



Mary Louise Cushing

July 14, 2023

Mary Louise Cushing passed away peacefully at Haven Hospice on July 10, 2023. She was surrounded by family, and lived to be an impressive 104 years young!

Mary Louise was born December 29, 1918 in Oakland, CA to Elena and Louis Alegria. She was the third of four children, and the only daughter. Mary Louise attended the College of Holy Names, where she majored in music, and minored in education. She went on to marry her dear Sergeant Delbert Cushing and raised her three daughters in Pleasant Hill, CA and Potomac, MD. Mary Louise retired from teaching elementary school in Montgomery County, MD, and moved to a retirement community in Gainesville, FL in 1978. Gainesville is where all three daughters would go on to raise her grandchildren.

She was an avid reader, played tennis for the Lady Gators, taught catechism at St. Patrick's Church, and was a member of the B'Nai Israel Friendship Circle. She was an accomplished concert level pianist, and her three recorded CDs are part of the legacy she leaves with us. By far, her greatest joy was spending time with those she loved.

Mary Louise is preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 55 years, her brothers 'Al,' Richard, and John, and her daughter Andrea and son-in-law

Bill Swisher.

Mary Louise is survived by her daughters Elaine Langford (Gary) and Diana Ash (Alan). She also is survived by her grandchildren Jenny Lamy (Joe), Benji Langford, Juliet Lindemann (Michael), Adam Ash (Madaline), Bryan Swisher (Stacey), Reneé Langford, Dionne Langford, and Jessica Pratt (Andy) as well as her great grandchildren Parker, Evan, Nathan, Colin, James, Aubrey, Jackson, and Zachary.

The family invites you to attend a funeral mass at St. Patrick's Catholic Church at 500 NE 16th Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601 at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 21, 2023. Memorial to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to:
American Action Fund for Blind Children and Adults
1800 Johnson Street
Baltimore, MD 21230
410-659-9315

<https://actionfund.org/donate>

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Tribute Wall

SA

“ *May God grant peace and healing to all who mourn her passing. May her soul rest in eternal peace.*

Sr. Tina Alfieri - July 18, 2023 at 06:50 PM

BW

“ *Mrs Cushing was a special spiritual lady. She was my CCD teacher in 2nd grade teaching me the sacrament of 1st Communion. Her spirit was powerful. She still had her memory at 103 years old remembering all of her students she had 30 years ago and all her friends at St Patrick's. I enjoyed visiting with you and sharing these precious memories. Your memory will live on at St Patrick's Catholic Church and all that you did to help so many know Jesus and build a relationship with him.*

Burt Wetherington - July 16, 2023 at 04:19 PM

JW

“ *Mary Louise will be missed by all of us who knew her. She was a talented, kind, and generous person. Living a full life to the age of over 104 years, she graced us all with her beautiful soul. May the family know that our love goes out to each of them in this time of loss.*

Janet W Walters - July 16, 2023 at 01:48 PM

KF

“ How I will miss my dear, dear friend Mary Louise but know she has gone on to a better place embraced by all the composers whose music she shared with all of us lucky enough to hear her play. God bless all her dear family and comfort them as you say goodbye to your wonderful Mother, Grandmother, and Great-Grandmother. She has left this world a better place for being here, thanking God every day for her blessed old age, what a role model for me. Sending love, especially to Elaine and Diana. God bless xoxo

Katie Finnerty - July 15, 2023 at 01:16 AM