



Mary Louise Pelz

July 28, 1935 - March 6, 2020

My sweet beautiful mom, Mary Lou, passed away yesterday afternoon peacefully and quietly while my wife, Jennifer, and I sat with her.

This past year has been a roller coaster of struggles with health, but it gave us time together that I will always cherish, because I was able to take good care of her like she's always done for me. We struggled and suffered together, but in between, we had a lot of laughs and tender moments. It makes me happy that I was able to show her how much I loved her and appreciated her.

While I can't help but feel sadness, I'm also celebrating how lucky I've been to have had the greatest mom in the world.

~Stan

Mary Louise Pelz, better known as Mary Lou or Loulou, 84, of Jacksonville, Florida, passed away on March 6, 2020 in Altamonte Springs, Florida, following a year-long battle with late stage COPD. A small family celebration-of-life gathering will take place at a later date.

Mary Lou was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on July 28, 1935 to parents George and Clara Stehlin. She grew up in Cincinnati, but spent most of her life in Jacksonville where she worked as an administrative assistant for Royal Services for 26 years and raised two loving sons, Stan and Vince.

Mary Lou enjoyed square dancing, playing Bunco, dining out with her friends, gardening, and volunteering at Baptist Memorial Hospital. She maintained many wonderful friendships throughout her life and enjoyed her time with friends and neighbors during her retirement years.

Mary Lou is survived by her son, Stan Pelz and his wife, Jennifer, Nate Pelz (grandson),

Bob Stehlin (brother), Joann Behr (sister), Laura Hiler and Christy Pierce (nieces), Doug Behr, Bob Stehlin, Jr., and Troy Stehlin (nephews), as well as many other special family and friends.

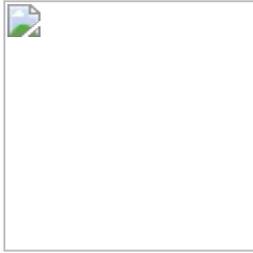
Mary Lou is preceded in death by her son, Vince Pelz and parents George and Clara Stehlin.

If you'd like to pay your respects, memorial donations may be given to the Jacksonville Humane Society, a charity Mary Lou proudly supported. The family of Mary Lou Pelz wishes to thank all of our friends and family for your loving support and for sharing your fond memories of Loulou. She cherished her friendships and family relationships, and over the past year, she often enjoyed reminiscing about fun times with all of you. Mary Lou was one of a kind and will truly be missed.

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“ A beautiful tribute to a beautiful person. Rest In Peace Mary Lou John and Lois Morrell

Lois Morrell - March 13, 2020 at 10:30 AM



“ Stan, your mom meant so much to the entire Patterson family. My favorite memory, and most lasting memory of your mom is the wonderful legacy of her bread that she so graciously shared with me. I will never forget the day, probably almost 35 years ago, when she knocked on our carport door, and offered a heavenly loaf of fresh baked sourdough bread. The door had barely closed behind her before the boys and I had polished off the entire loaf. She repeated this generous gesture for several weeks, before I realized that one loaf of bread was just not enough for us. She willingly shared some of her starter with me, and I started creating my own weekly loaves of bread. This continued for years, until I somehow forgot to feed it for a couple of weeks. I had shared the starter with a friend in Georgia, but she somehow had also let her starter die. But, she had shared her starter with her sister in Indiana. So....she retrieved some starter from Indiana, and I retrieved some from her in Georgia, and the starter is still happily bubbling along in my refrigerator. It produces three loaves of delicious bread every week, that I have been able to share with multitudes of friends and family through the years. What better gift could your mother have given me those many years ago? She is a hero to my family!!

She was such a good neighbor, and good person. She will be greatly missed!

Cindy - March 18, 2020 at 11:45 AM