



Mary Lou Kuhlman

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September 29, 1927 - September 23, 2013 Biography Mary Lou Kuhlman, 85 of Fort Collins Colorado passed away September 23, 2013. We take comfort in knowing she is now at peace. Mary Lou was born September 29, 1927 in Arapahoe, Nebraska to Harold Stewart Sr. and Phoebe Pruden Stewart. She was one of six children. Having lost her mother at a young age, she had nothing but the highest of praise for the great job her father did raising them. On April 26th, 1947 Mary Lou married Robert Kuhlman in Norton Kansas. Mary Lou spent most of her married life in Fort Collins, but in the first years of marriage, Roberts enlistment in the Navy, took them to Florida in 1951, for a few years. Marylou attended country school in Arapahoe. She graduated in Fort Collins Colorado, from Fort Collins High School. She retired from Hewlett Packard. She later worked at Clarks and Pats Hallmark. Mary Lou was a very versatile woman. She was not only the popcorn lady for Ault Auction house, but head of security as well. She volunteered at the Lincoln Center. She help with ballet counting at election time. Mary Lou attributed many of her outstanding qualities to and as a result of her father and her upbringing. She had strong principles and was a woman of immense integrity. There was a clear line between right and wrong, and you were not to cross it. She was proud and particular. She didn't believe in complaining, never broke a promise and always made sure you knew just how much she loved you. She had a heart big enough for everyone. Her fondness for and collection of windmills,

resulted from her childhood memories of the family farm and her fathers windmill. Her doll collection was the greatest. She however, wasn't very good at sharing her toys ! It was hands off, you could look, but don't touch. She was known to never raised her voice, but you knew when she meant business. You heeded her warnings, for she had eyes in the back of her head, and nothing got past her. Sometimes she'd mixed up names, we simply excused it, with the old slick, slim, snick, frank, saying, and move on. She had special names, for special people, like Tootie, pumpkin baby and baby doll. She loved to cook and bake. She always made enough to feed an army. You never went home empty handed. Her chocolate cake, chicken and biscuits, and homemade rolls, delicious and among some of her life long favorites to prepare, and ours to eat. She has an extensive recipe collection. You were luck, if she shared her secrete family receipts with you and don't bother asking, the grand dogs, they ain't telling. The tricks to making that perfect batch of Peanut brittle, divinity, fudge or that fall proof Angle food cake. Let's not forget, that hardy lemon meringue pie. Every birthday, to anywhere USA, via mail, it arrived. Grandma cared enough to send the very best. Mom loved helping in the garden and teaching the art of old school canning. Every spring she looked forward to visiting the local nurseries and picking out special flowers to plant. She laughed louder than most at a good joke, especially if she was the one telling it. She had a habit of locking her keys in the car, but she knew help was just a phone call away. She was the greatest beer buddy. She was the bell of the ball. The booty shop was always open for business, and maybe what influenced a little girls career path later in life. She loved her boys, all of them to no end. Family was the center of her universe. By chance you could be, but it was by choice, you became her friend. It seemed she knew just about everyone and her list of friends many. She looked forward to the breakfast and lunch gatherings, with the girls. She was a hard worker and didn't let any grass grow under her feet. She whistled while she worked and whistle she could. Gods choir will be enriched were sure. She will be greatly missed by many for certain. Our lives the richer because of her. Family She is survived

by her husband of 66 years, Robert Kuhlman of Fort Collins; sons, Steve Kuhlman Wanda of Fort Collins and Craig Kuhlman Kathy of Loveland; two grandchildren, Steve Kuhlman Jr. of Cranston Rhode Island and Dawn Kuhlman Suron of Loveland; two great grandchildren, Presley Hodges and Suron Alton Jr. of Loveland; a brother Harold Stewart Jr. of Geneva Nebraska; sisters-in-laws, Phyllis Garfield, Karen Jesser and Audrey Kuhlman; Brother in-law Paul Forman; numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and dear friends. She was preceded in death by: her parents, Harold and Phoebe Stewart, a daughter Elisabeth Ann Kuhlman, 3 sisters and brothers-in-laws; Esther Turek Joe, Ada Jean Hadley Harry, Sharon Barbur Charlie and a brother, Robert Stewart. Service Information Funeral Service will be held at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, October 1, 2013 At Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive St. Fort Collins Co. Interment following at Resthaven Memory Gardens, Garden of Victory. Treasures for the family to cherish. Please take a moment to leave a condolence and/or share your favorite memories of Mary Lou on line at: bohlenderfuneralchapel.com. Appreciation The family expresses their gratitude for the many Kindnesses evidenced in thought, deed & your presence, thank you!

Tribute Wall

JL

“ Craig & Kathy, We have eagerly anticipated that yummy peanut brittle every Christmas! What JOY your Mother has given to so many people that will live on & we will all be together forever someday. God Bless You With Peace Jim & Jan

Jim & Jan Law - November 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Mary Lou, God is with you. You are with my mom & dad. As we wish upon the stars, the moon will always shine upon us. The bells on your ears will always ring, especially at Christmas time. Your memory will always ring, in all our hearts. I love and miss you, xoxo Forever.

Peggy & Brent - October 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Bob and Family, You are in my thoughts at this difficult time. My deepest sympathy to you and you entire family.

Michael McNulty - October 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Craig & Kathy, May you find comfort in your many memories of your mother and all she meant to you. Sis, I know equally you will greatly miss your mother-in-law. Your picture show was a beautifully done tribute to her. My sincere sympathy to you both.

Michael McNulty - October 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Mary Lou, Peace be with you. You are now in God's hands and well again!

Daniel Harbaugh - October 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Mary Lou You gave to me a sand dollar. You inscribed it "Daughter-in-law by chance, friend by choice" I will miss you, my dear friend. You know, don't you. You now have the task, of carrying on Craig's Christmas tradition of Making peanut brittle for my mom. I know all the angles in heaven are about to get a whole lot sweeter. Love, Kathy

Kathy Kuhlman - October 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Mary Lou will be truly missed and when we want to hug her we'll hug one of her children and grandchildren a bit longer because they are a part of her. She will be dearly missed by so many who Loved her.

Don and Sandi Gleich - October 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Craig, The one who rocked you in the beginning, needed you most in the end. You were there with your tender and understanding heart. What a beautiful tribute to her... What pride in you, I know for certain your mom is feeling. Let that pride be a source of comfort in the days to come. My sincere sympathy, Love, Kathy

Kathy Kuhlman - October 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ Steve Jr., Dawn, Presley & Suron, When you lose someone you love, you gain an angel you know She is still watching over all of you. She will forever be a part of you. Our love and deepest sympathy, Uncle Craig & Aunt Kathy

Craig & Kathy Kuhlman - October 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Steve and Wanda, May your memories give you peace, comfort and guidance in the days to come. Your mom will truly be missed. Love & Sympathy, Kathy

Kathy Kuhlman - October 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ A wonderful lady and a wonderful friend. I so enjoyed working with Mary Lou at Clark's Hallmark and Pat's Hallmark. Her work ethic was a model for all who worked with her! We always enjoyed her sense of humor and her people skills. Most customers appeared to be her best friend. We had fun together at breakfasts and lunches. And wow how she could make wonderful candy for the holidays. I do believe she is dusting and putting things in order in heaven while whistling and singing. Rest in Peace dear friend. You will be in my heart forever.

Donna Rolston - October 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Dear Bob, Steve and Craig, My condolences in the loss of your wife and mom. I have many fond memories of her. She was a wonderful lady and a true friend. I can remember her whistling too while she worked and when she called you boys home when you were young. She will be missed by her family and friends. Rest in Peace Mary Lou. May you find peace knowing what a good person she was and your memories get you through these trying times. Love you.

Janine Osborn - October 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Mary Lou was a very special person to me. I first got to know her when she was at the Hallmark Store and worked with Donna Rolston. Our other friend Donna Vogt owned Kilwins and we started this little breakfast get together after they retired. What a wonderful time we would have at these breakfasts. I will treasure all these times we had as well as our holiday get togethers at Donna's house. Mary Lou was a special friend to me and I will never ever forget her. She was a very classy lady, made the best candies and treats and I loved her dearly. She is now in a more peaceful place and will be missed.

Dede Crabill - September 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FA

“ The Brethren of Fidelity Lodge #192 extends their most sincere condolence with your loss.

Fidelity Lodge #192, AF&AM - September 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Bob, Steve, Craig & Family, Mary Lou was one fine woman and I will always remember her!!! After all she pierced my ears in the kitchen with a potato and a needle! If it hadn't been for Mary Lou, my mom would never have gone for it! She was my moms best friend and now they can be together again, talking at the kitchen table...And...your mention of snick, slim, frank brought a tear!!! Your family was such a part of ours, growing up with 20 years of Thanksgivings with The Kuhlman's. I hope for you all, the peace in knowing that she is in a place of love and glory, and never a pain. Love and comfort to you all, Pam

Pam Stinson McBride - September 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Dear Craig, Kathy and Family, Praying that God's love, grace and comfort will surround you. In this time of sorrow, know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. In remembrance of your Mother, Leif

Leif Aadland - September 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ Steve, May our mother's life be honored by all she loved, cherished and gave. My deepest sympathy, Love Craig

Craig Kuhlman - September 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ Dad, "Those who have memories to cherish have love forever". May your heart be comforted by every moment you and mom spent together. Together we will make it through this difficult time. Our deepest Sympathy, Love Craig & Kathy

Craig & Kathy Kuhlman - September 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Dear Great Aunt Mary and Family, You will be greatly missed, I remember at Grandma and Grandpa Turek's how funny you always were. You would always make Joel and I giggle and look at each other because you were so quick witted, you had the best quirky looks and I always loved your stories. Its been told that I inherited your cleaning abilities, mom always tells me I clean like Aunt Mary, for that I am honored. I wish you peace and I will always remember you and love you. Kristin-Sandi's daughter.

Kristin and Phil Skorupa Wilson - September 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Uncle Craig and Aunt Kathy, we are sorry for your loss. Mary Lou was a great lady and so sweet. she will be missed and we know she has great company up there!! we love you guys and all the hard work you are doing to make everything go just right. Love; Desiree, Russell, Faith

Desiree Turner - September 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Steve and family~ We want to extend our sincere heartfelt condolences to you all for the loss of Mary Lou. We know you have a treasure box full of great memories. Wishing you all the best in celebrating her rich life and in mourning her passing. Blessings and prayers upon you all and may peace be with you. Blessed be~ Karen and Blake Morris

Karen Morris - September 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BU

“ I worked with Mary Lou for many years at HP. She was a joy to work with. I am sure you will miss her very much.

Bonnie Urban - September 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ So sorry we could not make the funeral but know you are in our thoughts and prayers. She was a very special lady and a great aunt. Always kept us laughing. She will be greatly missed.

Sandi & Lynn Wilson - September 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ Bob, Steve, Craig, and Family, Mary Lou was one of the dearest laidies we have ever known. Eating at Mary Lou's table was a joy...the food was great and she was always good for a laugh or two. She will be greatly missed. You all are in our thoughts.

Pam and Willa Laughlin - September 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Mary Lou was a truly great lady. She was as honest as the day is long and could be counted on to tell it like it was. She was a hard worker and always willing to extend a helping hand. I have never had a chocolate cake better than hers and doubt I ever will.

Brenda Martin - September 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ I feel blessed to have known this beautiful lady. She was a delight to be around. Those of us who were priveledged to be a part of her life loved her and miss her. She surlely has a beautiful pair of wings!!

Audrey Kuhlman - September 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Dear Bob, Steve, Craig and Families, I was so very saddened to hear of Mary Lou's recent passing. I was just thinking the other day that I needed to pick up the phone and call her as I have not talked to her in so long, I feel so bad that I didn't do that! I hope all of you know how much I loved your mom and how much I loved visiting with her in person or over the phone throughout the years. She was such a very special, sweet lady to me. She is someone that I will never ever forget...she was just such a dear! May God hold each and everyone of you in HIS arms during this most difficult time and grant each and everyone of you peace. With my deepest sympathy.
Linda Hansen

Linda Hansen - September 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GV

“ This space does not allow for all the fond and wonderful memories I have of Mary Lou. She was one of the kindest women I have ever known and with her loss goes a piece of my heart. I will always love her dearly and always remember the good times and fun we shared over the years. I am a far better person for having known her.

Georgeann Venis - September 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Dear Bob and Family, There are not enough words to say how much Mary Lou meant to me. She was a dear friend and I will never forget her. She was such fun to be around and loved life! I too am comforted to know that she is in a better place and I hope we will meet again some day. Love to you all and please say good bye for me.

LynnDee Aldrich - September 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM