



Mary Wedekind

September 6, 1928 - May 5, 2013

Mary Lou Wedekind, 85, of Fort Myers, Florida & Canfield OH, passed away peacefully on May 5, 2013. She was born September 6, 1928 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the oldest daughter of Russell and Rose (Bauldauff) Bower.

She was pre-deceased by her husband of 57 years, Charles Cummings Wedekind.

She leaves to cherish her loving memory, 3 children, David Russell Wedekind, Jan Patricia Masiuk and her husband Michael, and Lynn Elizabeth Wedekind; sister, Judith Carberry, brother Russell Bower, and 3 grandchildren, Leonard Wedekind, and Greg and Kate Masiuk.

Mary Lou grew up in Oil City, Pennsylvania, where she graduated from high school in 1946. At that time the incoming class for Pennsylvania State University was farmed out off campus due to the influx of GIs after WWII. She attended Clarion State College for that year, and then attended and graduated from the main campus of Penn State, where she met her future husband, Charles Wedekind.

They were married in 1951 after he was recalled to the service during the Korean conflict. They lived briefly in Boardman, Ohio, and West Chester Pennsylvania, before returning to Youngstown, Ohio, where he was employed by and served as superintendent of Mill Creek Park for two decades. After

their retirements they remained in the Youngstown/Canfield area and were snowbirds with their home in Fort Myers Florida for over 22 years.

Mary Lou taught Health and Physical Education in the Boardman School District for many years. She was a working mother with three children. She later attended Kent State University for her graduate work in this field and become a professor for many years at Youngstown State University.

Throughout this succession of schools and through her husband's associates, she made many lasting friendships everywhere.

She was a passionate golfer, lover of nature, and enjoyed knitting, needlework, bridge, swimming & ice skating and was a huge Penn State football fan. She was a devoted mother, wife, sister, aunt, grandmother, teacher and friend with a huge heart, always helping others.

She will be deeply missed by all.

Visitation will be on Wednesday from 2-4 PM at Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc, 4224 Cleveland Ave, Suite 1, Fort Myers, Florida 33901 239-274-0088. Online condolences may be made at www.gendronfuneralhome.com.

Donations can be made to:

YSU Retiree Scholarship Fund, YSU Foundation, 606 Wick Ave, Youngstown, OH 44502,

Penn State Alumni Youngstown Association, 6744 Sodum Hutchings Rd, Girard, OH 44420.

Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens, 123 McKinley, Youngstown, OH, 44509

A celebration of her life will be held Thursday, August 29, inside the Fellow's Riverside Garden's Davis Center, 123 McKinley Ave, Youngstown, OH, 44509, 5:00 ? 7:00pm.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Wedekind*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *Mary Wedekind*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *I was a student-secretary for Mary Lou and the rest of the YSU Health Professors when I was in my 20's. She was an amazing and kind lady. Later I moved to Canfield and talked to Mary Lou at the Canfield Library where I work. I will miss her. She was a great lady.*

Sybil Torella - August 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jan and family, very sorry to hear of your loss. Will keep you and your family in my prayers.*

laure johnson - August 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Staff of the Penn State Center and the Penn State Extension Office of Allegheny County express their deepest sympathies to the family. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.*

Maureen Hogan - May 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Jan, Michael and family,
We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with
you all at this difficult time.
Our deepest sympathy.
Ken and Maureen Lepczyk

Ken & Maureen Lepczyk - May 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ Dear Jan, Michael, Greg and Kate,
I just got your email about your mom, and are so sorry to hear the
news. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. May you feel God's
presence at this difficult time.
Blessings and Peace,
Love... Patt, John, and Michael

Patt Hardie & John Rahm - May 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM