

MARY LOUISE "MEMA" FRAZEE



Age 98, of Myrtle Beach, passed away after a full and abundant life on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 with her family holding her hand by her side. She is survived by her loving daughter, Julie (Ken) Steidl; her grandchildren, Nicholas Steidl, Abby Steidl-Lorenzi (Andrew), and Caroline (Justin) Giel; and her sister-in-law and best friend, Mary Ellen Wallace. She is preceded in death by her

husband, Russell Frazee; her daughter, Louise Frazee; two brothers and a sister. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Mary Lou graduated from Langley High School and was first in her class. She met her beloved husband, Russell, in 1945 in Erie, Pennsylvania while working as a hostess. She then went on to attend Chatham College formerly Pennsylvania's College for Women and received her Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry. They got married in 1948. Russell and Mary Lou helped each other to both finish their undergraduate degrees. She worked while he finished, and he worked while she finished. Mary Lou received her Master's Degree in Information Sciences from the University of Pittsburgh. She also attended two years of Duquesne Law School. Mary Lou was a smart, educated, self-disciplined woman to show others in her family that anything is possible.

Mary Lou worked for many large firms throughout her career. She worked for Koppers, Gulf Oil, Bettis Atomic Laboratory, and transferred to Charleston, South Carolina to work on The Moord Training Ship (a U.S. Navy Nuclear Powered Submarine), where she had to get multiple FBI clearances periodically throughout her employment. Mary Lou was a dedicated, hard-working, professional woman, and for women of her generation, this was unheard of. Mary Lou was leading the way for other women in generations to come. A true trailblazer before there were trailblazers.

Mary Lou was very patriotic and had a true love for her country and especially the U.S. Navy that was undeniable. She had a passion for history. She was the family's historian and had a very sharp memory. Mary Lou lived in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, but her true home was always Pittsburgh. She enjoyed coming home to visit her grandchildren. She would always make their favorite home-style vegetable soup. She always taught her children and grandchildren to always give back and believed in leaving the world a little better than when you first started. Mary Lou was a woman of strong Christian faith. She believed when you are absent from the body you are in the presence of the LORD. 'Well done, good and faithful servant!'

The family of Mary Lou would like to thank the staff of Gallagher Hospice for all of the care given to both Mary Lou and her family over the last year.

Funeral arrangements by **BEINHAUERS**. Friends and family are welcome at 2828 Washington Rd. McMurray on Saturday, August 31, 2024, 10AM until time of memorial service at 12PM. Family welcomes flowers or memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, stjude.org.

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