

Mary Lou Rosales
Community Advocate
Inducted into Hall of Fame October 18, 2013

Mary Lou was born in Tucson, AZ to Luis Maria and Maria Dolores Rosales, one of ten children. She attended Eloy Elementary Schools and Santa Cruz Valley Union High School.

When a medical procedure prevented her from attending school, Mr. John Berryhill, Superintendent, provided for remote transmission from her classes that enabled Mary Lou to excel academically.

She went on to participate in several school clubs and organizations. Her outgoing personality won her the title of "Miss Whirlwind" in 1967 while her academic accomplishments earned membership in the National Honor Society.

Mary Lou attended the University of Arizona before returning to Eloy to start her many years of community service. She worked as Eloy Enterprise Women's editor before moving over to Central Arizona Association of Governments, and eventually Community Action Human Resources Agency (CAHRA) where she was instrumental in finding grant funding for programs to improve the lives of low-income and disadvantaged Pinal County residents.

Despite her demanding career demands, Mary Lou found time to serve as a 4-H Leader and a Youth Minister for St. Helen of the Cross Catholic Church for over 25 years, She was an officer in both the Honorable Junta Patriotica and the subsequent Corazon De Latinos Unidos (organizations that sponsor the Eloy Fiestas), the Pinal Hispanic Council, and the Arizona Community Action Association.

For her years of dedication to community service, Mary Lou was recognized as the Eloy Good Neighbor of the Year in 1976; a Congressional Certificate of Honor from US Congressman Rick Renzi; recognition from Governor Jane Hull for work with AZ Governor's Council Against Hunger; and Valle de Sol Profiles of Success Special Recognition, 2005.