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Mary Lou Lewis passed away Friday, July 24, 2020 in Kingsport, TN after an extended illness. She was born in Black Joe, KY on December 27, 1928 to Sarah and Logan Lewis. She was a graduate of Loyall High School in 1947 and the Good Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing in 1951. She worked for doctor's Park and Begley in Harlan, KY where she met the new band director in town, Luther Lewis, and began a 63 marriage that produced three children. They started in Harlan, KY, then moved to Clintwood, VA, and then moved to Greensburg, KY seeking employment. Mary Lou and Luther finally settled in their forever home in Clintwood, VA in 1963. Mary Lou worked as a public health nurse at the Dickenson County Health Department for several years before moving to Clintwood Elementary School as the school nurse. She found her passion in working with the youth of the county and town, caring and loving for hundreds and gaining a large extended family. She retired from nursing in the mid-90's and spent her retirement doing what she loved – spoiling her grandchildren, sharing her love of nature's flora and fauna, raising wildflowers, and a jungle of pawpaws, autumn olives, and mayapples. She was a true Appalachian Granny woman, knowing the uses of any wildflower or plant, for food, medicine, and healing. She was an avid church goer and member of the choir at Clintwood Baptist Church, and this continued a love for

music that began in her early youth. Her performance at Carnegie Hall with the Harlan Musettes was one of the proudest moments of her life. She was a full-bird Kentucky Colonel and was always proud of her Kentucky heritage.

Preceded in death by her parents Sarah Bell Shell Lewis and Logan Delmar Lewis; brothers Elmer, Logan Jr., William Frederick; sisters Emily, Edith, Emma, and Evelyn Ruth; and husband Luther Everette.

Survived by: children Norman (Judy) Lewis of Clintwood, VA; Melody (Gary) Bird of Perryville, KY; and Lee (Karen) Lewis of Roanoke, VA; grandchildren – Jessica (Brad) Ketron, Matthew (Tracy) Bird, Zachary Garrett, Kileigh Bird, Nicholas(Natalie) Lewis, Ashley (Ronnie) Fultz and Kaitlyn (John) Hill; several great – grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Clintwood Baptist Church or Gideons International. Services will be private at this time due to COVID-19 restrictions. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Lou Lewis



Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory - July 26, 2020 at 04:27 PM

CD

She was the best in school. She was always an angel to me when i was little, and shes a true angel now. Oh so many memories. Gnna miss u and aleyas have.

Crystal Dunford - July 28, 2020 at 07:09 AM

MW

“ My memories of Mary Lewis in clintwood elementary school was going to the nurse's station to see Mary Lewis and giving me a physical and check my heart and my hearing and she was the best nurse ever and forever she will be. She will be miss by all and she will always be my number 1 angel in heaven....

Matthew Wallace - August 24, 2020 at 03:50 AM

CM

“ Celeste Mullins&family lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Lewis



Celeste Mullins&family - August 23, 2020 at 07:46 PM

GS

“ To the family of Mary,
Mary was a joy to work with. She was most
caring, looked out for the welfare of little
children. When it came to the health of
children in foster care, she was so kind, a
great resource and major help. She was on the front line for the
county and always had a big smile which was medicine in itself.
Gerry Scardo



Geraldine Scardo - August 08, 2020 at 07:51 AM

CD

“ So sorry to hear of your mothers passing. We know where she is. In
the arms of Jesus. We enjoyed working with her at Clintwood Elem
School . She was our friend and a wonderful nurse . Will always
cherish her friendship and will be praying for the family.

cecil and Teresa Deel - July 31, 2020 at 04:23 PM

JB

“ TERRIE AND I TOOK HER OUT TO EAT SEVERAL , TIMES, SHE
HAS BEEN TO MY HOME ALSO, I LOVE THIS LADY SURE
GOING TO MISS HER,LOVE YOU MARY LOU

JOAN BENTLEY - July 27, 2020 at 09:11 PM

RS

“ Thoughts and prayers. So many great memories. Remember the
days at Happy Valley Pool,

Richard Stallard - July 27, 2020 at 06:51 PM

RS

“ *Richard Stallard lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Lewis*



Richard Stallard - July 27, 2020 at 02:45 PM

RM

“ *I never had the pleasure of knowing her, but the stories I have heard make me wish I had. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you now and in the days to come, for comfort and strength in only the way God can. She leaves a great legacy and lives on through you <3*

Rebecca Mefford - July 27, 2020 at 08:27 AM

TT

“ *Terrie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Lewis*



Terrie Taylor - July 27, 2020 at 12:18 AM

TT

“ *Mary Lou, if sure was fun working for you. We never had a full day. Memories of you and I sitting on your porch singing and knowing all the words to every Hymn. Your mind wasn't clear at times. You made my days brighter..Rest easy now my friend you fought the good fight. Now Rest
" If you think nobody loves you, just look up and say Jesus and Mary Lou loves you".*

Terrie Taylor - July 27, 2020 at 12:13 AM

TT

We never had a DULL day. 😊

Terrie Taylor - July 27, 2020 at 12:20 AM

AD

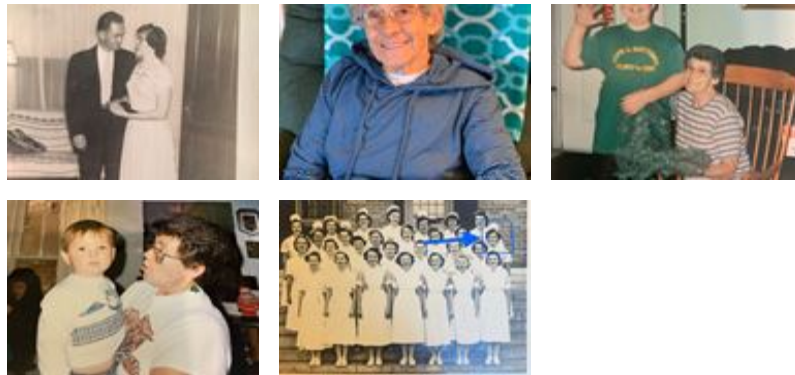
“ During my high school band years, Mrs. Lewis was the dispenser of TLC, and we all adored her. You will surely miss her, but you will have so many positive memories to get you through the loneliness. My prayers for peace and comfort will be with you.



Anna Yates Damron - July 26, 2020 at 05:08 PM



“ 35 files added to the album Life Tributes



Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory - July 26, 2020 at 04:20 PM

TB

“ For you Lee My friend. Such a Sad time. I'll keep you and the family in my hearts and prayers. She will surly be missed. 🌹🙏



Tammy Kea Branham - July 26, 2020 at 04:19 PM

DE

“ Norman, Melody, so sorry about the loss of your mom. I knew her many years, along with your dad. Both were fine people. I will remember them fondly. My sympathy, Danny

Danny L Edwards - July 26, 2020 at 01:55 PM

SO

“ This breaks my heart, ..she was the sweetest woman. She was the reason i became a nurse. I spent way to much time in her office lol. She was always so kind.. ..she will be greatly missed..

Shannon Edwards Owens - July 26, 2020 at 09:22 AM

CP

“ Melody, Norman, and Lee: I am so very sorry for your loss. Your mother was an important part of our "band family," and we all loved her. Please know that I will keep your family in my thoughts and prayers.

Clark Phipps - July 26, 2020 at 09:14 AM

MM

“ I would stay with Miss Lewis instead of going outside to play after lunch until Mr. Kennedy found out and made me go outside. She was such a dear loving person.

Marsha Mullins

Marsha MULLINS - July 26, 2020 at 05:49 AM