



Mary Lou Placy

September 7, 1935 - June 14, 2022

COLEBROOK – Mary Lou Placy, 86, of Colebrook, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at home surrounded by loving family after a few years of declining health.

She was born September 7, 1935 in Hancock, Vt., and lived in Vermont until 1948 when her family moved to Stratford, N.H., following her father's purchase of the mill. Her love of sports began when she was in school. She was on the varsity basketball team in 8th grade when they won the championship. She graduated high school in 1953 and later attended the Royal Victoria Hospital Graduate School of X-ray Technology in Montreal, Quebec. She worked as an x-ray tech at Hanover Hospital until she met her husband Ray Placy, Jr.

She spent many years working on the family farm in Columbia that was known for the round barn, and raising her family. Once her kids were grown she worked at The Balsams as the payroll clerk until it closed. Despite being well past retirement age, she continued working at SAU 7, before starting her job as the OG (original grandma) at Nugent Jewelry.

During her life she was involved in the community serving many terms on the Columbia school board, was captain of her team on the women's bowling league, and was an honorary member of the "Golden Girls." Her greatest joy was attending local sports events. She especially loved supporting her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren in all of their events and endeavors, no matter how far or how frequent, even dying her hair green for her granddaughters' championship game.

Her involvement in local athletics continued after the graduation of her grandchildren. She attended local games both in person and virtually until her final days. For years, she drove the homecoming parade Grand Marshal in her convertible, and in 2018 she was honored to be the Grand Marshal herself.

She will be remembered for so many things, among them her love of the Red Sox, drives for ice cream in her convertible, looking for lightning bugs, and singing songs to her

grandchildren. She loved playing cards, drinking Cape Cods, enjoyed a good party, telling stories, and, of course, will be remembered for her infectious laugh.

Mary Lou is survived by her three children, Mark Placy and his wife Heidi of Concord, N.H., Chris Placy and his wife Jessica of Newmarket, N.H., and Lisa Placy and her partner, Millard Crawford, of Colebrook; 7 grandchildren : Sara Placy, Mackenzie Brooks, Byron Placy, Chelsea Nugent, Mercedes Kuzina, and Crispin and Kit Placy; 2 great-grandchildren, Isabella and Willard Nugent; her sister, Susan E. Salls of Concord; and a special nephew, Greg Placy, of Colebrook; as well as many other nieces, nephews and cousins.

She is predeceased by her husband of 47 years, Ray W. Placy, Jr., in 2005, and a brother, Derick Salls.

There are no public calling hours. A graveside service will be held on Friday, June 24, at 3 p.m. in the Colebrook Village Cemetery. Red Sox attire or theme is the order of the day.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mary Lou may be made to the Northwoods Home Health & Hospice agency, 536 Cottage St., Littleton, NH 03561; or to the Two Rivers Ride for Cancer, P.O. Box 376, Colebrook, NH 03576.

Condolences may be offered to the family online by going to www.jenkinsnewman.com.

Arrangements are entrusted to the care of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook.

Cemetery Details

Colebrook Village Cemetery

North Main Street, U.S. Route 3
Colebrook, NH

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN 24. 3:00 PM (ET)

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North Main Street, U.S. Route 3
Colebrook, NH

Tribute Wall



“ *Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Placy.*



June 22 at 04:05 PM

JF

“ *I am sure that she and Margaret will have a lot to catch up on. Many condolences to the family, and may the many good memories warm you all year long. P.S. I was never quite sure how heavy foot Mary Lou could drive so slowly during the Homecoming Parades, but she did!*

Jon Frizzell - June 20 at 11:52 AM

TF

“ *Our thoughts go out to Mary Lous family at this time. It seems like yesterday she was picking us up in the caddy to go hay. she was always fun to be around and a more loyal Colebrook fan would be hard to find! may she rest in peace,*
Tom and Jane Frizzell

Tom Frizzell - June 20 at 05:43 AM

TF

“ *Mark, Lisa and Chris, are families have been intertwined for generations. My first memory of your mom was not at a ball field but a hay field where she drove that big Case tractor with ac and baled square bales. We put them in the round barn with Stevie and your dad. Oh the times we, our parents and grandparents had. Your mom will be our thoughts forever. Tim and Linda*

Tim Frizzell - June 19 at 03:41 PM

MG

“ *To the family of Mary Lou Placy, We would like to express to you our deepest sympathy on the loss of Mary Lou. She was an amazing lady. She will be missed by so many people. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*
Mike and Melanie Gray

Mary Melanie Gray - June 18 at 06:53 PM

DL

“ Lisa & family, I'm sad & very sorry to hear of your loss. I can say she was an original, & full of life. Rest In Peace, Mary Lou.

Diane Little - June 18 at 02:11 PM

AH

“ Dear Lisa and family, I was so sad to hear of Mary Lou's passing. She sure leaves behind an empty spot in our community. My entire family will miss visiting with her at the Wilderness or sporting events. She always had one of those mischievous smiles for all of us, especially the children. RIP beautiful lady ❤️🙏

Ann Hebert - June 18 at 10:54 AM

EB

“ Eric Brungot lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Placy



Eric Brungot - June 18 at 09:47 AM

CK

“ I am so saddened to hear of Mary Lou's passing. She was a wonderful woman and friend. I had the privilege of working with her at SAU 7 and will always remember the laughs we shared. The mischievous grin that she frequently wore will forever be etched in my mind and heart. Rest in peace, Mary Lou. You have left a big void. My sincere condolences to Lisa and family. You are in my prayers.

Cindy Kaiser

Cindy Kaiser - June 17 at 09:00 AM

BC

“ Mary Lou was my co-worker at SAU 7. She was so much fun to work with. We made it our mission to make her laugh out loud. Her laugh was infectious. We so enjoyed her Red Sox stories as well. My condolences to her children, grandchildren and their families. Rest In Peace my friend.



Bridget Cross - June 16 at 09:01 PM

CM

Lisa and extended family, So sorry to hear of Mary Louis passing. Thoughts and prayers for all of you during this difficult time. She will be missed in the community as well as in your family. Rest in peace Mary Lou.

Claire Martineau - June 20 at 06:24 PM