 AM

LB

*Sympathy to your family. I enjoyed working with your Mother at Farmer's and Merchants Bank.*

Linda Belzer - June 25, 2025 at 09:53 AM

SB

*Bruce, Sara and families. I'm sorry for your loss. She was a nice lady.*

*Steve Bakken*

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**Steve Bakken** - June 26, 2025 at 07:24 PM