



Mary Louise Linton

May 4, 1929 - October 20, 2022

Mary Lou Linton, our beloved Aunt, passed away in Fort Collins, CO October 20, 2022.

She was born on May 4, 1929, in Racine, Wisconsin, to Fred and Isabel Linton. Wayne Linton was her older brother.

Mary Lou graduated from Washington Park High School in Racine. She earned her B.A. in Sociology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and her master's in social work at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Mary Lou began her career as a Policewoman in Madison. She was a field agent for the Wisconsin Division of Corrections in Stevens Point. Her next position was the Director of Children's Services in Wood County, Wisconsin. She moved to Milwaukee and was a consultant and Unit Supervisor for Milwaukee County. In 1970 she participated in the White House Conference on Children. She served on the Governor's Advocacy Committee on Children and Youth and The Governor's Council on Business and Education Partnerships. She owned and was the Director of Cedarcrest, Inc. a residential and day treatment program for emotionally disturbed girls. She was also part owner of the Mid-America Antique Center.

Mary Lou enjoyed traveling domestically and internationally, often with her cousin Nancy Slovachek. She enjoyed a neighborhood book club in Milwaukee. She was a Wisconsin Badger fan and Season ticket holder for the Packers.

Mary Lou moved to Fort Collins in 2004 to be closer to her brother and his family. She joined Newcomers, League of Women Voters. She also volunteered at the Larimer County Food Bank, 10,000 Villages and for the Democratic Party. She enjoyed being part of two book clubs and 'Small Change Group'.

Mary Lou's parents and brother preceded her in death. Her nephews Fred Linton and Robert Linton and her niece Ann Linton Scott survive her.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, November 13, 1:00pm at Bohlender Funeral Chapel.

Memorial donations may be made to plannedparenthood.org or foodbanklarimer.org.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **13**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel
121 W. Olive Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Tribute Wall

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“ It has been a blessing to me to have had the opportunity to come to know Mary Lou Linton in Fort Collins. I admired her many talents and contributions to our Book Club. Her pithy remarks summed up the stories as she truthfully gave her opinions or led the discussions. It is wonderful to know a person who has led such a full active life of service in her career and in the communities where she lived, including ours. She made her mark as a leader and will be missed.

Melba Treaster

Melba Treaster - November 14, 2022 at 10:49 AM

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“ Mary Lou was a powerful force, a person who left the world a better place, someone we laughed with and loved.. A contribution from the Milwaukee Read & Feed Book Club to Planned Parenthood was made in memory of Mary Lou. Terry Perry, Donna Brady, Patty Marchant, Lisa Schuldt, Gretchen Schuldt, Claudia Backus, Mary Hanin, Amy Silvers & Mary Trimmier

Mary Trimmier - November 11, 2022 at 09:33 AM



“ Mary Lou was a role model for me her love of travel, politics and reading were an inspiration. She will be missed by those of us she left in Milwaukee and her family and friends in Colorado. Donna Brady

Donna Brady - November 07, 2022 at 06:23 PM

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“ Mary Lou's memory will be held in great respect and affection by so many of her old friends in Milwaukee. Her intellect and wit left an indelible mark on all who were fortunate enough to know her. Hers was a well lived life of service to others and she will be long remembered for her many contributions to the betterment of society. Rest peacefully dear friend.

Gerry & Pat Broderick, Milwaukee, WI

Gerry & Pat Broderick - November 06, 2022 at 06:28 PM

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“ How I wish I were able to attend the services for Mary Lou. We were friends in Milwaukee for many years and served together on the Milwaukee County Personnel Review Board. Mary Lou was one of the smartest women I ever knew. We had so many laughs together and both shared the love of Democratic politics. Thank you for being a good friend and I will always remember you fondly.



Helen Dixon, Milwaukee, WI

Helen Dixon - November 05, 2022 at 07:36 PM

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“ I knew Mary Lou through a Bunko group. The first few times I met her I was intimidated because she made no bones about telling me to leave my pencil at the table and she watched me tallying points like a hawk! Once I got to know her better I saw the very large heart at the center of her "in charge" demeanor. I am happy I got to meet such a strong women and to learn that she did amazing things to help others.

Kim Miller, Fort Collins

Kim Miller - November 04, 2022 at 10:04 PM