



Mary Graham

April 17, 1918 - August 12, 2011

Mary Lou Franchini Graham

Mary Lou Franchini Graham, 93, died Friday, August 12, 2011 at The Bridge Assisted Living in Charleston, SC.

Ms. Graham was born April 17, 1918 in Edgefield County SC the daughter of the late Alfred Clarence Jay and Carrie Elizabeth Huiet Jay. She lived in the Bouknight Community of Edgefield County until she was eight years old when her family moved to Columbia, SC.

In 1936, at the age of 18, Ms. Graham moved to Myrtle Beach to work at the Seven Seas Restaurant and later at the Broadway Restaurant. Ms. Graham then established, and co-owned and operated Franchini Court, and Oak Haven Cottages, Rooms and Apartments.

Shortly after moving to Myrtle Beach, Ms. Graham joined the First Baptist Church of Myrtle Beach and was a member of the church at her death. She was previously a member of the Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce and the Myrtle Beach Garden Club. She was a former member of the Senior Citizens of Myrtle Beach and Surfside Beach. Ms. Graham also volunteered her time to deliver Meals on Wheels.

In 2009 Ms. Graham moved to The Bridge Assisted Living in Charleston to be closer to her son. The family is very grateful for the loving care she received at The Bridge and from Odyssey Hospice of Charleston.

Surviving are her daughter Mary Elizabeth Franchini Albaugh and her husband Fred of Fort Worth, TX; three sons Alfred Franchini of Redlands, CA., August Franchini, Jr. of Smyrna, GA., and Archie Franchini of Charleston, SC. She is also survived by eight grandchildren, Deborah Rodriguez, Sandra Olson, Dennis Franchini, Barbara Sheridan, Celeste Albaugh, Freddie Albaugh, Ken Franchini and Sharon Johnson; sixteen great grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren, two brothers, Joe Jay of West Columbia, SC. and Wilbur Jay of Lexington, SC, and one sister, Virginia Russey of Atlanta, GA. She was pre-deceased by a brother Jeff Jay and a sister Elizabeth Schichler both of Columbia, SC.

Ms. Graham's memorial service will be Wednesday, August 17, 2011 at the First Baptist Church of Myrtle Beach, 500 4th Ave. N. at 3:00 p.m. Burial will follow at Wither's Cemetery in Myrtle Beach. The family will receive friends Tuesday, August 16, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Goldfinch Funeral Home Beach Chapel, 11528 Highway 17, South, Murrells Inlet, SC.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial contributions be made to The First Baptist Church of Myrtle Beach Cemetery Fund, 500 4th Ave. N., Myrtle Beach, SC 29577, to the American Heart Association, 409 King Street #300, Charleston, SC 29403 or to a charity of one's choice.

She is absent in the body, but she is present with her Lord. She is home.

An online guestbook is available at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Goldfinch Crematory

P.O. Drawer 1009
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **16**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Celebration Center
11528 Hwy 17 Bypass
Murrells Inlet, SC 29588
(843) 651-3295
info@goldfinchfuneralhome.com
<https://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com>

Service

AUG **17**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

First Baptist Church Myrtle Beach

Tribute Wall

BF

“ Archie: My deepest sympathies to you and your family on the passing of your mother. You are all in my thoughts on this sad occasion. Keep up the struggle for South Carolina's public school children.

Bud Ferillo, Columbia

Bud Ferillo - August 16, 2011 at 12:21 PM

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“ Archie, please know that, in your time of grief, your friends are thinking about you and all the good things you did for your mother. You always took the time for her. God Bless You and your family...

Mike & Jean Turner

Michael Miller Turner - August 16, 2011 at 10:09 AM

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“ SC-ASCD honors the life of Mary Lou Franchini Graham by expressing our sympathy to the family, especially Archie Franchini who loved and cared for his mother.

*Charlene N. Herring
Executive Director*

Charlene N. Herring - August 15, 2011 at 08:34 AM

HB

Gus, we were so sorry to read about your mother's passing. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Barbara & Harry Bishop

Harry & Barbara Bishop - August 15, 2011 at 07:01 PM