



## Mary Lou Djernes

January 31, 1935 - February 17, 2026

Mary Lou Djernes, 91, of Central City, Nebraska died Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at Litzenberg Long Term Care in Central City. Funeral Services will be held Friday, February 27, 2026 at 11 a.m. at United Methodist Church in Central City with Pastor Francis Kinyua officiating. Public burial will be at the Central City Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated at a later date. Condolences can be sent to the family at [www.soltwagnerfuneral.com](http://www.soltwagnerfuneral.com).

Mary Lou was born January 31, 1935, in Hordville, Nebraska to Ralph and Hilda (Ortegren) Flodman. She was baptized and confirmed at Fridhem Church and graduated from high school in 1953. On January 2, 1955, she married Lyle Djernes at Fridhem Church.

In the 50s and 60s, Mary Lou completed her college degree in nursing. Her first job was cleaning houses before becoming a stay-at-home mother. In September 1971, she began her nursing career at Litzenberg Hospital. She later worked at Community Care Nursing Home and eventually became the activities director at Litzenberg Long Term Care. In the early 1990s, she earned her EMT certification.

Mary Lou was a member of Fridhem Church and later transferred to Central

City United Methodist Church. She was active in American Red Cross blood drives, Heartland Food Bank, the Methodist Women's Church Group, and was an Extension Club member and 4-H club leader. She bowled on several teams and enjoyed playing the accordion, taking vocal music lessons, listening to polka music, gardening, and had a deep passion for horses and animals.

Mary Lou is survived by her four sons: Leon (Amy) Djernes of Grand Island; Ralph (Chris) Djernes of Central City; Rory (Lori) Djernes of Grand Island; and Matt (Mechell) Djernes of Central City; Sister, Ida Mae Rutherford of Central City; 13 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lucas Lyle; her parents; her sister, Janet Flodman; her brother, Elton Flodman; and her great-grandchildren, Addison Grace Djernes, Brooklyn Sue Djernes, and Asher Morriss.

# Cemetery Details

## Central City Cemetery

Central City, NE 68826

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

FEB 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Central City United Methodist Church  
2601 18th Ave  
Central City, NE 68826  
(308) 946-2853

# Tribute Wall

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“*Mary Lou was my Aunt Mary to me. She was one of the sweetest persons in the world. I remember she took me and my cousins downtown CC to see Santa Claus. I must have been 6. I whispered in my Aunt's ear, “Aunt Mary, do you think Santa got my letter?” She calmly replied, “You better ask him.” It took a few minutes for me to get enough courage, but I finally did. Of course Santa said yes, he got my letter. My Aunt Mary gave me the biggest hug when I returned to where she was standing. RIP Sweet Aunt Mary*”

Shane Rutherford - February 27 at 07:52 AM



“*Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Djernes.*”



February 26 at 01:17 PM



“*A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Lou Djernes.*”

February 26 at 01:17 PM



“*Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Djernes.*”



February 26 at 12:19 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Djernes.*



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February 25 at 11:11 AM



“ *To the Djernes family, May God strengthen your heart with his love and peace with caring thoughts and prayers Robert and Gladys Dahlstedt*

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**Robert and Gladys Dahlstedt** - February 25 at 09:27 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Djernes.*



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February 24 at 12:37 PM



“ *Growing up across the road at my Grandparents place, Deichmans, Mary Lou was an active part of my childhood and her kind heart and smile will surely never leave my even earliest memories, hospital issues and was friends with both Grandmothers and many generational friends and relatives, it was also darling how we both loved n played accordion. I share my gratitude for her on my journey and send deepest sympathy to the family n friends who grieve this loss.... Gone and not gone away however..*

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**Jaysen Beck** - February 24 at 12:10 PM



“ *My thought are with her family. My grandmother Clara (Ortegren)Carlson was her aunt*

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**Lois tatum** - February 23 at 09:14 PM