



## Mary Lou Volturo

November 26, 1927 - October 27, 2025

Mary Lou (Vassaur) Volturo, 97, passed away on October 27, 2025, in Edmond, OK. Mary was born November 26, 1927 in Delaware, Arkansas to Edgar and Florence Vassaur. The Vassaur family moved to Oklahoma in 1932, settling in Henryetta, and eventually moved to Okmulgee. Mary attended Checotah School, and graduated from Okmulgee High School in 1946. Upon graduation, she moved to Hollywood, California and went to work at Young and Rubicam Advertising Agency.

Upon returning to Okmulgee, Mary met George Volturo and they married in 1950 and were married for 33 years until his death in 1983. Two children were born from their union: Tony and Gina. In 2014, Mary left the home she had lived in for 64 years, relocating to Edmond, OK where she resided until her death.

Mary was a member of Okmulgee Women's Service League, Catholic Daughters of America, St. Anthony's Church, and a board member of the Creek Council House Museum. Mary was also a local celebrity, co-hosting a morning radio show with Paul Brown for a number of years. In 2020 at the age of 92, Mary was awarded the James Weaver Award in the Fiberworks Art Competition held in Oklahoma City.

Mary is preceded in death by her spouse, George; parents Edgar and Florence Vassaur; sisters Reba Reese and Alene Vassaur; brothers Ed Vassaur Jr., Bugs Vassaur and Bing Vassaur. She is survived by her son Tony (wife Renee); her daughter Gina Volturo-Ellis; granddaughter Natalie

Dominguez (husband Devon); grandson Giorgio Johnson (wife Brenda) and great-grandchildren Lincoln, Charlie and Grace Johnson; numerous nieces and nephews including Charles, Tom, Judy (Saxton) and Rita Volturo, Donna Volturo-Fiorelli, Gloria Ayers, Noel Reese, Bonny Reese, John Vassaur, Kristy Vassaur, and so many loved ones too numerous to mention.

The family would like to extend heartfelt appreciation to Mary's caregivers and those who helped her maintain her independence over the past several months: Diana, Valerie, Shannon, Jackie, Valencia, Mayra, Lali, Pam and Dora.

Those wishing to make a donation, please consider St. Anthony's Maintenance Fund c/o St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 515 S. Morton Street, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

A rosary will be held at St. Anthony's Catholic Church at 7:00 o'clock p.m. on Friday, October 31, 2025. Services will be held at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Okmulgee, OK on Saturday, November 1, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.

Interment is at Okmulgee Cemetery. Guests are invited to attend a reception immediately following the service at McClendon-Winters Life Celebration Center, 310 E. 6th Street, Okmulgee.

# Cemetery Details

## Okmulgee Cemetery

2601 S. Wood Drive  
Okmulgee, OK 74447

# Previous Events

## Rosary

OCT 31. 7:00 PM (CT)

Saint Anthony Catholic Church  
515 South Morton Avenue  
Okmulgee, OK

## Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 1. 12:00 PM (CT)

Saint Anthony Catholic Church  
515 South Morton Avenue  
Okmulgee, OK

## Reception

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NOV 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Life Celebration Center

310 East Sixth Street

Okmulgee, OK 74447

(918) 756-1677

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# Tribute Wall

CM

“ So sorry to hear of her passing. Love and condolences to Gina, Tony and family. 🙏💕🙏  
She'll always have a place in my heart. She lead such an artistic life: fantastic cook, great sense of style, with interest in many things. I'm grateful she and George were part of my life. I remember when they married! I have many wonderful memories from going places with them and my folks when I was little.  
I'm 84 now, and am very thankful for her longevity.

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**Carol Mansberger Morris** - November 09, 2025 at 07:43 PM

JN

“ Mary was beautiful inside and out. She had many gifts and was always willing to share. She was always so kind to me. My sincere condolences to the family.

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**Jo Nell** - November 01, 2025 at 08:37 PM

JC

“ Friend of many years, soft spoken and a woman of her word. My sincere sympathy to her family.



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**Jeneane Campbell** - October 29, 2025 at 08:02 PM

GD

“ It was in 2013, when Darrel and I last saw Mary. We were all in Okmulgee attending a memorial service for a mutual friend. We had a lovely conversation, full of memories and smiles. Mary was a beautiful lady. Our sincerest condolences to the Volturo family.



Gwyn & Darrel Dominick - October 29, 2025 at 04:59 PM



“ In Memory - Angel Figurine, 8.25 in was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Volturo.



October 29, 2025 at 04:35 PM

LM

“ Love and Sympathy, Joey Magrini planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Lou Volturo.

Love and Sympathy, Joey Magrini - October 29, 2025 at 04:35 PM

CH

“ Mary Lou was a very special person and a wonderful friend to my mother. They were best friends living next door to each other and coming and going every day for coffee visits in the morning or wine in the afternoon! My favorite memory is of her coming over and trying to teach my mother and me how to make spaghetti sauce the Italian way. She was a wonderful woman, so spontaneous and full of life, and will be sorely missed. But now she's in heaven with my mother, two old friends having a glass of wine.

Cheryl - October 28, 2025 at 11:14 AM

DM

*Thought she had class and stories to tell. We both got to live in hollywood, ca. before it got bad. Yummy spaghetti dinners also helped try to finish the church diocese after mugtown's oil bust. Thanks, ladies. Hugs for her loved ones and rip, sister!--70s altar boy. Peace be with y'all. Amen, guys.*

David miller - October 28, 2025 at 04:05 PM

KW

*Condolences to the family.*

Karin Phelps Williams - October 30, 2025 at 04:10 PM

KW

*Condolences to the family.  
From Karin Phelps Williams*

Karin Phelps Williams - October 30, 2025 at 04:11 PM

CH

“ Cheryl lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Volturo



Cheryl - October 28, 2025 at 11:14 AM

DM

“ David Miller lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Volturo



David miller - October 27, 2025 at 07:09 PM