



Mary Louise Potter Hurlbert

April 21, 1931 - September 7, 2021

Mary Louise Potter Hurlbert, beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother passed away peacefully on the morning of September 7th at 90 years old. Mary Lou was a strong, spirited, intelligent, and loving woman. As a lifelong learner, she possessed an innate curiosity about the mysteries of this world and everything in it. Mary Lou was her husband's full partner in running both of their family farms: The Crystal Springs Farm and their farm on Damon Road in New Woodstock. She also held numerous secretarial/administrative assistant positions throughout her long and productive working career at various agencies, businesses, and educational institutions; she was the secretary for Midstate Telephone Company, New Woodstock Elementary School, Secretary to the President of Cazenovia College and an Administrative Assistant at Stearns and Wheeler engineering firm. Mary Lou also worked for many years as a caterer and chef for the Toggenburg Ski Resort, Mystic Mountain Ski Resort, the Cazenovia Tennis Club, and Cazenovia Golf Club. She was an amazing chef and caterer - her meals were legendary! She also made beautiful cakes for weddings, birthdays and many other occasions.

In her 70s, Mary Lou semi "retired" and moved from New York to Murrell's Inlet, SC, where she took a position as an office manager at a medical (pathology) lab office. She was never one to sit still for very long. Among her many talents, she was an extremely gifted seamstress, sewing wonderful clothing for herself, her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mary

Lou was an avid reader, especially enjoying sharing her love of classical literature and Shakespeare with her family. Her other passions included a love and deep appreciation for the arts: playing piano, singing sacred choral music with her church choirs, visiting museums and attending opera and live theater performances. Mary Lou loved music with all her heart, including listening to classical and blue grass music, which she passed on to her children and grandchildren, who in turn became musicians and loved sharing music with each other whenever they could. Another passion of Mary Lou's was sharing the memories of her childhood in Cincinnatus. She was very proud of her family's history in that area, and she contributed many personal items and written remembrances to the Cincinnatus Area Heritage Society.

Above all, what Mary Lou loved most was spending time with her family. She loved her four children, her grandchildren and great grandchildren, her daughters-in-law, and son-in-law so very much. The joy of her life was talking with them, sharing her stories, teaching them to sew and cook, to appreciate music and culture, and making sure they all knew how deeply she loved them. Mary was predeceased by her beloved husband, Kenneth Hurlbert, her brother Danie Potter and her father and mother Theodore and Mary Potter. She leaves behind her four children, Kevin (Judy) Hurlbert, Kenneth (LouAnn) Hurlbert, Danie (Alice) Hurlbert and Mary Anne (Hakim) Khoulani, and her nine grandchildren: Emily (Pam) Baxter, Jennifer Hurlbert, Daniee Rae (Ryan) Weaver, Taylor Hurlbert, Adam and Adrienne Scicchitano, Dylan (Holly) Hurlbert and Samir and Farah Khoulani, and her seven great-grandchildren who will all miss her so very much.

A graveside service will be held at New Woodstock cemetery on Saturday October 9th at 2:00 followed by a celebration of life at the American Legion Hall in DeRuyter, NY. All of Mary Lou's friends and family are invited to come and share their memories. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cincinnatus Area Heritage Society, PO Box 264, Cincinnatus, NY 13040

Tribute Wall



“ I remember when I was little, and had just started taking piano lessons, Mary Lou came to Oklahoma to visit and taught me a few little songs. I'm 32 years old with my own children now and that's still the memory of her that sticks out and makes me smile. I wish she could have met my children. They all would have loved her ❤️

Kira Leach (King) - September 13, 2021 at 06:45 PM



Mary Louis was a wonderful lady and always made feel welcome when we met and I always felt very welcomed and enjoyed being with her. She will surly be missed.

Jim Ackerson - September 13, 2021 at 07:09 PM