



## Dr. Mary Louise Lovering

January 13, 1932 - September 2, 2019

CANAAN – Dr. Mary Louise C. Lovering, 87, of Beecher Falls, Vt., passed to eternal life at the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital in Colebrook on Monday, Sept. 2, 2019, after a brief period of declining health.

She was born in Richford, Vt., on Jan. 13, 1932, a daughter to the late Lewis R. and Vivian M. (Rooney) Lovering. She attended the Canaan schools and graduated from Canaan Memorial High School in 1950. She then pursued her higher education in nursing at the Mary Fletcher Hospital School of Nursing and later a baccalaureate degree in education and public health nursing from Syracuse University. She later earned a Master of Science degree from the Boston College School of Nursing and doctorate in Education Policy, Research & Administration from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Mary Lou then began a long career as a nursing professor in Greenfield and Worcester, Mass., and was the Director of Nursing Education at the former Hahnemann Hospital School of Nursing in Worcester. She later joined the faculty at Worcester State College in 1974 and taught there for 26 years, retiring in 2000 as a full professor and chair of the Dept. of Nursing.

She was always very active in the college and the community while at Worcester State. She was also active in many nursing organizations, serving as president of the Massachusetts / Rhode Island League for Nursing from

1978-1980, and in the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society in Nursing, serving as president of the local chapter, Iota Phi at Large. Mary Lou was the secretary of the Massachusetts State College Association, Worcester Chapter, and served on the All College Council.

After her retirement and relocation back to Canaan, she was no less active, and served her town as a library volunteer, as the Town Health Officer, as a clerk for the Canaan Fire District, #2. She was a faithful communicant of St. Albert's Parish, also serving as lector, Eucharistic minister and catechist for the church. Mary Lou was also an avid reader, with a strong belief in education, and she was exceptionally devoted to her family.

Mary Lou is survived by 11 nieces and nephews, Michael O'Brien, Edward O'Brien, Susan Dively, Patricia Baron, Catherine Cooper, Nancy Jones, Phyllis O'Brien, Christopher Doyle, Kevin Doyle, Anthony Doyle and Karen (Doyle) Culhane; 23 great-nieces and great-nephews; as well as 11 great-great nieces and nephews.

She is predeceased by all her siblings, Ellen Doyle, Eileen McCollum, Mahlon F. O'Brien, James "Pat" O'Brien, and William Lovering.

Memorial calling hours will be on Saturday morning, Sept. 7, 2019, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook, NH. A memorial Mass will be celebrated immediately after at Noon at St. Albert's Church in West Stewartstown. Interment in the Canaan Village Cemetery will be at a later date of which notice will be given.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Dr. Lovering may be made to Helping Hands, Inc., 91 Main St., Colebrook, NH 03576.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to [www.jenkinsnew](http://www.jenkinsnew)

man.com.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the care of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, NH.

# Cemetery Details

## **Canaan Village Cemetery**

Christian Hill Road, VT Route 253  
Canaan, VT

# Previous Events

## **Visitation**

SEP 7. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home  
103 Main Street  
Colebrook, NH

## **Mass of Christian Burial**

SEP 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Albert's Roman Catholic Church  
Church Street  
West Stewartstown, NH

# Tribute Wall

BC

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family of Mary Lovering on her passing  
She was a good friend and colleague at Worcester State.  
Sincerely ,  
Bruce Cohen*

**Bruce Cohen** - September 19, 2019 at 04:08 PM

RM

“ *I am so sorry for your loss she was a sweet lady. Becky Masters*

**Rebecca Masters** - September 12, 2019 at 03:44 PM

FC

“ *Our deepest condolences go out to the family  
on your loss. Francine Champagne*



**Francine Champagne** - September 11, 2019 at 06:37 PM

GB

“ *My deepest sympathies to the family. I only  
knew Mary through work but we always had  
some wonderful conversations. She will  
certainly be very missed.*



**glenn Blazys** - September 08, 2019 at 12:58 PM



“ 2 files added to the album *Tribute Wall*



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**Christopher Doyle** - September 07, 2019 at 01:32 PM



“ so sad to hear about Marilou's death, I will always think of her, she used to come visiting me every other week after her saturday night mass, To check how I was doing and she loved seeing Maggie,my little dog and Maggie was always happy to see her too. I want to express my sympathy to all her family and friends too. I will always remember her, such a kind person, My husband and I always were close to her and Bill.  
Take care. Carmen

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**Carmen Gagnon** - September 07, 2019 at 11:03 AM



“ Jan Corliss lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mary Louise Lovering



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**Jan Corliss** - September 07, 2019 at 07:17 AM

SB

“ Dear Karen and all Mary Lou's family,  
Chuck and I remembering Mary Lou sharing New Years Eve 1999  
with us up on Canaan Hill. I last visited Mary Lou when she was in  
Lancaster.  
May she rest in God's eternal peace. A wonderful friend and my own  
source of anything I wasn't sure of in nursing. She was my resource.  
Sheila and Chuck Brodsky

sheila sullivan brodsky - September 05, 2019 at 05:01 PM

PF

“ Pat McGrath and family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Dr. Mary Louise Lovering.



Pat McGrath and family - September 05, 2019 at 02:19 PM

PM

“ Pat McGrath lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mary Louise Lovering



Pat McGrath - September 05, 2019 at 01:58 PM

AM

“ Annette Mailhot lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mary Louise Lovering



Annette Mailhot - September 05, 2019 at 12:11 PM

LK

“ We were sorry to learn of Mary Lou's passing. She was a good friend, who had a positive impact on everyone who knew her. Her contributions and exceptional service to the town of Canaan has made it a great place to live.

*Pat and Les Klinefelter*

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**Les Klinefelter** - September 05, 2019 at 10:13 AM

CH

“ Our deepest condolences to Maryloo and her family she will be missed by all of us. I had the opportunity to care for her in her home we had good times remembering the past when we were neighbors. She was a very intelligent person that had worked hard all the life . Now my sweet friend R.I. P. I will miss you for sure.

*Sincerely ,  
Claude and Carole Houle. 🥺*

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**Carole Houle** - September 05, 2019 at 08:33 AM

BH

“ It is with a heavy heart that I offer my deepest sympathy to Mary Lou's family. I shall never forget the kindness she showed to my dear mother while she was a resident at the nursing home. She always stopped to speak to me at church and relate to me how she had a nice visit with my Mom that week while volunteering at the weekly Mass there. She was a true Christian in every sense of the word. May she Rest In Peace in the loving arms of our Heavenly Father. In sadness, Barbara Howland

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**Barbara Howland** - September 05, 2019 at 08:19 AM

GL

“ SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS! SHE WAS SUCH A NICE LADY,  
SHE WILL BE MISSED!

Gilles and Priscilla Lambert - September 05, 2019 at 07:42 AM

KL

“ Mary Lou was a family member to us. She was always my mentor during Nursing School. Her knowledge for education and life itself always made for enlightened conversations. I will miss seeing her smile, her visits on church day and reminiscing about family. Rest in peace and prayers to her family.

Kirsten Lyons - September 05, 2019 at 02:33 AM

PH

“ Our deepest condolences go out to the family on your loss.

Peggy & Haven Haynes - September 04, 2019 at 05:12 PM

SL

“ Sarah Masters Laflamme lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mary Louise Lovering



Sarah Masters Laflamme - September 04, 2019 at 01:15 PM

AD

“ To the Lovering family;  
My sincere sympathies to all of you. Dr. Lovering was a gentle soul,  
I always had great conversations with her, when I would visit  
Canaan, and  
attending different functions, once in a while.  
She was a person that appreciated Art and the beauty of the  
Northeast Kingdom!  
Keeping you in my prayers, and thoughts.  
Sincerely,  
Alain Dupont and the Dupont family.

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**Alain Dupont** - September 04, 2019 at 12:34 PM

CM

“ Such a beautiful person, you will be missed by so many. Always in  
our hearts. Chris and Mike Muhlhauser. 💜💛

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**Chris & Mike Muhlhauser** - September 04, 2019 at 12:32 PM

WN

“ Our condolences to the family! We will miss MARY Lou and all the  
great conversations we had her knowledge and her gentleness. RIP  
dear lady

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**Walter & Suzelle Noyes** - September 04, 2019 at 11:20 AM



“ So sorry for your loss she was quite the lady she will be missed

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**Claire Perry** - September 04, 2019 at 10:32 AM