



## Mary Lou Turja

September 29, 1948 - April 29, 2024

Mary Lou Turja, age 75, of Dassel died Monday, April 29, 2024, at the Cokato Manor due to complications from Peripheral Artery Disease and COPD.

Mary Lou Turja, the daughter of Cecil John “Jack” and Mary Jane (Tintes) Reller was born on September 29, 1948, at St. Mary’s Hospital in Minneapolis. Mary graduated from Dassel High School in 1966.

Mary and Gary Rudolph Turja eloped to Brainerd, Minnesota and were married on July 8, 1967. They shared 35 years of marriage. Gary died in 2003.

Mary was an avid collector and spent many weekends with her sister, Jackie, looking for treasures to add to her many collections. Mary was above all happiest at home reading mystery/spy novels, watching Agatha Christi movies, doing crosswords, playing word games on the computer, and sewing/creating her own dolls.

Mary is survived by her children, Micki, Jasen “Jae”, Gary “Al” (Heather), grandchildren, Meggie Turja of Zimmerman, Douglas (Kait) Potter of Kimball and Lilly and Stella Turja both of Dassel, great granddaughter, Kristina Potter: Special nephew, Lance (Karen) Vargason and his girls, Taylor and Carli, sisters, Nancy Adams of Dassel and Michelle Reller of Hutchingson along with

other family and friends.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and siblings, Jackie Vargason, Cecil Reller and Tony Reller.

A memorial will take place at the Johnson Funeral Home in Dassel on Friday, May 3, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. with interment of the ashes immediately following. A luncheon will take place at the Dassel Rod and Gun Club.

Friends and family may call one hour prior to the service at the Johnson Funeral Home in Dassel on Friday, May 3, 2024.

# Cemetery Details

## Dassel Community Cemetery

23526-23574 County Rd 4,  
Dassel, MN 55325

# Previous Events

## Friends and Family

MAY 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Johnson Funeral Home  
PO Box 1 611 N 2nd Street  
Dassel, MN 55325  
(320) 275-3381  
jfhdassel@spectrum.net

## Memorial

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# Tribute Wall

BJ

“ So sorry for your loss. Bruce and Barb Johnson



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**BARBARA J JOHNSON** - May 02, 2024 at 04:28 PM

SR

“ Steven Reller purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Lou Turja.



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**Steven Reller** - May 01, 2024 at 11:00 PM

TI

“ So very sorry for your loss. She was fun to work with.

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**Tina** - May 01, 2024 at 08:57 PM

BS

“ So sorry for the loss of your mom she was such a kind lady very sweet  
Sincerely  
Brandy Stephens

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**brandy stephens** - May 01, 2024 at 06:03 PM

TV

“ Tom Hedlund & Sue Verhey purchased the Full of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Lou Turja.



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**Tom Hedlund & Sue Verhey** - May 01, 2024 at 05:28 PM

AZ

“ Mary and I worked together at 3M for years. I have many of the beautiful Dolls she made. Her love of Barbie dolls was unsurpassed. Many laughs and smiles were had on the otari lines when we were together. She will be missed!!! God's blessings

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**Ann Zivkovich** - May 01, 2024 at 04:10 PM

JL

“ Micki, Jae and Al - So sorry for your loss. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

*Jerome & Dawn Lindquist*

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**jerome lindquist** - April 30, 2024 at 07:09 PM

GN

*Our Deepest Sympathy to all of you. Live on the Memories. I remember Mary showing her doll collection. Take Care*

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**Gail Nelson** - May 01, 2024 at 12:00 PM

PA

*So sorry to hear of Mary's passing! She and I carpooled to 3m together for many years! Always enjoyed conversation with Mary!*

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**Paul axelson** - May 03, 2024 at 10:42 PM