



Mary Louise Dankesreiter

November 18, 1936 - May 21, 2026

Mary Lou Dankesreiter, a cherished member of the Pilot Point community, passed away peacefully on May 21, 2026, at the age of 89. Born on November 18, 1936, in Pilot Point, Texas, Mary lived a life rooted in faith, family, service, and love.

Mary was a devoted mother, grandmother, sister, and friend whose vibrant spirit and unwavering faith touched countless lives. She built a successful career as a supervisor at Russell Newman and later served as office manager at Axtell Pharmacy, where she was known for her dedication and strong work ethic.

Her faith was the foundation of her life. As a longtime member of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Mary faithfully served as a Eucharistic Minister and Lector. She lovingly dedicated her talents to the church by crafting altar linens and priest vestments and was an active member of the Ladies of St. Thomas. Mary had a gift for creativity and found great joy in quilting, needlepoint, knitting, and sewing. She was especially known for her talent in altering wedding and prom dresses, generously sharing her skills with family, friends, and members of the community. One of the greatest joys of her life was spending time with her granddaughters, Victoria Hall and Amalia Lawrence, teaching them to cook, sew, and appreciate the importance of family traditions. She also enjoyed visiting the casinos, something that brought her much enjoyment through the years.

Mary is survived by her son, Stephen Dankesreiter and husband Brian

Johnson of Dallas, Texas; her daughter, Angela Ballard and husband Gary Ballard of Pilot Point, Texas; her brother, Harold Schon of Aubrey, Texas; her sisters, Geraldine Knuckles of Dallas, Texas, and Carolyn Huschke of Pilot Point, Texas; her granddaughters, Amalia Lawrence and husband Samuel Lawrence, and Victoria Hall and husband Caleb Hall; and her great grandchildren Daniel and Theodore Lawrence.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Walter Dankesreiter; her parents, Lewis Schon and Laura Schoepner; her daughter, Brenda Dankesreiter; and her sister, Clara Schon.

Mary will be remembered for her generous heart, steadfast faith, and the love and warmth she shared with everyone she met. Her legacy lives on in the lives she touched and the family traditions she lovingly passed down through generations.

A Rosary and visitation service will be held on Sunday, May 31, 2026, at 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. at Slay Memorial Funeral Center. Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, June 1, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church. Mary will be laid to rest at St. Thomas Cemetery.

Online condolences may be shared at www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com
Arrangements are under the direction of Terri Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

Cemetery Details

Saint Thomas Cemetery

400 Saint Thomas Aquinas Ave.
Pilot Point, TX 76258

Previous Events

Rosary

MAY 31. 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

Slay Memorial Funeral Center
400 S Highway 377
Aubrey, TX 76227
(940) 365-7529
info@slaymemorial.com
<https://www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com/>

Mass

JUN 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
400 St Thomas Aquinas Ave
Pilot Point, TX 76258

Tribute Wall

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“ Lived across the street from Mary Lou and Walter for years. Loved this beautiful lady. So sorry to hear this . RiP sweet lady you will be missed. Phyllis Broomfield

Phyllis Broomfield - May 31 at 09:29 PM

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“ Condolences to all 🙏

Linda Huschke Evans - May 23 at 07:17 PM

JJ

“ Beautiful, wonderful lady. 💔

Jackie Jenkins - May 22 at 07:37 PM