



Mary Louise Tanfield

September 5, 1936 - March 17, 2023

Mary Louise Tanfield age 86 of Wilmington, NC died March 17th, 2023. Mrs. Tanfield was born in Wilkesboro, PA, and was the daughter of the late Aloysius & Louise Kratz. She was a stay at home mother, a school cafeteria cook and Quality Control Manager for Alan Baird Industries in Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ. She lived in Bergen County, NJ until she retired with her husband Harry to Murrells Inlet, SC where she spent some of the happiest days of her life with her family, friends and neighbors.

Mary was an avid gardener and loved her beautiful crepe myrtles and pink azaleas. Her efforts were honored on multiple occasions for "Yard of the Month" by the community she lived in. She loved playing Bingo, Rummikub and treasure hunting at the local second hand shops. She also enjoyed crocheting (especially for grandchildren and great grandchildren), crafts and creating stained glass.

Mary was always an animal lover, especially to her dog, Sassie, who she shared with her second husband, Harry.

In her later years, she was active in caring for the community cats in her neighborhood, as well as volunteering for and donating to various local rescue groups. She also took great joy in feeding the birds that visited her small garden.

Mrs. Tanfield is predeceased by her first husband, John J. Ranalli, her second husband, Harold Thomas Tanfield, her beloved sons John A. Ranalli & Joseph R. Ranalli, and her four siblings, Elizabeth McLaughlin, Alice Kratz, Carol

Summers and Aloysius "Buddy" Kratz.

She is survived by her loving daughters Kathy Ranalli Wagner, Alyson Ranalli Wilford, and husband F. Sykes Wilford, daughter-in-law Kelly Ranalli, son-in-law Tim Wagner; six grandchildren: Dennis Mann, and wife Kathryn, Amy Caruso, and husband Robert, Katelyn Ranalli, Richard Ranalli, Rebecca Ranalli and John Joseph Wilford; and three great-grandchildren; Adalynn Grace, Jack Ryan, and Amelia Wren.

A memorial service will be held at Goldfinch Funeral Home 11528 Hwy 17 Bypass

Murrells Inlet, SC 29576 on Sunday April 23rd at 1pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Lower Cape Fear LifeCare through this link.

<https://lifecare.org/donate/>.

Donations are also appreciated to
Ruffian Foundation (Cat Sanctuary)
PO Box 668
Castle Hayne NC 28429

Skywatch Bird Rescue
3600 Lynn Avenue,
Castle Hayne, North Carolina 28429

Previous Events

A Mass of Christian Burial

APR **23**. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home
11528 Highway 17 Bypass
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576
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<https://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of Mary Louise Tanfield



Goldfinch Funeral Home - April 23, 2023 at 10:15 AM



“ Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Louise Tanfield



Goldfinch Funeral Home - April 23, 2023 at 10:07 AM



“ Joseph Harvey purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Louise Tanfield.



Joseph Harvey - April 22, 2023 at 09:13 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Tanfield.*



April 20, 2023 at 10:19 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss I worked with Mary for many years. One of the sweetest souls I've ever known with the kindest of hearts. Thanks Mary. Sincerely,Randy Steeves. steevesrandy@yahoo.com*

Randy Steeves - April 19, 2023 at 09:11 AM



“ *Over the past few years I have had a loving online friendship with Marylou. We have had many heartfelt exchanges on people we have loved and lost. I will miss her. I grew to feel like we were family. May your precious memories sustain you through these tough times. ❤️🙏*

mary Smith-Sorace - March 31, 2023 at 07:25 PM



Mary Lou and I met by chance but I really feel it was God's Plan to bring us together for a lifetime Friendship ! We be had so much in Common, it's unbelievable how our lives intertwined! Walk Beside Me Until we Meet Agin Beyond the Stars💕

Ann Louise Federoff - March 31, 2023 at 09:07 PM