



Marylouise "Marylou" Catherine Freund

January 4, 1933 - February 9, 2016

Marylouise C. Freund left this world on February 9, 2016, in Charlotte, NC.

She was the wife of Retired Dr. Donald R. Freund who she married in 1982. Marylou was born on January 4, 1933 in Syracuse, New York, the daughter of the late Vincent P. McHugh and Esther M. Richards.

She was a 1951 graduate of Greenfield High School, Greenfield, MA, and The Sisters of Providence School of Nursing, Holyoke, MA. She went on to be a maternity nurse at Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton, MA, until she and her husband, Donald moved south in 1983. She then worked at the Charlotte Surgery Center until her retirement. She was a tireless volunteer for the Morrison Library, Mint Museum and The Unitarian Universalist Church of Charlotte. She lived her life helping others. She loved to knit, crochet and travel. Her family members will cherish the homemade Christmas stockings she lovingly gave to them. We all will miss her spirit and generous nature.

She leaves her daughters: Joanne Keller (Doug) of Hadley, MA, and Gina Mistark (Chuck) of Marinette, WI; her sons, John J. Vassallo (Jaimee) of Wilmington, MA, and Vincent Vassallo (Kelly) of Northampton, MA; her step-daughters: Alison LaVallee (Armand) of Charlotte, NC, Melinda Schneider of Pittsfield, MA, Pamela Freund Levesque of Leeds, MA, and Jennifer Freund

Schmittlein (Jeffrey) of Easthampton, MA; her grandchildren: Matthew, Brian and Carolyn Waskiewicz, Daniel, Michael, Ken and Kate Vassallo, Matthew and Jeffrey Schneider and Paige Schmittlein; and 9 great-grandchildren.

Marylou is further survived by her sister, Alice Marie Clapp of Conway, NH, her brother Vincent McHugh of Greenfield, MA, and numerous other nieces, nephews, other relative and friends. She was preceded in death by her first husband, John G. Vassallo in 1974; a sister, Esther Hanna, and two brothers, Robert and Richard McHugh.

There will be a Celebration of Marylou's Life on Thursday, February 18 at 2:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Charlotte, 234 North Sharon Amity Rd. Charlotte, N.C.

Please wear purple on this day in her memory. A memorial service in Massachusetts will be held at a later date and announced when finalized. Please select the "MORE" option above and select "subscribe" to be automatically notified when this is done.

In honor of her nursing career, any donations would be appreciated to the family for the creation of a scholarship fund in Marylou's name. Please forward these donations to her daughter, Mrs. Gina Mistark, W2234 Woodridge Drive, Marinette, WI 54143-9752.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

FEB 18. 2:30 PM (ET)

Unitarian Universalist Church
234 North Sharon Amity Rd
Charlotte, NC 28211
<http://www.uuccharlotte.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Marylouise "Marylou" Catherine Freund*

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *Marylouise "Marylou" Catherine Freund*

October 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time. I remember Marylou as a vivacious, fun-loving, hard worker. She was a great nurse and a mentor to many of us who had the good fortune to work with her. Her spirit lives on in our memories. I'll look for news of a Memorial Service here in Massachusetts. Marcha Duncan, LPN*



marcha duncan - February 23, 2016 at 09:04 AM



“ *Marylou and I were kindred spirits since we are both nurses and wanted her husband, Dr. Donald Freund, to recover from open heart surgery a number of years ago. She knitted a blanket for me which I cherish. Unfortunately, I was in Florida for a family matter and could not be there for her service.*

Debbie Mills - February 22, 2016 at 01:41 PM

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“ Vinny, Kelly, and Katie - We were so sorry to hear about your loss. Thinking of you all.

Angela and Jim

Angela Mansolillo and Jim McNally - February 19, 2016 at 05:23 PM

CK

“ Mary Lou always had a smile on her face when she came to cardiac rehab with her sweetie, Don. We would talk about our sweeties, our kids and "girl" stuff. I will greatly miss her. Cheryl Kuhta-Sutter, dietitian, Heart & Vascular Institute

Cheryl Kuhta-Sutter - February 17, 2016 at 09:47 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Marylouise "Marylou" Catherine Freund.



February 17, 2016 at 08:54 AM

SB

“ Dearest friend I will always remember you. Till we meet again. Louise Lesko
Dear gina and joanne john and vinney so sorry for your loss your mom was a very wonderful lady. I remember the day I had my daughter your mom was my nurse I was in such pain and she kept saying stop being a big baby..She got me laughing and the pain eased,, Sharon Lesko Bean

Sharon Lesko Bean - February 16, 2016 at 08:37 AM

AJ

“ Alison, Melinda, Pamela & Jennifer purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Marylouise "Marylou" Catherine Freund.



Alison, Melinda, Pamela & Jennifer - February 15, 2016 at 05:14 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Marylouise "Marylou" Catherine Freund.



February 15, 2016 at 12:29 PM

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“ Phyllis MacGregor And Martha M Kessler lit a candle in memory of Marylouise "Marylou" Catherine Freund



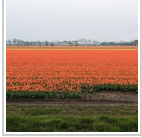
Phyllis MacGregor and Martha M Kessler - February 12, 2016 at 04:49 PM

JC

“ Joe and Beth Coyne purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Marylouise "Marylou" Catherine Freund.



Joe and Beth Coyne - February 12, 2016 at 04:35 PM



“ Auntie Lou, you will always be remembered for the love you showed me after Esther's passing. I never knew anyone that was that warm, caring and loving as you were. I will think of you everyday and thank God that I had those few years knowing you. Your children and grand-children all have taken after you and I am sure you are proud of how loving they all are. Say hi to the rest of the gang and tell them how much we miss them all.

Joe Coyne - February 12, 2016 at 03:48 PM