



Mary Lou Vail

August 8, 1939 - March 1, 2019

Mary Lou (Damon) Vail, age 79, passed away peacefully in her home on Friday, March 1, 2019 surrounded by her husband, children and grandchildren. She was a long-time resident of Gainesville, Virginia. Born in Arkansas, she grew up in North Little Rock, where she attended and graduated from North Little Rock High School.

Mary Lou was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She enjoyed flower gardening, and traveling with her husband, a retired U.S. Army Colonel. More than anything, though, she enjoyed spending time with her family.

Mary Lou is survived by her husband of 57 years, James David Vail, formerly of Arkansas; son, Paul Michael Vail and his wife, Barbara, of Broad Run, Virginia; daughter, Mary Elizabeth Vail Potter and her husband, Preston, of Gainesville, Virginia; granddaughter, Kristina Potter Simmers and her husband, Matthew; granddaughter, Alison Potter Harmon and her husband, Mitchell; grandson, James Potter; as well as her great-granddaughter, Reagan Simmers, and many nieces and nephews.

Mary Lou's viewing will be held at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, Virginia on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 from 7:00-9:00 pm. Her funeral service will be at Haymarket Baptist Church, 14800 Washington Street, Haymarket, Virginia on Thursday, March 7, at noon. The burial will be at Stonewall Memorial Garden immediately following the funeral service.

Mary Lou had a love and compassion for children and worked in early

childhood education for most of her career. As a long- standing member of Haymarket Baptist Church, that love led her to serve for many years in children's ministry, teaching Sunday School and working in the AWANA Program. Many a young soul were led to the Lord because of her influence in their lives. We find peace in knowing that she is now eternally in heaven with her Savior, Jesus Christ, about whom she spent so many years teaching. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a contribution in memory of Mary Lou to one of the following organizations:

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
www.stjude.org (for online memorial contribution) or
P.O. Box 1000
Department 1000
Memphis, Tennessee 38148-0142 (to mail a check)

Dementia Society of America
www.dementiasociety.org/donate (for online donations) or
P.O. Box 600
Doylestown, Pennsylvania 18901 (to mail a check)

Cemetery Details

stonewall memory gardens

12004 Lee Hwy
Manassas, va 20109
(703) 754-4210

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Service

MAR 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

Haymarket Baptist Church
14800 Washington Street
Haymarket, VA 20168

Tribute Wall



“ *My happiest moments at University View were with my dear loving friend, Mary Lou. She brightened up every room she walked into and loved every child within those rooms. I grieve her passing with you but cherish every moment with her.*

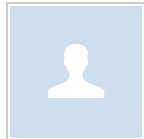
Carol A Mitchell - May 03, 2019 at 08:52 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Vail.*



March 06, 2019 at 10:13 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Vail.*



March 06, 2019 at 05:54 PM

KW

“ Our heartfelt condolences go out to the Vail and Potter families during this very difficult time. We are deeply saddened by the loss of Mary Lou Vail, a faithful wife, loving mother, wonderful Grammy, and Great-Grammy. She was always so loving and kind. We feel so blessed to have known her and we enjoyed her fun-loving nature every time we were with her! Mary Lou, may you Rest In Peace in the arms of our loving Lord and Savior...until we meet again.

Kathy and Mike Walker - March 06, 2019 at 10:13 AM

BP

Thank you for your loving support and prayers and for coming out to pay your respects. Love you guys! Beth

beth potter - March 08, 2019 at 09:29 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Vail.



March 05, 2019 at 05:22 PM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Vail.



March 05, 2019 at 12:59 PM

BF

“ Our heartfelt condolences are sent to the Vail and Potter families over the loss of wife, mother, Grammy, Mary Lou Vail. She was always kind and considerate and a lot of fun. May she rest in peace in the arms of Our Lord.

Bob & Coleen Meli & Family - March 04, 2019 at 01:09 AM

BP

Thank you, Coleen and Bob. We appreciate the kind words, and the love and prayers. Love you. Beth

beth potter - March 08, 2019 at 09:31 PM

JB

“ Jesse Berry purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Mary Lou Vail.



Jesse Berry - March 03, 2019 at 10:41 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Vail.



March 03, 2019 at 09:46 PM

WS

“ *With Love, Jeremy and Cathy Schmidt purchased the Simply Happy Kalanchoe Plant for the family of Mary Lou Vail.*



With Love, Jeremy and Cathy Schmidt - March 03, 2019 at 05:27 PM

JS

“ *Jeremy & Cathy Schmidt lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Vail*



Jeremy & Cathy Schmidt - March 03, 2019 at 05:23 PM



She was a "Mom of the neighborhood", loved by all! Her unique personality will never be filled in my lifetime? Much love and many prayers for this beautiful family!

Kathy Cheri - March 03, 2019 at 09:30 PM

BP

Thank you, Kathy. Love, beth

beth potter - March 08, 2019 at 09:31 PM