



## Mary Lou Washburn

March 6, 1939 - April 24, 2021

HUDSON - Mary Lou Washburn passed away on Saturday, April 24 in her home with her husband, son, and granddaughter at her side. Born in Hudson, NY on March 6, 1939, she was 83 years old. Eldest daughter of the late Harold and Mary (Abatto) Race. "Loulabelle" will be missed, especially by her husband George of more than 62 years. She is the unapologetic mother of Rev. Mr. Richard Washburn, Chaplain of the Greenport Fire Department and Hudson Police Departments, and was loving protector of all her children: Gina, George Jr. (Babe), and Rick Washburn, and her adopted son Allen Krom; grandchildren Alyssa, Jeremy, Hailey, and Kelsey, and great grandchildren Gabriel, Bennett and Jade. She is survived by her devoted sister Elvina (Esselstyn) and brother Henry Race. Mary Lou was predeceased by her brother Richard "Dick" Race.

Mary Lou was one of the first women permitted to be a firefighter in the Town of Greenport; a member of all three fire companies, active in the fire police, officer in auxiliary and County wide organizations; if there was a barrier to her serving, she didn't overcome it, she tore it down. Served as Secretary/Treasurer of the Greenport Fire District for more than 32 years and took her role protecting the taxpayers' money seriously. She was bookkeeper and weighmaster for more than 30 years at A. Colarusso & Sons in Greenport, earning her the nickname as "Gravel Gertie", never afraid to work or get her hands dirty. In retirement she loved being with friends and family at

Blackthorn in East Durham and traveled everywhere she could despite her declining health. Cancer survivor and artificial heart valve recipient, but never the victim, only the fighter.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: Greenport Pumper Co. No 1, P.O. Box 375, Hudson, NY. Visitation hours at the Bates & Anderson on Monday May 3, from 4:00 - 7:00 PM. Services will be held on Tuesday, May 4 at 10:00 AM at St. Mary's Church in Hudson. A Christian burial will follow at Cedar Park Cemetery in Hudson.

# Previous Events

## Visitation Hours

MAY 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler  
110 Green Street  
Hudson, NY 12534  
(518) 828-3371  
<http://batesandersonredmondkeeler.com>

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Church  
429 East Allen Street  
Hudson, NY 12534

# Tribute Wall

MA

“ *Sandi and Mac are saddened by your loss.  
May she Rest In Peace.  
Truly a great friend and will be dearly missed.  
Mac and Sandi*



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**macdonald** - May 03, 2021 at 12:32 PM

CE

“ *Chris & Buster Esposito lit a candle in  
memory of Mary Lou Washburn*



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**Chris & Buster Esposito** - May 03, 2021 at 10:22 AM

PL

“ *Pat And George Lucas lit a candle in memory  
of Mary Lou Washburn*



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**pat and george lucas** - May 01, 2021 at 09:58 PM

RW

“ *Rev. Mr. Richard Washburn lit a candle in  
memory of Mary Lou Washburn*



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**Rev. Mr. Richard Washburn** - May 01, 2021 at 11:00 AM

PM

“ Patricia Moskaluk lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Washburn



Patricia Moskaluk - May 01, 2021 at 07:44 AM

GJ

“ George Washburn Jr lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Washburn



George Washburn Jr - May 01, 2021 at 07:11 AM

ST

“ Susan Tebolt lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Washburn



Susan Tebolt - April 30, 2021 at 09:15 AM

NT

“ Nancy Tebolt lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Washburn



Nancy Tebolt - April 30, 2021 at 07:52 AM

BO

“ *Barbara O’Meara lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Washburn*



Barbara O’Meara - April 30, 2021 at 07:49 AM

GT

“ *Agnes and George Tebolt want to extent their love to the entire Washburn family at this time of loss. We have many fond memories of Mary Lou and George from our years of friendship and working together with the Toy Trains shows.*

George Tebolt - April 30, 2021 at 07:47 AM

RW

*George, Agnes, Susan, and Nancy, all of you had special places in my mother's heart. She loved her long conversations with Agnes, while the two George's would go discuss very tedious toy train things. It was just such a wonderful thing, a hobby that brought family and friends together. Thank you for your love and prayers, Mom is great right now. The rest of us, we simply need to heal and overcome the loss. Lots of love, -Rick*

Rev. Mr. Richard Washburn - May 01, 2021 at 10:59 AM

GT

“ *George Tebolt lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Washburn*



George Tebolt - April 30, 2021 at 07:40 AM

NG

“ Nancy Griffith lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Washburn



Nancy Griffith - April 29, 2021 at 09:12 PM

NG

“ To George and the entire Washburn family we are so very sorry on MaryLou passing. She was a special lady and a loved member of our class of 57 HHS family. We will always remember our good times together. The sentiments of Joan Fisher say it all regarding the friendships formed over the years. Rest in peace MaryLou and we know you will be watching over everyone including the firemen!!!  
Nancy & Art Griffith

Nancy Griffith - April 29, 2021 at 09:11 PM

RW

Nancy and Art, my mother thoroughly enjoyed your regular get together for the class of 1957. It gave her something to look forward to and enjoy, and to know that all her friends weren't gone. Thank you for all you did, and be sure the entire class knows she enjoyed their time together.

Rev. Mr. Richard Washburn - May 01, 2021 at 10:53 AM

LF

“ My most sincere sympathies go to the Washburn family. You have for years been a part of our family through the many years of friendship shared.



Lynn Fisher - April 29, 2021 at 07:17 PM

JF

“ *Joan Elizabeth Fisher lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Washburn*



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**Joan Elizabeth Fisher** - April 29, 2021 at 03:40 PM

JF

“ *It is with heavy heart that the entire Fisher Family mourns the loss of Marylou! It is not often that we find that so many Hudson High graduates married their high school sweethearts and had such long lasting marriages through love, and yes, dedication to one another and to their families. This was the case with my Parents as well. As Children we have fond memories of times spent with the Washburn family as kids all relatively the same ages. My fondest memories to this day are of the Christmas celebrations and post visitations with Marylou, George and now Rick and Alan. Christmas's were always joyous with our two families and we looked and still look forward to those visits, that trip down memory lane and keeping up with all going on in our mutual families. We will miss Marylou deeply and Thank the Washburn's for all the laughs, the conversations, the company and the friendship we have shared with them all these years as children/as adults and per our Parents deep Friendships forged as kids themselves 60 years ago that still carries on today. It's amazing when you have those bonds and connections that never fade and all the Fisher's are grateful for knowing all of the Washburn Family. God Bless all of you as you celebrate and honor Marylou. I hope memories bring solace and comfort to you all and her voice will continue to resound loudly minus her presence. As Emily Dickinson said: "Love never truly dies for it is immortal".*

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**Joan Elizabeth Fisher** - April 29, 2021 at 03:39 PM

RW

*Joan, I can't express enough how important your family has been to us. The entire Washburn Family has known the love and kindness of the Fishers. You have been an extended family to Allen, for that I cannot thank you enough. He lost his mother, father, uncle, and cousin way too early in life; and is blessed to get an extended family. Thank you. - Rick*

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**Rev. Mr. Richard Washburn** - April 30, 2021 at 12:15 PM

MA

*“ My deepest regards to your entire family Dek. My heart swells with sympathy for all of you. I know the tremendous loss this is and how it feels. Wishing you all joyous memories to help you through this difficult time. I truly hope you all have comfort in the faith of everlasting peace as I know she believed.*

*With sympathy and love  
Marguerite Groat*

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**Marguerite** - April 29, 2021 at 02:12 PM

RW

*Marguerite, I know you understand what it's like to lose a mother. Nancy Groat was a wonderful woman, the world lost a faithful and spirited woman when she went home to your father. Thank you for your love. Mary Lou and Nancy are in a great place. God bless you, your friend, Dek (Deacon Rick)*

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**Rev. Mr. Richard Washburn** - April 30, 2021 at 07:39 AM

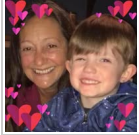
MD

*“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God Bless you all. Cherish your memories.*

*Mary & George Duntz*

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**Mary Duntz** - April 29, 2021 at 12:34 PM



“ *Gina Washburn lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Washburn*



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**Gina Washburn** - April 29, 2021 at 06:20 AM

RC

“ *Deacon Rick and family so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. What a beautiful legacy she left. So honored to have known her, and talked to her when we met in church. May she rest in peace and the angels are flying with her. God bless you and your family. We will keep you in prayer. Your our church family. Love Jackie Richard Richelle Caragine*



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**Richelle Jackie Richard Caragine** - April 28, 2021 at 12:50 PM

RW

*The parish has been so very kind, I can't express how much I appreciate all your love and prayers for the entire family. My mother absolutely loved visiting Resurrection Church on Sunday mornings. The telephone calls, cards, and notes from the entire parish made her strong. Thank you, I love you all so much. I am truly in your debt. - Deacon Rick*

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**Rev. Mr. Richard Washburn** - April 29, 2021 at 01:46 PM