



## Mary Lou Begley

January 10, 1935 - June 6, 2021

Rye – Mary Louise Begley “Mary Lou”, 86, of Rye, formerly of Lawrence, Mass., died Sunday, June 6, 2021 at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Lawrence, on January, 10, 1935, a daughter of the late Francis and Gertrude Cookson.

Raised in Andover Mass., Mary Lou attended Pickford Academy before starting a varied career which included working as a bank teller, manufacturing associate at Raytheon and eventually as a teacher’s aide working with special needs children.

In 1952, she met Arthur Begley, the love of her life and they wed in 1954. They were together for loving and adventure filled 61 years before his passing in 2015.

Mary Lou loved her family and her friends. Her life was fulfilled by her faith in the Catholic Church and through helping others; most recently by knitting hats and scarves for homeless shelters and christening blankets for her church.

Mary Lou is survived by her 4 children, daughter Cindy and her husband Mark Skinner of Antrim NH, son Steven and his wife Sylvia of Epsom NH, daughter Cheryl and husband Scott Farr of Rye, NH and Son Alan and his wife Kolleen of Cullowhee, NC; 8 grandchildren Mark Jr., Matthew, Steve Jr., Melinda,

Joey, Kendra Sydney and Cody; 7 great grandchildren; 3 great-great grandchildren as well her brothers Jerome, Norman, Francis JR and Paul Cookson and sister Joyce Assetta (Cookson).

In addition to her parents and husband, Mary Lou was predeceased by brothers Kenneth and Richard Cookson.

A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 11 A.M. Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at Saint Theresa Church, 815 Central Road, Rye. Burial will follow in the Rye Central Cemetery Rye. An open gathering of friends and family will take place after the burial service at 98 Grove Road, Rye NH. Mary Lou requested that in lieu of flowers, you would consider donating to Operation Smile ([http://support.operationsmile.org/site/TR?px=2985516&fr\\_id=2576&pg=personal](http://support.operationsmile.org/site/TR?px=2985516&fr_id=2576&pg=personal)) a global medical nonprofit that provides free surgeries for children around the world born with cleft lip, cleft palate and other facial deformities.

# Cemetery Details

## Central Cemetery

20 Central Road  
Rye, NH

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Lou Begley*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Rays Restaurant was a Place we went to when we visited. I am so Sorry to hear of her passing. We are at Rays now & was going to stop by for a surprise visit. She will be sadly missed by all but now she is with Art. They were both Great Friends & also got together in Florida. RIP Marylou 🥺❤️💕*

**Darlene Demers** - June 21, 2021 at 03:03 PM



“ *So many memories. Can't just pick one. Love you mom and dad. RIP Sending all my love to both of you. See you in my memories until it is my time.*



**Cindy Skinner** - June 07, 2021 at 07:03 PM



*My cousin, Marylou, so kind and helpful, patient, easy to be with, generous, forgiving, a blessing to us all. We will miss her and are so grateful to have known her. Marylou, wishing you peace and joy in your New Life. ❤️ Nancy*

**Nancy Santoro** - June 09, 2021 at 04:40 PM



*My friend Mary Lou. Had great times in Florida. Rest In Peace. Gail Hixon*

**Gail Hixon** - August 08, 2021 at 12:43 PM