



## Mary Lou Nichols

May 3, 1943 - January 14, 2026

Mary Lou (West) Nichols, of Lufkin, Texas, passed away on January 14, 2026, at the age of 81. She was born on May 3, 1943, in Newton, Texas, to Zora (Herrin) West and Benjamin West.

Mary Lou was a devoted mother, grandmother, and friend. She loved her family deeply and was known for her outgoing personality and sunny disposition. A woman of strong faith, she loved Jesus, the Bible, and attending church. Mary Lou was also known for speaking her mind—she didn't put up with nonsense—and for her great love of babies. She truly never met a stranger.

She is survived by her daughters, Katie Warner, Janet Nichols, Mary Elizabeth Nichols, and Norma Walker; her sister, Pauline Hopson; and by many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends who will cherish her memory.

She was preceded in death by her parents; several siblings; and her daughters, Cindy Lou Riley and Peggy Ann Ebarb.

Visitation will be held Monday, January 26, 2026, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Oakley-Metcalf Funeral Home in Lufkin. A Celebration of Mary's Life will follow on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., also at Oakley-Metcalf Funeral

Home. She will be laid to rest at Gilbert Chapel Cemetery.

Guests wishing to send flowers are asked to have them delivered to Gipson Funeral Home by Monday, January 26, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.

# Cemetery Details

## Gilbert Chapel

FM 326  
Bald Hill  
Lufkin, TX 75901

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 26. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Oakley-Metcalf Funeral Home  
412 E Shepherd Avenue  
Lufkin, TX 75901  
(936) 639-4219  
<https://www.oakleymetcalffuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

JAN 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

Oakley-Metcalf Funeral Home  
412 E Shepherd Avenue  
Lufkin, TX 75901  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Rachel Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Nichols*



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**Rachel Wilson** - January 16 at 12:46 PM