



Mary Lou Richard

March 22, 1924 - July 9, 2024

Abbeville -

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, July 13, 2024, in Saint Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Abbeville at 1:00 pm for Mary Lou Richard, age 100, who passed away peacefully on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at her residence in Abbeville.

Father Glenn Meaux will officiate.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, July 13, 2024, from 11:00 am until service time at Saint Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Abbeville; a recitation of the Holy Rosary will be held at 12 noon.

Burial will take place at Saint Paul Cemetery in Abbeville.

Mary Lou Richard was born on March 22, 1924, in Cow Island and she was a longtime resident of Abbeville. Earlier in life, Mary owned four restaurants; one in Greenville, Mississippi on her own and three in Texarkana that she owned with her brother, Tan Richard. Once she moved back home to Louisiana she catered many weddings and events with her dear friend, Joyce Richard. Away from work Mary loved to crochet, sew, and quilt. She could be found each year in her booth at the Omelet Festival selling her various crafts. She also

enjoyed traveling and always had her suitcase packed and ready for a road trip. Mary was a woman of character, and she treasured her faith as a devout Catholic. In Mary's life there were no strangers, she enjoyed laughing and joking with anyone she met. To know her was to love her. She remained strong willed until the very end. More than anything Mary was a loving mother and grandmother, and she will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Mary is survived by her children, Beverly Roy of Abbeville and Allen Richard (Bonnie) of Abbeville; her grandchildren, Lance Richard, Megan Ward (Jason), Jalynn Elmore, and Misty Abshire (DJ); her great-grandchildren, Dillan Richard, Bailey Ward, Kameron Ward, Amanda Telles, James McIntosch, Mariann Hardy, and John Cody Williams; as well as her great-great-grandchildren, Andrew Hardy and Lilyana Williams.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Louis Richard and Nydia Chaisson Richard; her granddaughter, Heidi LeBlanc; as well as her ten siblings.

Pallbearers will be Lance Richard, Dillan Richard, Bailey Ward, Kameron Ward, John Cody Williams, and DJ Abshire with Jason Ward serving as an Honorary Pallbearer.

The family wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to the doctors, nurses, and staff of Heart of Hospice; all of her wonderful friends who brought meals; as well as a special thank you to Chelsey Sonnier for the care and compassion that was offered to Mary Lou Richard and her family during their time of need.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Cypress Funeral Home & Crematory, 206 W. Lafayette St., Maurice, LA 70555.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 13. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Saint Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
300 Pere Megret Street
Abbeville, LA 70510

Rosary

JUL 13. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Saint Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
300 Pere Megret Street
Abbeville, LA 70510

Funeral Mass

JUL 13. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Saint Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
300 Pere Megret Street
Abbeville, LA 70510

Burial

JUL 13. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

St. Paul Cemetery
515 Jacquelyn St.
Abbeville, LA 70510

Tribute Wall

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“ Beverly and Allen, so sorry to hear that we have lost Aunt Mary. She was always such fun and so energetic.
I met her at the MardiGras Parade and Party at The Acadian I. Texarkana, 1988. I had such a good time I decided to marry into the family.
I still have her cookbook and use it frequently. Everyone loved Mary and her cooking!
She will be missed. Condolences to the whole family and community. Her passing will leave a void that cannot be filled. 🕊️
Love from Nan (Patrick Richard) and Jennifer. 🌸

Nan Mshler Richard - August 27, 2024 at 06:40 PM