



## Mary Lou Klopfenstein

February 4, 1938 - March 15, 2025

Mary Lou Klopfenstein, 87, of Botkins, OH, passed away at 3:35 a.m., on Saturday, March 15, 2025, at Otterbein-St. Marys, Ohio. She was born February 4, 1938, in McCartyville, Ohio, the daughter of the late Alphons and Lena (Watercutter) Eyink. On February 19, 1955, she married Dale R. Klopfenstein, and he preceded her in death on January 28, 2009.

Survivors include,

2 children, Judy K. (Steve) Thaman, Botkins,

Robert D. ( Kendra Opperman of New Knoxville) Klopfenstein,  
Jackson Center, OH;

5 grandchildren, Heather (Fred) Wing, Jessica Thaman,

Matt (Kathryn) Klopfenstein,

Melissa (Jacob) Westerheide, Amber Green;

6 great grandchildren, Lorali Klopfenstein, Colton Klopfenstein,

Graci Westerheide, Kenner Westerheide,

Kinsley Wing, Caleigh Wing;

sister, Ronda (Gene-dec) Manger, Botkins,

brother, Jerry (Kay Greve) Eyink, Botkins.

She was preceded in death by 2 sons, Richard B. Klopfenstein and Daniel E. Klopfenstein, and a great granddaughter, Jazzlynn Gray.

A homemaker, Mary Lou retired as a cook from the Botkins Local Schools.

She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Botkins.

She was an excellent cook, and enjoyed playing cards and working in her

yard. However, Mary Lou enjoyed spending time with her family the most, especially her grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Thursday, March 20, 2025, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Botkins, with Fr. Ethan Hoying officiating. Burial is to follow in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Botkins. The family will receive friends 4-7 p.m., Wednesday, March 19, 2025 and 9-10 a.m., Thursday, March 20, at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta. Memorial contributions may be directed to Grand Lake Hospice. Condolences may be expressed at [www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com](http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery

County Road 25A  
Botkins, OH

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 19. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory  
1102 Lincoln Hwy  
Wapakoneta, OH 45895  
(419) 738-7676  
eleyfuneralhome@gmail.com  
<https://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com/>

## Visitation

MAR 20. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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## Service

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MAR **20**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
103 Walnut Street  
Botkins, OH

# Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Klopfenstein.*



March 19, 2025 at 01:24 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Klopfenstein.*



March 18, 2025 at 08:10 PM



“ *I played cards with Mary Lou for over 32 yrs. and celebrated birthdays with her for lots of years.*

**Mary Crtwright** - March 17, 2025 at 10:58 AM



“ *Kendra,Ryan,Stephanie,Danni,Jill&Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Lou Klopfenstein.*



**Kendra,Ryan,Stephanie,Danni,Jill&Family** - March 16, 2025 at 10:03 PM

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“ We are so sorry for your loss. Please know that we are thinking of all of you during this difficult time. You will be remembered in our prayers.

*Cousin Mike Elsass and Teresa Elsass*

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**Teresa Elsass** - March 16, 2025 at 07:29 PM



“ *Serenity Prayer 30" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Klopfenstein.*



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March 16, 2025 at 12:03 PM



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

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March 16, 2025 at 12:03 PM