



Mary Lou Kershisnik

January 28, 1930 - June 1, 2018

Mary Lou (Jorgenson) Kershisnik, age 88, passed away peacefully on June 1, 2018 at Columbine Commons Health & Rehabilitation Center, Windsor, CO surrounded by loved ones. Mary Lou was born in Minneapolis, MN on January 28, 1930. She and her family moved to Rock Springs, WY when she was two years old. She graduated from Rock Springs High School and earned her Associates Degree in Education at the University of Denver where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi Sorority. She returned to Rock Springs and taught school at Yellowstone Elementary School for one year when she met the love of her life, Frank T. Kershisnik. She and Frank were married on June 17, 1951 in Rock Springs where they raised four children. After starting a family, Mary Lou substitute taught in Rock Springs for many years prior to teaching 4th grade at Saints Cyril and Methodius Catholic School. At the age of 47 Mary Lou completed her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education at the University of Wyoming. Following her graduation she taught 4th and 5th grades for 10 years at Lincoln and Yellowstone Elementary Schools until her retirement in 1987. Mary Lou was an avid Wyoming history researcher which she incorporated into her class lessons. Lessons included field trips to South Pass City, WY and Fort Bridger, WY. After Frank's death, Mary Lou spent 14 years living near her family in Littleton, CO. Mary Lou moved to Fort Collins, CO and later Windsor, CO to be close to her daughter, Lynne.

Mary Lou was a member of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Rock

Springs, Light of the World Catholic Church in Littleton, CO, PEO Chapter AE and served 2 terms on the University of Wyoming Alumni Association Board of Directors. Mary Lou was known for her devotion to her family, unconditional love, generosity, passion for teaching, the ability to make friends wherever she went and her remarkable sense of style. She was an avid golfer (having shot two holes in one) and enjoyed travel, spending time with family and friends at the family cabin in Bear Lake, UT, bridge, bingo and shopping.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter C. and Audrey M. (Brennan) Jorgenson; brother, Walter Jorgenson; sister, Barbara Murray; husband of 49 years, Frank T. Kershisnik; and son, Thomas F. Kershisnik. She is survived by her daughter, Lynne M. (Bill) Thomas of Windsor, CO; sons, Mark C. (Susan) Kershisnik of Loveland, CO and Kevin M. (Rory Sheehan) Kershisnik of Los Angeles, CA; daughter-in-law, Colleen Kershisnik of Littleton, CO and sister, Carole Macy of Thornton, CO. She also leaves behind 8 grandchildren, one great-granddaughter and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Susan B. Komen Foundation, University of Wyoming Alumni Association or Rock Springs Holy Spirit Catholic School in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121, W. Oak, Fort Collins, CO 80524.

Special thanks is given to the staff of Columbine Commons Assisted Living/Health & Rehabilitation Center and Pathways Hospice (Fort Collins, CO).

A Rosary will be held at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 116 Broadway, Rock Springs, WY on Thursday, June 28, 2018 at 5:00 pm and a Mass of Christian Burial on Friday, June 29, 2018 at 2:00 pm at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church followed by inurnment at Rock Spring Municipal Cemetery.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Littleton, CO at a later date.

Cemetery Details

Rock Springs Municipal Cemetery

800 Thompson St
Rock Springs, WY

Previous Events

Rosary

JUN 28. 5:00 PM (MT)

Our Lady of Sorrow Catholic Church
116 Broadway
Rock Springs, WY

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 29. 2:00 PM (MT)

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