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Mary Louise McDonnell of Fort Myers, Florida passed away peacefully with her loving family by her side on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 following some recent health challenges. She was 83 years old. Mary was born on December 26, 1933 in Lancaster, Ohio, the beautiful daughter to Nora (Brassure) and Harold Short.. She moved to Fort Myers in March, 1960 and quickly began to enjoy her new home by becoming active in the community. Mary was an outgoing and friendly person who greatly enjoyed the company of others. Throughout the years she maintained a very close circle of friends and was proud that her family and those of her friends became part of an extended circle of friendship. She loved children and treasured spending time with them whenever she could. She worked for many years at the TG&Y Store on College Parkway in Fort Myers until her retirement in the early 1990's. Mary also loved to travel whenever possible and was an active parishioner at Saint Cecilia's Catholic Church in Fort Myers for many years. Mary leaves to cherish her loving memory her son Mike McDonnell and daughter-in-law Kathy; her grandsons Michael and Ryan McDonnell; her great-granddaughter Leah McDonnell; brother Donald Short (Mary Lou) and sisters Arlene Timonere (Don), Noreen Solt (Dan) and Angie Short. She also leaves behind a number of extended family members and a great many other people who were proud to have met Mary along life's journey. Sadly, she was preceded in death by her loving husband Eugene McDonnell who died on October 11, 1993. A Memorial Service for Mary will be celebrated by Deacon Anthony F. DiLorenzo at 11:00 am on Saturday, July 22, 2017 inside the Chapel at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers, Florida 33907, (239) 936-0555. To share a story, leave a tribute or to offer condolences to the family at this difficult time please visit Mary's memorial webpage at www.fortmyersmemorial.com and sign her guestbook.



Tribute Wall

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JM

Jim McDonnell posted:

Dear Mike and Family, Aunt Mary was such a wonderful person. I remember the family picnics at Chestnut Ridge, the softball games, the jokester fathers (Jim, John, Gene), the food. When your family moved to Florida, we missed all of you. Fortunately, we were able to visit your mom several times when we would visit my mom and dad in Fort Myers. Eventually we visited with just the moms in Fort Myers and up in Largo. We always had such wonderful visits with Mary. She would give us updates on you and your family and would exchange Christmas cards every year. Of the eight McDonnell siblings and their spouses, Mary's departure leaves only one, John's wife Betty. Those McDonnell boys sure married well! Sweetness goes a long way and Mary is a great example of that. We still hold the family picnics at Chestnut Ridge on the last Saturday of July. We will remember Mary and you and your family when we meet this year. Jim and Colleen McDonnell

July 15 at 5:27 AM

SC

Susan Clark posted:

My deepest condolences for the entire family. I loved Mrs Mary being a neighbor at the end of Clara I grew up seeing her daily walks and remember Princess back when I was a child. As the years passed she became one of my Mom's dearest friends. I know my childhood would not have been the same without her. I am relieved she is no longer in pain. Susan Clark

July 13 at 3:45 PM

NS

Norene Solt posted:

Our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Mary. She was a beautiful, compassionate and the kindest soul. She loved her family and friends with a generous heart. She had a way to make you feel welcome, loved and appreciated. She loved the Lord with all her being. We loved her dearly and will miss her till we are all together again. For all of us left behind I know she would want us to be happy and to know that she is new and whole again with the Lord. Her loving sister Norene and brother in law Dan

June 17 at 4:36 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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