



Mary Louise Higgins

August 3, 1929 - December 29, 2013

Mary Louise Roser Higgins, 84, of Seaford passed away on Sunday, December 29, 2013 at Lofland Park Center.

She was born on August 3, 1929 in Irvington, New Jersey, a daughter of the late Harold and Mary Roser.

Mary Lou was raised in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. She was a graduate of Kennett Square High School and the University of Delaware in Newark. On September 20, 1952 she married her husband, Joseph, and they raised their children together in Seaford. She was an accomplished pianist and organist and accompanied LaNada Ballet Studio and the Seaford High School chorus. Mary Lou was also a lifelong dog lover, who loved and cared for Welsh Corgis. She is survived by her children, Michael Roser Higgins (Donna) of Seaford, Mary Jo Mankin (Mark) of Newark, DE, Katherine Cooper (Gerry) of Warwick, RI, and Marcia Scott of Laurel; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Joseph William Higgins and a sister, Katherine Roser.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 2, 2013 at the Seaford Presbyterian Church, 701 Bridgeville Highway in Seaford.

Visitation with the family will precede the service and begin at 10:00 a.m. The Reverend Laurie Hiller will officiate. Following the service, there will be a time of food and fellowship with the family in the church hall. Burial will be private at Odd Fellows Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Mary Lou's memory to Delaware Hospice, 100 Patriots Way, Milford, DE 19963.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Odd Fellows Cemetery Seaford

Stein Highway
Seaford, DE 19973

Previous Events

Service

JAN 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Seaford Presbyterian Church
701 Bridgeville Highway
Seaford, DE 19973

Tribute Wall

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“Michael, Mary Jo, Katherine and Marcie, and grands, and Corgis(if any still part of the family) I was distraught when I read in yesterday's NewsJournal, of your mom's passing , After her services yesterday... You Know I would have been there. Your mom was not only my accompanist whenever I sang in the community and especially for many Catholic weddings and funerals for many, many years, but also a friend. We shared funny stories over the years, especially at the Catholic Church...Father oversleeping and late for a wedding then knocking over breakables as we all waited for the delayed ceremony to begin; Father giving a sex talk ("the bloom will be off the rose one morning, son") talk to Drs. Curtis Smith and Susan Betts; a ring bearer ducking under the pews with the real rings and eluding many attempts to catch him during a wedding...all happened when we were together! Thank goodness, for years we were in the balcony, so sight unseen to giggle together! As a fellow musician, I so respected and trusted her to have diligently practiced the music, and then to follow me, cover any errors on my part, make me sound good and the piece be a blessing to those who heard it! She always shied away from any attempts to praise her...I will now and she can't stop me! What a true gifted professional she was, a joy and blessing to work with and a lovely fun friend! She will be sorely missed by many...me included. Moving to Bethany 4 yrs. ago, I wasn't even aware she was ill...I would have sent her funny, faith filled cards. I spoke alot about mine, I pray she found peace in the Lord also. My deepest sympathy to all of you. MaryLou was a remarkable woman! xxoo IHL, and with much prayer, Carol Lynch

Carol Lynch - January 31, 2014 at 08:16 AM

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“ *Dear Mary Jo & Family
Please know that you are in our thoughts (happy memories) & prayers. Sorry we were unable to attend your Mom's service.
God bless,
Mike & Lynne Betts, Seaford*

Mrs. Michael Betts - January 21, 2014 at 04:59 PM

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“ *I am so sorry to hear about your families loss of such a wonderful woman. Many years ago she was my accompanist when I danced for 13 yrs for LaNada. I always requested her as she was always patient with me & helped me dance with the music. I owe my appreciation for music to her. My grand daughter is taking ballet now & I wish she could see her & accompany her eventhough they use CD's now! Please know I have great respect for your Mary Lou & I know she will be greatly missed. Had I known about the service, I would have attended to pay my respects in person. God has gained a wonderful angel. Thank you for sharing yor Mom with so many of us! My thoughts & prayers are with you all. Cherie Jones Nolt*

Cherie Nolt - January 04, 2014 at 10:42 PM

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Carol Lynch - January 03, 2014 at 02:33 PM