



# Ethel Lou Horn

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**E**thel "Louise" Horn, lovingly known as Lou, passed away peacefully on December 12, 2025, at the age of 91, with her family by her side. Born at home on February 12, 1934, in St. Petersburg, Florida, Lou lived a life rooted in faith, generosity, and deep love for others.

She was preceded in death by her husband of nearly 50 years, **Charles A. Horn**; her stepson, **Richard Horn**; and her parents and brothers.

Above all else, Lou was family. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who made everyone feel welcome. If you met her, you were family — and before long, you were probably calling her "Mom" or "Nana," even if you met her in a doctor's office.

She is survived by her five children: **Kenny Alderman (Michelle)**, **Steve Alderman**, **Kathy Mitcheson (George)**, **Margie Duval**, and **Barbie Wade**.

She is also survived by her grandchildren: **Kim**, **Misty (Greg)**, **J.R. (Jenni)**, **Amber (Joshua)**, **Brittany (Travis)**, **Andrew (Keely)**, **Jenna**, **Benjamin**, **Marcus**, **Matthew**, **Cache**, **Chloe (Lawton)**, **Ciara**, and **Benny III**.

Her great-grandchildren include **Mackenzie**, **Autumn**, **McCoy**, **Brooks**, **Campbell**, **Everett**, **Reed**, **Andrew**, **Darlene**, **Delilah**, **Alisia**, **Harley**, **Kaizier**, **Kalessiand\*\*\*\*** **Bella Lou**.

Lou is also survived by was survived by her Sisters in Love-**Mary Jo Kelso** and **Joyce Hall**, many nieces and nephews, many friends and her dear friend, **Nina Bull**.

Lou loved attending Mass, painting china, collecting antiques, participating in antique shows, and spending time with friends and family. She especially cherished family reunions and for many years lovingly organized the annual **Kelso–Alderman Family Reunion**, bringing generations together.



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Her Catholic faith was the foundation of her life. Baptized at **St. Mary's Catholic Church** in downtown St. Petersburg and educated at **St. Paul's Catholic School**, Lou lived her faith daily through service. She remained active in parishes throughout the Diocese of St. Petersburg and faithfully served as an **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion**, bringing comfort, companionship, and the Eucharist to many homebound parishioners.

Lou lived by the Golden Rule and believed in giving more than was expected. Even when she had little, she always found something to give. She believed that if everyone gave at least 60%, it would amount to 120% well over the top. One of her favorite sayings was, "Why can't we all just get along?" It was a question she answered every day through kindness.

A Funeral Mass will be held on **January 10, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.** at **Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 4661 82nd Avenue North, Pinellas Park, Florida**, followed by a reception in the Parish Center. All who loved Lou are warmly invited to attend.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to **His Heart Society of Sacred Heart**, the church's food pantry — a cause close to Lou's heart.



# Events

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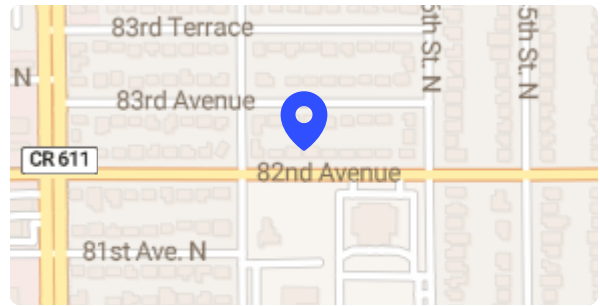
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## Funeral Mass

**Saturday**, January 10, 2026

11:00 AM ET

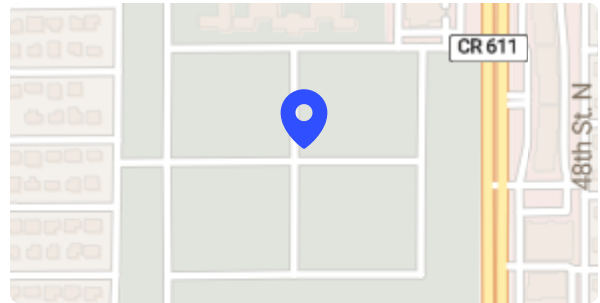
**Sacred Heart Catholic Church**  
4661 82nd Ave N, Pinellas Park FL 33781



## Cemetery Details

**Memorial Park Cemetery**  
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709

**(727) 369-8228**





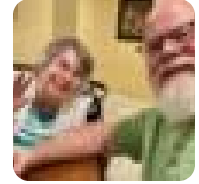
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**Joseph Kelso** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



January 10 at 2:53 PM



**Barbie Wade** January 12 at 1:40 AM

She loved you and your visits! It meant the world to her that you took time to be there. It meant the world to me too. I love you cuz



**Joseph Kelso** January 10 at 2:55 PM

Love my Aunt Lou. This is from my visit with her back in October of 2024. We went up to the lounge and we had pie and coffee. I'll miss her laugh, her smile, her energy and positivity. Until we meet again... all my love. Joey



**Anonymous** sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Horn family.



January 9 at 9:03 AM



**Love, Debbie Jones** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Horn family.



January 6 at 3:51 PM



**Barbie Wade** January 14 at 5:28 AM

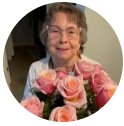
Thank you Debbie. They're gorgeous and almost as gorgeous as she was...



**Margie Duval** posted:

Merry Christmas in heaven Mom!

December 25 at 11:02 AM



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**Kathy Mitcheson** posted:

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December 25 at 10:52 AM

KM

**Kathy Mitcheson** posted:

It appears I also left off 2 great grandchildren! Kaizier and Kalessi. Apologies.

December 20 at 9:56 AM

KM

**Kathy Mitcheson** posted:

I couldn't agree with my sister more! Also, our mom was survived by her Sisters in Love - Mary Jo Kelso and Joyce Hall, many nieces and nephews, many friends and her dear friend, Nina Bull.

December 19 at 8:59 AM



**Barbie Wade** posted:

As her youngest daughter, it is impossible to have one favorite memory. All I can tell you is she was the kindest, loving "little lady" I have ever known. No one could keep a secret better than her! I never once heard her raise her voice or say a cross word to or about anyone in my 62 years. She loved hard, prayed hard and devoted her life living to please God. I believe, with my whole heart that her way of life gave her quality and longevity only known to few. I thank God every day that He chose her to be my Mom. Until we meet again, Momma... I'll love and miss you forever.

December 18 at 8:43 PM



## Media

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# Memories only last if you share them

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



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