



Mary Louise Ross

May 6, 1939 - March 14, 2019

Mary Louise Ross (O'Neill), 79, of Phoenixville, Pennsylvania , passed on Thursday, March 14, 2019.

Mary Louise was born to Louis and Helen (Chard) O'Neill on May 6, 1939, in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania. She graduated from Phoenixville High School in 1957 and received a Bachelor's Degree from Immaculata College in 1961. She married William E. (Bill) Ross on July 7, 1962, and together they raised three children in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania.

Surviving her in death: her loving husband, Bill and their 3 children: Lawrence Ross (Diane) of Sinking Spring, PA; Elizabeth Meissner (Steven) of North Easton, MA; and Michael Ross (Susan) of Limerick, PA. She also leaves 7 grandchildren - James, Samantha, Christopher, Catherine, Michele, Christine and Carter; 1 great-grandson- Dalton; her sister - Elizabeth Satterfield (William); 2 nieces and 1 nephew to cherish her memory.

Her children and extended family remember her continual generosity as one of her best qualities. She was the biggest supporter of all birthdays, graduations, and holidays as she loved to reward and support all her children and grandchildren as much as she could. She was always positive in her support of their life choices at all times and she was always a great listener and supporter for her entire family. She loved family events and occasions and

attended as much as possible to involve herself in the lives of her extended family in a positive manner. Her home and later, her apartment, was highlighted by the many framed photographs of her children and grandchildren as she loved all of them equally. All her family knew that they could count on Nana for her support and the entire family continually kept her involved in the family occasions and developments. Mom was an avid gardener and kept her yard beautifully landscaped year-round. She loved fresh flowers and spending time outdoors on the porch or in the yard. Her home was always impeccably decorated for all occasions, seasons and holidays. Throughout their marriage, Mom and Dad enjoyed traveling together. Mom's favorite place being the Grand Canyon, Arizona when they traveled with a tour group and stayed at a hotel right on the edge of the canyon.

She was preceded in death by her father, Louis O'Neill and her mother Helen O'Neill (Chard).

Mary Louise was an elementary school teacher's aide working with children with special needs until she retired in 2000. She was passionate about making a difference through teaching. Working with special needs children impacted her life greatly. It changed the way she viewed life and gave her purpose.

Public viewing is scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2019 from 9:30-10:45am at St. Ann's Chapel, 604 Main St., with Christian Mass immediately following at 11am and Burial at St. Ann's Cemetery in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania. Father William Donnelly will officiate the ceremony. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Parkinson's Foundation at www.parkinson.org. The family would also like to thank the staff of Spring Mill Senior Living for their outstanding care and attention given to Mary Louise over the last three years.

Cemetery Details

St. Ann Cemetery

502 Main St
Phoenixville, PA 19460

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 21. 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

St. Ann Chapel
604 South Main Street
Phoenixville, PA 19460

Mass

MAR 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Ann Chapel
604 South Main Street
Phoenixville, PA 19460

Tribute Wall

JK

“ I just learned of Louise's passing. I'm so sorry to hear this and send my deepest sympathy to Bill and her children. Louise and I worked together with mentally challenged children from Pennhurst. She was so efficient, caring, thoughtful and funny. She always talked about her family and was so proud of them. May the wonderful memories you have of her continue to comfort you. Rest in Peace Louise.

Jeri Kracz

Jeri Kracz - July 24, 2019 at 01:52 AM

JM

“ Larry - I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. It is not easy to say goodbye.



Joanne Stecz Milasus - March 25, 2019 at 06:20 PM

IS

“ Irena Struk lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Ross



Irena Struk - March 24, 2019 at 01:31 AM

BB

“ Dear Susan, Mike and family. Thinking of all of you during this very sad time. We are so very sorry for your loss. So glad we had the opportunity to meet your mother❤️ Your Friends Al, Barb

Barb Benson - March 20, 2019 at 08:54 PM

JK

“ Dear Bill and family,
Oh so many great memories of our college days spent with you and Louise. She was always full of fun and could give you something to laugh about. One particular event came to mind immediately was a wedding reception where Louise really enjoyed the punch. It was a hot, humid June or July day and the punch was a thirst quencher. I recall warning Louise that it was spiked but she was thirsty and ended up very happy as she sang all the way home, "Babbo, the foaming cleanser, it the floats the dirt right down the drain." You were worried how to take her home is such a happy state. This is only one of the many good times we shared.
We send our love and have you and your family in our prayers as we remember Louise too. Distance is the only thing that keeps us from being at her funeral. Once again, we will always cherish the memories we have of our college days spent with you.
Love and God bless you, Joan and Jimmy

Joan Knapp - March 19, 2019 at 07:09 PM

SR

“ Louise had many roles throughout her life – Daughter, Sister, Wife, Mother, Teacher, Aunt, and Nana. She cherished each and every one!

Louise found her soulmate in Bill and they celebrated 56 years of marriage. She shared her legacy with their 3 children and grandchildren.

Louise had a huge heart caring spirit and was fiercely loyal and protective of her family. She was a woman who wanted the best for her children and grandchildren. What a blessing to know she's now watching over us.

What I will remember most... the way Louise celebrated life through birthdays, holidays, and anniversaries; the way home decor had to be just so; the scent of fresh flowers; the catalogs/magazines she would save for me to page through; the tradition of fun family vacations in Rehoboth Beach; and let's not forget Louise's sweet tooth, dessert/candy of any kind will do!

She was and will always be my mother-in-law, the amazing woman who gave me a husband far better than anyone deserves. The woman who welcomed me and my family with open arms to her loving family. What I wouldn't give to hug her and say "thank you" just one more time.

Rest in peace, Louise and thank you for everything you've done.

Susan

Susan L. Ross - March 18, 2019 at 02:44 PM



“ 2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home - March 18, 2019 at 09:57 AM

BC

“ *Bill & family, I am so sorry for your loss. Sincerely, Barbara Connelly*

Barbara Connelly - March 18, 2019 at 09:26 AM