



CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LOVE OF

Mary Lou Pleasants

November 1, 1934 - February 22, 2025

Mary Lou Pleasants was an exceptionally generous wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. A lover of all people, she found great happiness playing an active role in her community supporting the activities of her children. Mary Lou was loyal, fun-loving, organized, affectionate and enjoyed all the simplicities that life had to offer. Her quick wit and irreverent sense of humor brought light and laughter to any room. Blessed by her warm, genuine spirit, there is no doubt that Mary Lou will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all who knew and loved her.



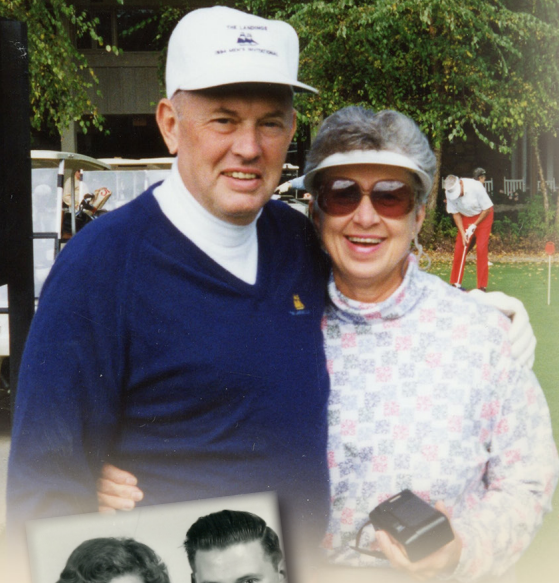
Mary Lou's journey began on November 1, 1934, in Falmouth, Kentucky born to Clyde and Hilda Holmes. The Holmes family moved to Ludlow early on in Mary Lou's life. At the age of five, she met her life-long best friend, Nancy Loyal. Their friendship would stand the test of time, growing through grade school, maturing into high school graduation, raising their children together, and becoming a support system to one another into their later years. Nancy was considered family and the sister that Mary Lou never had. Mary Lou spent her schooling in the Ludlow School district and was bitten by the social bug early on. She never really knew a stranger. Mary Lou began her love for Boston Terriers after sharing a special connection with her childhood dog, Peggy Pocus. Peggy held sweet memories for Mary Lou, and she would continue to cherish the breed throughout her life. Mary Lou enjoyed her time in the high school band playing the clarinet and lending her talents on the softball field. She began dating a handsome classmate, Jim, and little did she know at the time that he would become the love of her life. Mary Lou graduated from Ludlow High School in 1953, and she landed a job working for a retail store. The couple loved venturing out with friends on weekends where Mary Lou was often the life of the party. She was a people person, happily making conversation wherever she went.



Mary Lou and her high school sweetheart, Jim married on August 6, 1955. She worked for Parke-Davis Pharmaceutical Company as a bookkeeper. Mary Lou enjoyed her work and made friends quickly. Jim was spending his days working as an accountant for Proctor and Gamble. The two made a good team side by side with determination to build a good life.



Mary Lou and Jim joyfully welcomed their son, Kent, in 1958 and a couple short years later in 1960, a daughter, Laure. Mary Lou absolutely loved becoming a mother. She never missed an opportunity to cheer them on at their sporting events, joined any and every board in a show of support and, most importantly, was present when they needed her the most. Kent and Laure were competitive athletes, and Mary Lou was their biggest fan. She was all in and consistently provided a warm, cheerful welcome every day upon their arrival home from school. She provided comfort, unwavering strength, and a push when they needed it most. She taught them to persevere, the importance of being true to their word and the grace and grit of following through. Being a mother was something she treasured throughout her life.



In the early 70's, the family moved to Edgewood, Kentucky where they created many cherished traditions. Kent and Laure have fond memories of their beloved Boston Terrier family dogs while growing up, Snoopy and Tux. They enjoyed the annual beach family vacations with Nancy, her husband Bill and their two daughters Jan and Julie to Pompano Beach, Florida. Mary Lou was famous for her good, home-cooked meals and known for always trying a new recipe. She enjoyed crafting, a well-made, frozen margarita, baking, cheering on UK Basketball and entertaining. Mary Lou took golf lessons with her daughter, Laure, which broadened her social activities. Jim and Mary Lou enjoyed being long-time members at Summit Hills Country Club where they were socially active. Nothing made her happier than to orchestrate a good gathering of friends or family, deepening connections and sharing life with one another. She was a natural-born leader. Whether it was bridge with the ladies, a golf league or board meeting, she was consistently organized and prepared. She looked for ways to become involved or to be of help. In the late 80's, Mary Lou and Jim moved to Savannah, Georgia for about 8 years after Jim retired. They loved the warmer climate, making new friends and filling their days with more golf. They enjoyed traveling, taking a cruise to Alaska, flying off to Hawaii

and a golf trip to Scotland. In 1988, the two would welcome their first grandchild, Ryan, and the couple moved back to Northern Kentucky to be closer to family. Mary Lou adored her new role as a grandmother and was thrilled to welcome four more grandchildren; Jake, Carmen, Cole, and Lauren Ashley. She was excited to attend their events and activities, always leading with love and lending support. They were the light of her days.





Sadly, Jim passed away on April 15, 2009, their marriage lasting through the ups and downs of life. She continued to stay active, looking for the good in each and every day. Four great-grandchildren; Cora, Cohen, Hadley, Hannah, became bright blessings.

In recent years, Mary Lou's health declined, and she passed away on Saturday, February 22, 2025, to be greeted no doubt by Jim, Nancy, Bill, and those who had gone before her. Her legacy of warm welcomes, sincere generosity and enduring love will live in the hearts and lives of those she so dearly loved. Cherished by many, Mary Lou will long be remembered and so dearly missed.



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