



Mary Lou Wilkerson

May 31, 2020

Mary Lou Wilkerson of Willow Street passed away on Sunday, May 31, 2020, at Moravian Manor, Lititz. She was 86. She was the beloved wife of Benjamin Wilkerson for 48 years prior to his death in 2005.

Born in Lancaster, Mary Lou was the daughter of late Joseph F. Keemer and Virginia Carter Keemer.

Mary Lou is survived by her sons, Mark Wilkerson (Elena), of Lititz and Mathew Wilkerson of Lancaster; granddaughter, Sarah Rodela (Raymond) and great grandchildren, Lillian and Benjamin, of Terrell, Texas; sisters, Beatrice Armer (Paul), Quarryville, and Mabel Willing, Warminster and brother, Joseph F. Keemer, Lancaster. Mary Lou leaves behind many beloved nieces, nephews, friends and extended family members.

Mary Lou graduated from East Lampeter Township High school and while a student developed a love of photography and could be found at many school events taking photos which she happily shared with others. Upon graduation, she got a job at a photoshop in Lancaster to continue her love of photography. While there, she met her future husband, Ben Wilkerson, who later bought and operated Coe Camera Shop.

Mary Lou loved her role as wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, sister, and friend

and looked forward to any occasion visiting with family and friends. She also loved gardening and spent many happy hours working in her garden. Travel was another favorite activity that she shared with her husband and they enjoyed many travel adventures.

Due to the pandemic situation, a Celebration to honor Mary Lou's life will be held at a later date. Donations in her honor can be made to one of her favorite foundations: Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation, 103 Vision Way, Bloomfield, Connecticut 06002.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Lou Wilkerson*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Mary Lou was one the most gracious and considerate people that I have ever crossed paths with, as was Ben.*

Condolences to Mark and Matt. You were lucky to have had such great parents.

Michael Dyer

michael dyer - June 09, 2020 at 12:57 PM



“ *About two weeks ago when we were out for a walk, my mom and I were talking about your mom, Mary Lou. What a special lady who helped to create so many happy memories! They include Tony the donkey, Trixie the dog, the trick or treat nights and the candy apples she gave out, the ginger bread men at Christmas, sledding down the hill in front of the house and the hand crafted pottery. I remember one piece of pottery in particular that said "We grow old too soon and smart too late." Oh how true. And then there was her green thumb!*

The photo you chose for her obituary captures her true personality; warm, welcoming and always a pleasant smile. May she be at peace. I speak for myself, and for my mom, offering sincere condolences and sympathy. She will be missed.

Lou Jackubowski

Louis Jackubowski - June 08, 2020 at 10:12 PM

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“ Our sympathies to the entire family, specially Mark. and Matt. It was great having you guys as neighbors in the lane. Mary Lou and I named the lane Bunny Lane! We liked all the rabbits here. God Bless. Barry& Sara Bigler

Barry&Sara - June 07, 2020 at 08:58 AM

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“ We always looked forward to going to see Mary Lou and Ben. Much laughter and warm, generous hospitality were guaranteed. Mary Lou was so creative - her photography, her garden, her cooking! Your gentle soul will be missed, Lou. Say hello to mom and dad for us - and, of course, dear Ben. Love, Kathy, Sheila and Christine Dulaney

Kathy Dulaney Kyriakou - June 05, 2020 at 11:03 AM