



Mary Lou Oliver

January 26, 1931 - March 17, 2006

Mary Lou (Priestley) Oliver passed away on March 17th, 2006 at the North Fulton Regional Hospital in Alpharetta, Georgia after suffering from a stroke. Born January 26, 1931 in Madison, WV, she was the third of five daughters of the late Elwood C. Priestley and Margaret (Ball) Priestley. Mary Lou was a graduate of The Salem Academy, Winston Salem, NC and The University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY where she was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority. A lifelong Wildcat fan, Mary Lou could be heard yelling "Go Big Blue" in the emergency room upon her entry to the hospital. Mary Lou was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Judy Clayton and Margie Weaver. She is survived by her three sons, Charles P. Oliver, Sr., Marietta, GA, David M. Oliver, Jesup, GA and Thomas B. Oliver, Beverly MA. 8 Grandchildren and one Great Grand child as well as her sisters Betty Holland and Jonnie Green, both of Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Mary Lou grew up in Madison, WV and began her family in Hamlin, WV. In 1966, she and her husband Kenneth moved to Frankfort, KY where she raised her three sons and was an active member of both the First Baptist Church and The Frankfort Garden Club. She helped raise funds for many civic projects and was instrumental in fundraising for the "New" YMCA at Capital Plaza. She kept score at swim meets all over the state and was an elegant hostess. Upon her divorce, she moved to Hilton Head SC where she lived the last 20 years of her life. In Hilton Head, she was a friend to many at the nursing home where she would pick up her "Little Old Ladies" and drive them on errands. She loved the

natural beauty of the low country, the Spanish moss, the marshes and the beauty of a sunset over the Calibougie Sound. In honoring Mary Lou's life, services will be held at the following locations and times:

Thursday March 30th Hilton Head, SC – The family will be having a day at the beach followed by a memorial ceremony on the beach at 6:00PM. on the public beach area near Coligny Plaza.

Friday March 31st Frankfort, KY. – Memorial Service at 6:00PM at the Frankfort First Baptist Church, 201 St. Clair St. Frankfort, KY 40601 followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall.

Saturday April 1st. Madison / Hamlin WV – Graveside service at 4:00PM at the Boone Memorial Gardens in Madison followed by a reception at the Lincoln Primary Care Center/ Wellness Center 7400 Lynn Ave. Hamlin, WV 25523.

Flowers are welcome at the First Baptist Church, 201 St. Clair Street, Frankfort, KY 40601. Please consider sharing your memories of Mary Lou by signing in to her guestbook at the website www.northsidechapel.com

Previous Events

Service

JAN 1. 12:00 AM.

Cremation - No local services

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Lou Oliver*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Mary Lou was the first to befriend me at a Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumni get-together on Hilton Head Island in 1984. Soon thereafter, she sold me a house. She was always so friendly and vivacious. We remained friends until we unfortunately lost touch when loved away. I have thought of her through the years and decided today to "google" her, only to learn sadly that she passed away 13 long years ago! Sweet memories...*

Ann Miller Bowen - July 11, 2019 at 02:54 PM



“ *Bart and Mary - We pray that you'll find peace knowing that Mary Lou has reached her eternal reward with the risen Lord.*

Neil and Julie

A donation in Mary Lou's name has been made to St John the Evangelist School.##imported-begin##Neil and Julie Corcoran##imported-end##

April 22, 2006 at 08:48 AM



“ For every Priestley child, there was a Meadow to match. Mary Lou and I played together daily as children in Madison, WV. Once, she decided to show me how she batted a baseball, and knocked a glass pane out of our front door. That was one of the antics we came up with as we were either at her house or mine. We went through nine years of school together until she left for her sophomore year on at Winston Salem, NC. We kept in touch by writing letters. My fondest memories were of us walking home with other friends from Scott High School, stopping at the town drug store for a soda, and then hanging out on the corner of Jackson Avenue (her street) and Second Street (my street), giggling and talking about our day at school. She will be dearly missed.
Mary Evelyn (Meadows) Abbott###imported-begin###Mary Evelyn (Meadows) Abbott###imported-end###

March 31, 2006 at 11:51 AM



“ I have fond memories of Mary Lou on her visits to Massachusetts. We use to have a grand 'ol time running around the North Shore. I'll miss our trips to the music theater and talking about our grand kids. My love the the family.
God Bless. - Ann###imported-begin###Ann Corcoran###imported-end###

March 30, 2006 at 06:47 PM



“ We'll always remember laughing with Mary Lou when she was up here visting Bart & Mary. I think she liked us even though we're "Yankees". Our best to the whole family, we will miss her very much.###imported-begin###Sean & Amanda Corcoran###imported-end###

March 30, 2006 at 06:38 PM



“ Condolences from the members of Hilton Head Island Alumnae Association.##imported-begin##Kay Naumann, President##imported-end##

March 30, 2006 at 05:37 PM



“ Boys, I met your Mom when she came to UK...loved her then and have all the years. She could always inspire a smile or a laugh with her winning ways. She was a good Mom and she taught you all well. Laura was the closest of the girls to you boys...she said to pass along her condolences. One thing I remember was when she had us for bridge and served us tomato aspic for lunch. I'd always passed on it before, but thought it would be too rude to not try it. Guess what??..it was great!!!Made me a fan!! Will see you in Frankfort.##imported-begin##Mary Anna Watson##imported-end##

March 29, 2006 at 08:02 PM



“ Chuck,David & Bart,I'm so sorry to hear about your Mother's passing. I had lost contact with her after she left Frankfort, but I have fond memories of our lives in the 60's when we were neighbors and you all were small. My son, Bobby, had such fun with you, David & Bart, as you all were close in age. One of the funniest memories I have is when your Mother had to hose the mud off of you 3 on her patio after you slid down the hillside after the rain. Your Mother was a wonderful person and always smiling that big smile of hers. I'm sorry that I will be unable to attend the memorial service here in Frankfort, but you all will be in my prayers and thoughts.##imported-begin##Joyce Bond Hazelwood##imported-end##

March 28, 2006 at 07:31 PM



“ Chuck & family you have our deepest sympathy. We enjoyed your Mother's delightful tours of HH that she would narrate for us. She was also the greatest UK fan we ever knew!! She probably has organized a UK rally !! We will miss her. Love, Georgia & Tom##imported-begin##Georgia & Tom Dunbar##imported-end##

March 28, 2006 at 06:42 PM



“ Julie Wheat and I were just reminiscing about our good friend Mary Lou and the many fun times we have had through the years. We both loved her and we will miss her. I am sorry I will be unable to attend the memorial here in Frankfort as I will be taking spring break with the grandchildren. My thoughts are with you boys. You were good sons.##imported-begin##Mildred Browning Frankfort##imported-end##

March 28, 2006 at 09:38 AM



“ I'm not sure if you'll remember me but I'll never forget you all. Your mother was very special. She was so vivacious! I'll keep each of you and your families in my prayers.##imported-begin##Kim Tillet##imported-end##

March 27, 2006 at 01:54 PM



“*Mary Lou was a great person and friend to all at First Baptist and others in Frankfort. She always had a smile and loved her boys more than life. I have always loved them and appreciate her raising such good sons. I'll always remember her beautiful personality and family.##imported-begin##Jo Ann and Mel Jenkins--Frankfort, Ky.##imported-end##*

March 26, 2006 at 09:02 PM



“ Boys,
I'm so saddened to read of your loss.

Mary Lou was a vivacious, happy, young mother when I knew her in Hamlin. She loved you so much. She was full of life and lived it fully.

You were about the ages of our first two children, John (b. 1960) and Jenny (b. 1963). You three boys loved the pool at Hamlin and we met you there frequently.

Mary Lou and Ken would come to parties at our house at West Hamlin with Jack and Penny Stevens, Tom and Peg Lageman and other friends. Your parents were always the life of the party. Before they left our house to drive across the West Hamlin hill to your home, your mother would always say to me, "If anything happens to us, would you take care of my boys?"

Although we lost contact with you sometime after you moved to KY, I've thought of you often through the years.

We moved to Summerville, SC in 1985. My husband, John, passed away in 1989, a few days after Hurricane Hugo hit Charleston. I still live in Summerville. Jenny and her family live a few blocks from me. John and his family live in Staunton, VA and our youngest child, Jason, lives in Baltimore.

Knowing your mother was a pleasure.

I know she will always be watching over her boys.

You are in my thoughts and prayers,

Jane Hart###imported-begin###Jane Hart (Mrs. John Hart)###imported-end###

March 26, 2006 at 12:21 PM



“ Dear Mary Lou, how you delighted all who knew you. What a treasure of a friend, a smile on your darling face, a hand to help, a shoulder to cry on. I know you are with all my very own loved ones today, and I know you all had a great reunion. I love you ML. And I'll miss you forever.

Karen, Andy's ^^ mom

Pat's ^^ daughter##imported-begin##Karen Anderson, Andy's ^^ mom##imported-end##

March 26, 2006 at 08:17 AM



“ Chuck,
My thoughts are with you and your family.

Pete Colie##imported-begin##Pete Colie##imported-end##

March 22, 2006 at 04:59 PM



“ Chuck,

I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Karen Pilcher##imported-begin##Karen Pilcher##imported-end##

March 21, 2006 at 04:31 PM