



Louella A. "Lou" Voegele

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Louella (Lou) Adele Voegele, age 86, of Batesville, died peacefully in her sleep on January 15, 2025, at St. Andrews Health Campus. Born March 8, 1938, in Batesville to Fred and Olivia (Dietz) Scheele, she graduated from Batesville High School in 1956 and later married her high school sweetheart George Voegele on June 30, 1962. Together they raised four children. Lou touched the lives of so many people in her 38 years of teaching, having taught nearly three generations of families. She would never miss the opportunity to ask someone, "Did I have you in school?"

She was not solely known as Mrs. Voegele, but rather "Crazy Lou" or "Momma Lou," as so many fondly call her even today. A mentor and friend to countless students, she went beyond the classroom, coaching track and volleyball, sponsoring senior classes, founding the local SADD chapter, decorating for countless proms, and cheering on the home team alongside Billy the Bulldog. Her dedication to teaching for nearly four decades and her humorous assertion that she "would never stop until she couldn't stand on her head" exemplified her passion and commitment, leaving a cherished legacy.

Beyond teaching, Lou dedicated herself to community service. Co-founding and co-directing the Living Christmas Tree with her dear friend Jean Struewing, a 60-student Christmas carol performance, showcased their passion. She also co-founded the local Beta Sigma Phi Sorority chapter, served on the Batesville Area Historical Society, an active member of St. Louis Parish, member of the Knights of St. John Ladies Auxiliary, member of the Eagles Ladies Auxiliary and volunteered for many years at the hospital. Diagnosed with inflammatory breast cancer in 2010, she overcame the disease and defied the odds, attributing her recovery to a higher purpose, continuing her community involvement with unwavering commitment.

She loved her family first and foremost, always wanting to have everyone together for the holidays. As an avid piano player, she hosted annual Christmas sing-alongs where the entire family gathered around her to sing carols. She supported her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren every step of the way, always there with love and encouragement. Family trips and



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cruises were a favorite, as she cherished the time spent in the sun with her loved ones, creating lasting memories together.

Her life will be forever cherished by her friends and family; her 4 children; Lori (Mike) Giltz of Batesville, Scott (Emily) Voegele of North Canton, Ohio, Jeff (Carletta) Voegele, and Doug (Mandi) Voegele, both of Noblesville, Indiana; brother Fred (Ruth Ann) Scheele of The Villages, Florida. She was the loving grandma to 11 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Lou was preceded in death by her parents Fred and Oliva, her husband George, sisters Rosemary and Arnelda, and brother George.

Visitation will be held on Monday, January 20th, from 3 – 7 p.m. and from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21st at the funeral home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Tuesday, January 21st, at 12:30 p.m. at the Sisters of St. Francis Chapel in Oldenburg with burial following in the St. Louis Church cemetery. For those unable to attend, services will be live streamed at <https://youtube.com/live/YvDEXhJHB3A?feature=share>. In Lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Margaret Mary Health Cancer Center.



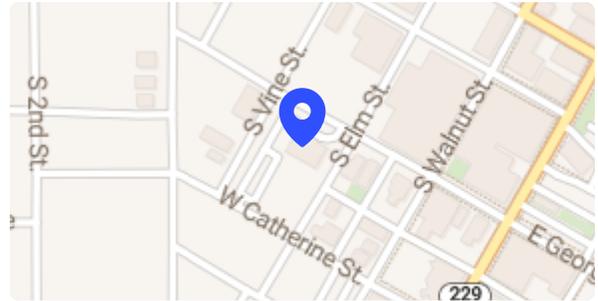
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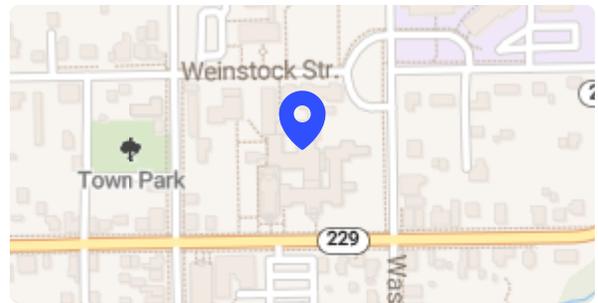
Visitation

-  **Monday**, January 20, 2025
-  3:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET
-  **Weigel Funeral Home**
151 W. George St., Batesville IN 47006



Mass of Christian Burial

-  **Tuesday**, January 21, 2025
-  12:30 PM ET
-  **Sisters of St. Francis Chapel**
22143 Main Street, Oldenburg IN 47036



Cemetery Details

-  **St. Louis Cemetery**
Batesville IN





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DE

Debbie & planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Louella.



January 20 at 10:15 AM

RD

Ron Dietz posted:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Voegele family for the loss of Louella. She was an exuberant and energetic person that touched our lives Lou always had a word of encouragement that helped make life better for those around her. Although she will be missed, her powerful spirit will always live on within us and in heaven. Rest in Peace cousin. May God bless you and keep you. Ron Dietz family

January 20 at 2:37 AM

JP

James Pierce posted:

Almighty and Merciful God, may Lou Voegele share the victory of Christ who loved us so much that He died and rose again to bring us new life; we make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Lady Lou Voegele has left her footprints in the sands of time. The impression she has left behind to enhance the lives of her friends and ones gives us all footprints to follow. I met Lou as a retired teacher and loved her right away. James Pierce

January 19 at 10:11 AM

LO

Lisa Osko posted:

I had the pleasure of living next door to Lou for about 9 years. GREAT neighbor !!! She always, smiled and took the time to talk and always asked " how are you doing". You will be missed Lou.

January 19 at 4:57 AM

KR

Kat Rader posted:

She was my gym teacher in the early 90's. I also had the pleasure of getting one of the coveted teacher assistant spots with her my junior year. She was always so kind, honest, and funny. She will be missed by many. My condolences to her family, may she rest in eternal peace.

January 18 at 6:48 PM



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TF

Tom Ferkinhoff posted:

I have a lot of fond memories of gym class with Mrs Voegele and the practices for that first living Christmas tree. I am sorry about your family's loss.

January 17 at 10:54 AM

MF

Msrk Fsbinder January 19 at 10:25 AM

I remember many fun times over the years at Prickel family parties with Lu. She was always very vibrant.

MW

Mary Wernke lit a candle in honor of Louella.

Lou was kind, caring and a lovely lady - she will be missed, you have my condolences?

January 17 at 10:47 AM



TK

Tony Koors lit a candle in honor of Louella.

Great lady, very sorry for your loss, God Bless.

January 17 at 7:19 AM



JJ

Joanne Janzaruk posted:

What a great gal !! Joanne Janzaruk

January 17 at 7:12 AM

LD

L. Dierckman posted:

There was and will likely never be a more genuinely caring and positive person for all of us blessed to spend time with Mrs. Voegele. Our hearts go out to Lou's family and countless friends in this sad period.

January 17 at 6:41 AM



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AE

Audrey Elliott posted:

Sorry to hear of Lou's passing. Sure do remember many a crazy time with the girls from the class of 1956 while I was a year younger at the BHS. Remember walking down Pearl Street with around 6 or 8 of us young ladies singing songs arm and arm. Many a good time with that group from the class of 1956. Rest in peace Lou.

January 17 at 6:40 AM

TG

Terri Gardner posted:

So sorry for your loss. Lou will leave a void that will not be filled. Amazing, kind, energetic gal. When you ran into her, she always had a moment to ask about you and your children. Your memories will turn into treasures. Terri Gardner

January 17 at 12:27 AM

LP

Lola Paras posted:

Lou was an amazing woman that had a smile that enriched every heart. She always made one feel special and loved with her caring words. Thanks for making others believe and giving encouragement when needed. She will be missed.

January 16 at 6:09 PM

CD

Carleen Delap posted:

Lou rented my son his first apartment in Batesville. She was very kind and always checking in on him. She was a firecracker. RIP Lou.

January 16 at 6:01 PM

CV

Cindy Volk posted:

Lou was a favorite teacher of many, including myself! Her positive attitude, extraordinary energy and endless smile was some of her many qualities! We were also in the local Ecumenical Choir together for many years. She always had a love for music and when she became a resident at St Andrews, I wanted to bring that joy back again to the residents and her by music ministry with them! She would chime in with some of the well known Christian songs and we had a great time honoring God in this way! It was a priceless, precious moment, to see her BIG smile as we sang together the last years of her life! My sincere, deepest sympathy to all the family. Cindy Volk and family

January 16 at 5:40 PM



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DB

Diena Schone Beyer posted:

Such a wonderful lady. A great friend to my mother. She was always happy and so caring. I know she will be missed by many. May her family find comfort in all their special memories.

January 16 at 5:22 PM

TC

Teri Dreyer Coleman posted:

Now this is the strongest, most upbeat, hardworking, passionate, sincere and loving person I have ever had the blessing to know. Lou Lou we miss you already! I will never forget you! I love you lady! Do you want some Cherry Cheesecake up there sweetie? Thank you for all you have taught me in life!! You are the best!! You were more than my teacher, you were my friend!!

January 16 at 2:59 PM

DF

Detrie Franks posted:

Always friendly to us at family functions and KofC!

January 16 at 2:55 PM

GT

Gail L M Timonera posted:

Without a doubt, a life so well lived! A positive energetic spirit which impacted so many lives. Thank you Lou! Rest in peace! "Well done my good and faithful one!" Mathew 25:23. With sympathy, The Timoneras

January 16 at 1:46 PM

PG

Pam Gerdowsky posted:

Lou was a very friendly lady who was always there for others. She would always find time to talk to my son Chad and remarked on how well he did at church since he is blind. She was very caring about others and was doing a lot for her pride and joy the town of Batesville! God has a special angel to look down on us now. Pam Gerdowsky

January 16 at 12:37 PM



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NR

Ned And Mary Rogers lit a candle in honor of Louella.

Lou was a powerhouse. I'm thankful we lived in Batesville during her lifetime. We'll never be the same, nor will Batesville. We'll see her again.

January 16 at 12:31 PM



TA

Tami posted:

My fondest memory of Lou is her strength and life ving kindness she shared with us while my mother was sick. My mom and Lou were 1st cousins and she came running when we needed her. My life is filled with so many wonderful memories of Lou. She was such a a huge part of my life growing up. She was a beautiful presence and always there when we needed her. Thank you Lou Lou for your love and kindness you shared with so many. I know you and mom and the rest of our family are celebrating right now. Rest in God's wonderful peace my sweet Lou Lou!

January 16 at 12:14 PM

AS

Adam Springmeyer posted:

I had her for my PE and health teacher my sophomore year just before she retired! She was an awesome teacher! She always had candy bars for sale, and talked about her Rainbow Vacuum system. Her teaching was fantastic!

January 16 at 11:25 AM

PB

Patricia Brinkmoeller posted:

I met Lou in college at Indiana State. She was. Good friend for many years. We shared fun times with our boys playing football! She was admired by many for her creativity and hard work a very special person!!

January 16 at 11:09 AM



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CT

Connie Thornsberry posted:

Lou was my class sponsor of the class of 89. We just had our 35 th reunion and everyone asked about Lou. She knew my Aunt Connie and I had her as a health and Physical Education teacher. I am heartbroken to hear of her passing. She was a very great Lady! My favorite memory of Lou was being invited to her wedding anniversary. She had a wonderful and very funny picture of her and George skinny dipping! That Crazy Lou! She made the world a better place just by being in it! Love and tenderness to her family in this very difficult time. Prayers and thoughts to you all who knew and loved her! Connie Thornsberry 2707 Iowa Ave Connersville

January 16 at 9:55 AM

MM

Michele McGill posted:

What an amazing woman! Praying for peace and comfort for the family. Mike and Michele McGill

January 16 at 9:25 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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