



Mary Louise Kerr Philpot

November 12, 1941 - January 17, 2025

Mary Louise Kerr Philpot, known to many as Momma Lou, 83, of Frankfort, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on January 17, 2025, surrounded by her family.

Born and raised in Nashville, Tennessee, Mary Lou was the cherished only daughter of Margaret and Sam Kerr. She attended Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky, where she met the love of her life, Donald Philpot. Their union led to over 50 years of marriage and a beautiful life together.

Mary Lou and Don moved to Frankfort, Kentucky, to raise their family. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, whose life revolved around her family. She supported her children's endeavors, from sports to school and beyond.

Once her children were grown, Mary Lou pursued her entrepreneurial spirit by starting her own business, The Towel Rack. Later, she became the executive sales manager at WFKY, the local radio station, where she thrived professionally.

Mary Lou was committed to her community. She was a staunch advocate for women's rights, along with serving as campaign co-chair for Governor Julian Carroll and was an active member of First Christian Church for over 50 years.

She dedicated her time and resources to numerous local and national organizations, leaving a legacy of generosity and compassion.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Donald Philpot.

Mary Lou is survived by her children, Matt (Margie), Jenni (David), and Brad; her grandchildren, Aaron (Dani), Austin (Cat), Sydney, Will (Hayley), and Caroline; and her great-granddaughter, LyLah.

Mary Lou's unwavering love and dedication to her family, faith, and community will be deeply missed but forever cherished.

A celebration of her life will be 3:00PM April 12, 2025 at First Christian Church. Visitation will be from 1:00PM until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the following organizations in honor of Mary Lou.

American Cancer Society: <https://www.cancer.org/donate.html>

Guide Dogs for the Blind: <https://www.guidedogs.com/ways-to-give/donations>

First Christian Church: <https://www.givelify.com/donate/first-christian-church-frankfort-frankfort-ky-2j7wy5NTYyMTU=/donation/amount>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Visitation

APR 12. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

First Christian Church
316 Ann Street
Frankfort, KY 40601

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LV

“ My cousin, Mary Lou was my idol when I was a kid- she was 5 yrs older than me and I thought she was the coolest! We didn't get to see each other very often since my parents moved to California before my sister Barbara and I were born. The times we had together were memorable, nonetheless! Like the time she was a teen driving us on a dirt road near Elkton, KY and we crashed into a ditch full of poison ivy!! Itched for a week! 🤢. She was always sweet to me and even sent me some of her formals for dances! We kept in touch and I loved her very much.
Rest in Eternal Peace and fun dear Cuz. Hug your folks for me!!
Linda Moss De Vita (ldevita8@hotmail.com)

linda de vita - February 10, 2025 at 09:59 PM

GU

“ So sorry to hear about Mary Lou's death. She was known by so many and will be missed. Sending love and prayers to all the family.
The Gene Underwood family

Gene Underwood - January 27, 2025 at 12:10 PM

RY

“ What a great loss to the world, but a time of rejoicing as she is welcomed into glory by her beloved Don! We have many fond memories as we think back over the years of times well spent together with them both! Not only In Frankfort, but in Michigan, various conventions and even a vacation in St Kitts! We felt like family! Mary Lou was a bundle of joy and we are blessed to have been loved by her generosity! May you as a family find comfort as you remember her in your daily walk, sharing the love she lavished on each of you and how she was so proud of y'all!
Friends Dick and Susan Young

Richard and Susan Young - January 24, 2025 at 12:22 PM

CB

“ *Carolyn Barnett lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Kerr Philpot*



Carolyn Barnett - January 23, 2025 at 08:08 AM

ML

“ *MaryLou was one of the first people I met when we moved to Frankfort in 1982. She became the big sister I never had and she and Don and their family became like second family. She was truly one of a kind and the world will be a sadder place without her in it.*

Meri Latek - January 21, 2025 at 06:15 PM