



Mary Lou Shirakawa

April 26, 1939 - January 5, 2023

Mary Lou Handley Shirakawa, 83, died peacefully at Cape Canaveral Hospital Cocoa Beach, FL on Thursday January 5, 2023.

She was born on April 26, 1939 in Pliny, WV to the late Lee C. Handley and Nina Livezey Handley. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Bill Handley.

Mrs. Shirakawa was a graduate of Winfield High School and earned a B.S. in Computer Science from the University of Cincinnati and a Masters in Aerospace/Aeronautics from Embry-Riddle. During her career, Mary worked at General Electric Aircraft Engines in Cincinnati and with several contractors for N.A.S.A. and the U.S. Air Force on the Space Coast in Florida. She enjoyed spending time with her family, grandchildren and at her farmhouse in Pliny, WV. Her interests included gardening, traveling and taking cruises.

Her survivors include Mary's beloved husband of 39 years, Harris; her children and their families, son: Charles Ray (Martha) Ricke and her son, Allen; daughter: Susan Lynn Ricke (Steven) Groome; and son: John Steven (Brenda) Ricke and her daughter, Maggie; her two grandchildren: Abigail Lee and Zachary Dunning Groome; and two brothers, Paul and John Handley. She was also blessed to be surrounded by a large extended family.

Funeral Service for Mary will be 2:00pm Saturday January 21, 2023 at Chapman Funeral Home Winfield, WV. Burial will follow in Pliny Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Pliny.

Friends may visit the family an hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Anyone wishing to leave an online memorial may do so by visiting her tribute page at: www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com.

Chapman Funeral Home 12848 Winfield Road Winfield, WV 25213 is honored to handle the Shirakawa family arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Pliny Presbyterian Church Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 21. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Chapman Funeral Home, Winfield
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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Lou Shirakawa*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *To our beautiful friend Mary. We had the privilege of meeting on a cruise which turned into 11 years of treasured friendship. Your wit , your drive, your pride in family and value of friends was unparalleled. You led an incredible life and we will miss you dearly. As she would say, “Not bad for a farm girl!”*

Our heartfelt condolences to Harris, her children and their families.

*All our love and hugs,
Harold and Nadine Cox*

Harold and Nadine Cox - January 19, 2023 at 10:33 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Shirakawa.*



January 18, 2023 at 12:08 PM



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



January 17, 2023 at 01:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Shirakawa.



January 17, 2023 at 12:49 PM



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January 16, 2023 at 10:10 AM