

MARY LOUISE GIORGIONE



Mrs. Mary Louise Giorgione, of Salisbury, Maryland, passed peacefully with the love and warmth of family surrounding her on February 23, 2024, at the proud age of 88. Born on May 14, 1935, in Pittsburgh, PA, she is the daughter of Philip and Sandra Mastromonaco. Mary Lou, also known as Lu and LuLu, was named after her father's mother who lived her entire life in Italy.

Mary Lou and her beloved older brother, Ralph, and feisty younger sister, JoAnne, were raised in the Tacoma Street neighborhood of Pittsburgh. A precocious and clever middle child, she often instigated jokes and pranks on Ralph, JoAnne, and her friends. She attended Mother of Good Council elementary school and though a natural left-handed person, she learned to write right-handed and developed beautiful and flowing penmanship that was easily recognized on cards and letters throughout her life. A few blocks away on Tioga Street she met a 13-year-old boy, part of their neighborhood friend group. She and this young man, Anthony "Tony" Giorgione, attended Westinghouse High School. After Tony graduated from the Univ. of Pittsburgh, they exchanged vows on October 6, 1956, and spent 67 married years together. From that day on, their song was "Unforgettable" which spoke to their love and devotion to each other and their family.

As Mary Lou recently wrote in a memoir, her best childhood memories were on Sundays at her grandmother's house where the food was always tasty and bountiful and the conversations loud and fun among adults and children. Most enjoyable were endless games of cards where the common, yet never believed, complaint was always "I was dealt lousy cards!"

Mary Lou is survived by her husband, Tony; daughter LuAnne Giorgione, son Philip and DIL Donna (McGee) Giorgione, son Michael and DIL Michele (Statnick) Giorgione, and SIL Dwight Miller; granddaughters Briana Giorgione, Rynne Giorgione, and Michaela Miller; grandson Miles Giorgione and fiancée Kiley Bennetts, and grandson Lucas Miller.

Mary Lou had special relationships with all her aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, children and grandchildren. Though she loved to tell stories, she was also a great listener and was often the quiet, understanding person on the phone who was there for anyone in need.

Mary Lou and Tony lived in Lake Charles, LA, Dallas, TX, Venezuela, Pittsburgh PA, Anchorage AK, Moraga CA, Denver CO, Houston TX, Greenville SC, and Salisbury MD. Through the many relocations and neighborhoods, they cherished dear and lifelong friends and were always grateful for the dinners, travels, and laughs shared together. Accompanying Tony's principal career in the oil industry, Mary Lou was an impressive interior decorator and always had a sharp eye and taste for style and color. She brought many rooms and homes to life with a beautiful and classy style and was always a great help to her children in decorating their own homes.

While Mary Lou could easily adorn any room in a house, she could also decorate her family with a sharp comment, a kind compliment, and those always-telling eyes that needed no words. She was genuine, believed in herself, and admired those who lived the same without any pretense.

Mary Lou and Tony enjoyed many things in life including dancing, golfing (she shot a hole-in-one before Tony!), cards and games, and always a lively happy hour.

Of the many things Mary Lou loved in life, she was happiest with her grandchildren. Each granddaughter and grandson have their own moments and stories where Mama touched them in a supportive, funny, or troublemaking way with their parents. These times became her most often retold and cherished memories.

Visitation will be held on March 10, 2024, from 1-3 pm and 4-6 pm at the **JOBE FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY, INC. (MONROEVILLE/PLUM CHAPEL)**, 445 Beatty Road, Monroeville (412-856-4747). Mass of Christian Burial will be offered on March 11, 2024, at 10 am at Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church, 4202 Old William Penn Highway, Murrysville, PA. Following the service, burial will be held at Good Shepherd Cemetery, 733 Patton Street, Monroeville, PA.

In lieu of flowers, the family appreciates donations to any foundation supporting kidney care and transplants. Mary Lou was blessed to receive a donor kidney in 2011 which gave her many more years of health and happiness to spend with her family and friends.

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