



Gertrude "Molly" Backlund

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Molly Backlund was a teacher to hundreds, a mentor to many and an advocate of education for all children. She passed away on Wednesday afternoon, September 1, 2021 while surrounded by family.

Molly was born in Hurley, Wisconsin to Celestin "Lefty" and Margaret "Peg" Trier, the eleventh of twelve children. She frequently talked about her cherished memories growing up with such a large family: dancing, singing, family gatherings, and celebrations.

After high school she met Dale Backlund, and they married on November 3, 1962 at St. Mary's Church in Hurley, WI. Molly and Dale had three children; two daughters, Sharon (Vance) Kniffin and Carolyn (Pete) Hopkins; and one son, Dale (Stephanie) Backlund.

Molly loved to travel, golf, and spend time with her family. She also loved the holidays and celebrating special occasions with family.

In her mid-thirties, Molly decided to go to college and pursue a degree in education. On her 39th birthday, she graduated from The Ohio State University. She began her teaching career at Blessed Sacrament School in Newark, OH. She taught 7th and 8th grade math and spent much of her time volunteering on school committees and activities. Upon retiring she enjoyed reading, painting, and especially spending time with her grandchildren.

Molly is survived by her sister, Lou Semo; her three children; and her four grandchildren, Bridget Backlund, Rory Hopkins, Halley Backlund and Izabella Backlund. Molly is also remembered by her loving and supportive nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Dale Backlund; her six brothers, Francis Trier, John Trier, David Trier, Timothy Trier, Celestin Trier, and Michael Trier; her four sisters, Margaret Ramuta, Flora Pavlovich,



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Patricia Leinon, and Catherine Caruso.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament with Father Anthony Lonzo, celebrant.

Family and friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at Vensil & Chute Funeral Home, 1850 W. Main Street, Newark,.

The family would like to thank Dr. Michael Campolo and Dr. Charles Botti for providing excellent care for our mom all of these years. The family would also like to thank the ICU and Pallative Care Group at Riverside Methodist Hospital.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Center for New Beginning.



Tribute Wall

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BR

Bobbie Roe posted:

I was just told that your Mother passed away Sharon, Dale & Carolyn. Im so sorry. I would have been there if I had know. She was a wonderful friend and we lost our ways through the years past but I did get to stop for a visit when she lived behind O'Bannon Avenue before moving to Heath. I have many many fun loving memories to keep. I will NEVER, Never forget her or all of you. Please accept my Love, Hugs and sympathies through this very sad time. Please cll if you just need to talk or need anything- Im here. Bobbie Roe 740-404-9412. It would be better to text me because I dont anwer my phone if I dont recognize the phone number. I love you all. Please know that "I loved her too,"Bobbie RoeNewark, Ohio

September 14 at 9:24 AM

RI

Rose Iler posted:

Carolyn, Sharon, and Dale. I was sorry to hear about ma, it sure made me sad . I sure enjoyed talking with her when she would come to your house Carolyn. I feel blessed by her gift to me and the visit I had on the phone with her. You are all in our thoughts and prayers, Including you Rory and B and your sisters. Love, Rose

September 6 at 5:46 PM

RS

Rae Semo posted:

Auntie Molly was a wonderful aunt and in my younger years my go to person if I was having problems that I couldn't talk to my mom about. When my sister's and I were teenagers we would walk from our home in Ironwood to her home on 2nd Avenue just to visit with her. I have many fond memories to treasure and I'm going to miss you Auntie Molly, until we meet again.

September 6 at 3:09 PM

ML

Mike And Kathy Lanfranc posted:

Such a dear, happy person who was held in high regard by the entire Lanfranc family. She certainly was a great teacher, mentor and most respected by our Ryan and Andi who learned so much from Molly. Many cherished memories with her, from our years at Blessed Sacrament , will never be forgotten. Thank you for everything. May you Rest In Peace.

September 6 at 6:28 AM



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GP

Georganna Phelps posted:

May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow. Molly was a wonderful teacher and friend.

September 6 at 4:06 AM

BL

Bryan, Cara, And Dominic Labrake posted:

Sorry for your loss, Coach. You and your family are in our prayers.

September 5 at 1:14 PM

PS

Patty Stubb posted:

From your niece Patty Stubb (Backlund) - Rod & Marian Backlund's daughter. Always remember babysitting your children. Long time since then - rest in peace with Uncle Dale.

September 5 at 12:51 PM

JR

Joe Riggs posted:

In loving memory of a wonderful cousin. We will love you and miss you always.

September 3 at 4:20 PM

KB

Kenneth Backlund posted:

I will never forget you aunt molly...your at peace now with uncle dale

September 3 at 12:33 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gertrude by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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