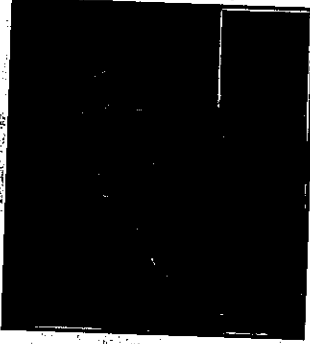


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Mary Lou observed her God in life's details. Her artist's eye was apparent in everything she touched. She carried song and dance in her heart, always sharing treasured memories with A.J. and their four children Larry (Betsy), Susan, Scott (Kanani), and Betsy (Julio); grandchildren, Chad (Sue), Amy (Ryan), Jesse, Allison (Jeremy), Maya, Quena and Israel, and great grandchildren, Keegan, Kirsten, Haley, Cole, Caleb, Olivia and Sophia.

Mary Lou lived her legacy with these words, "Memories, memories, memories. God's greatest gift. I say my prayers of thanks everyday." She embodied the beauty of nature and followed her artistic instincts, stopping only for coffee and antiques along the way.

Mary Lou was preceded in death by her infant son, Richard Alfred (1945); her parents, Robert and Beulah Hoffman; and her younger siblings, Eileen, Bob, Dick and Betty.

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