



## Mary Lou Frantz

September 11, 1938 - May 5, 2020

Mary Lou was born on September 11, 1938, in Miami, Florida, the first daughter of the late George F Ivey, Jr and Mildred Ivey Buckley. She passed away peacefully at home on May 5, 2020 in Syracuse NY.

She was predeceased by her husband, Girard “Dan” Wooley; two of her daughters, Catherine Brown and Jean Marie Anice “Annie” Chavers, (Tim).

She is survived by her children, John F. (Laura) Frantz, Andrew T. Frantz, and Rachel E. Frantz; 12 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren, with another one on the way; two sisters, Jean Hodgins and Susan (Phil) Ficks; brother, George William “Bill” (Marybeth) Ivey.

Mary Lou graduated in 1958 from St. Petersburg Junior College with an A.A. degree. She graduated in 1975, with honors, from Syracuse University, with a B.S. degree in Theatre Arts. She received the Sawyer Falk Award for all-around excellence in Theatre.

For many years in Syracuse, Mary Lou was involved in community activities. She was the first woman to be elected President of the Collie Club of CNY, and was a member of the Salt City Cat Club. She worked with the Humane Association of CNY and Councilmen O’Neill and Murray to provide the model for the Animal Control legislation in the city, giving Syracuse a Leash Law and served as a member of the Mayor’s Animal Control Board.

Mary Lou loved animals and throughout much of her life, she owned and showed Siamese and Persian cats and Collie and Boxer dogs. Mary Lou was also very active in Theatre and Arts. She was one of the few female members, in the 1970’s-early1980’s, of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (I.A.T.S.E.), Local Nine. She served at various times as a Theatre Technician, Sound Designer, Stage Manager, Assistant Director and as an Assistant Manager for the Syracuse Stage, Opera Theatre of Syracuse, School for the Arts, Contemporary Theatre of Syracuse and the Cultural Resources Council of the Metropolitan School for the Arts. She moved to Clearwater, FL

in 1981, to develop, implement and run the Educational program for PACT, Inc at Ruth Eckerd Hall. In 1988, she married Girard “Dan” Wooley and retired to devote more time to their personal lives.

Her quest for knowledge never stopped. Mary Lou took on a new avocation - sewing and design. She began working part-time in a store which sold high-end sewing machines and exclusive materials. When Dan retired in 1995, they moved back to Syracuse to be near family. I know, it’s not often people retire in Florida and move to Syracuse NY, but they did. It was their little joke. She imparted her knowledge and love of gardening, cooking, arts, crafts and music; her love of all things flora and fauna, and her expertise in sewing and design to any member of her family who wanted to know more and enhance their own experience.

For the past year, and up until the last month before her death, she was taking an on-line course in Spanish so she could converse with two of her granddaughters who are fluent in Spanish. Mary Lou felt, you’re never too old to learn; and she practiced what she preached. In mid-May, the immediate family held a small memorial via Zoom. Sometime in the future a celebration of her life will be held for family and friends.

In Mary Lou’s memory, if you wish, you may send a donation to Grace Episcopal Church, 819 Madison Ave, Syracuse NY, the “Seniors on the Go” club of the Mount Carmel 7th-Day Adventist Church, Post Office Box 88, Syracuse NY, or to the Food Bank or Salvation Army of CNY.

# Comments

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“ Mary Lou will be missed from the Mount Carmel Seventh Day Adventist Senior Group. She was a very dedicated and lovely person to all of us. She was most definitely " A Senior on the Move"! She will be fondly remembered and loved.



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