



Mary Lou Boyd

October 2, 1930 - March 11, 2026

Mary Lou Boyd was born on October 2, 1930 in Parksley, VA to the late Henry S. Finney and Nellie Watkinson Finney. In 1948, she graduated from Accomac High School in Accomac, VA and attended Mary Washington College. After receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology, Ms. Boyd began teaching at the high school level. Following ten years in education, she and her family moved to Kent Island in 1965, residing in Stevensville. In 1969 the Chesterwye Center was organized and she became the first Executive Director. After 28 years of dedicated service she retired in 1996. During her tenure she oversaw significant expansion of the services offered by the Center and two moves, ultimately leading the effort to build their current facility in Grasonville. Her legacy is sealed in the “Boyd Home”, a residential home for Chesterwye clients.

In retirement Ms. Boyd was an active volunteer for Chesterwye Center and served on the Board of Directors for eight years. In later retirement she volunteered for METAvivor Research and Support managing correspondence. She enjoyed sewing, knitting, and crafts, especially with her grandchildren.

Her children and grandchildren were her world. She was a dedicated and loving mother and grandmother who, in all 95 of her years, never missed a family birthday, graduation or holiday celebration. She often marked these occasions by reading poems she authored to commemorate the milestone.

These poems have become cherished family keepsakes. In recent years she became skilled at texting and FaceTime, often making lists of what was happening in her grandchildren's lives to discuss on their calls.

Ms. Boyd is survived by two daughters, Elizabeth Tawil (Jack) of Arnold, MD, Kelly Lange (Mike) of Annapolis, MD and one son, John Boyd (Meg) of Elkridge, MD; and four granddaughters, Mollie Boyd, Anna Boyd, Helena Tawil and Allison Boyd.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Chesterwye Center (<https://chesterwye.org/giving/>)

A visitation will be held at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, 106 Shamrock Road, Chester, Maryland 21619 on Saturday, March 21, 2026 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, with a Memorial Service to follow at 4:00.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 21. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619

Memorial Service

MAR 21. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CA

“ Chris A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Lou Boyd.

Chris A. - March 21 at 11:21 AM

DC

“ Without the guidance and dedication of Mrs. Mary Lou Boyd, there would not be a Chesterwye Center and our daughter Larissa would not be living happily and content in Jessie's House group home. Mrs. Boyd's legacy lives on and we are grateful! Diane, Don, Larissa, Tom and Brianna Creed Gillin.

Diane Creed - March 20 at 08:33 PM

WP

“ Will, Annie, Wren, and Tess Powell purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Lou Boyd.



Will, Annie, Wren, and Tess Powell - March 20 at 01:48 PM

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Will, Annie, Wren, and Tess Powell - March 20 at 01:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Lou Boyd.

March 20 at 01:20 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Boyd.



March 20 at 01:20 PM



“ Chris, James and Allynda Stevens purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Lou Boyd.



Chris, James and Allynda Stevens - March 19 at 03:15 PM



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Chris, James and Allynda Stevens - March 19 at 03:15 PM

TS

“ Terry Stacey lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Boyd



Terry Stacey - March 19 at 12:41 PM



“ I lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Boyd



i - March 19 at 12:41 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Boyd.



March 18 at 06:34 PM

TF

“ The Stevens Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Lou Boyd.



The Stevens Family - March 17 at 09:58 AM

DP

“ *Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Boyd*



Doug Pierson - March 17 at 08:22 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Boyd.*



March 15 at 12:06 PM

CS

“ *Christine Stephens lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Boyd*



Christine Stephens - March 14 at 07:19 PM

BC

“ *I remember Mrs Boyd from when I worked for the County. She was always such an enthusiastic advocate for Chesterwye. They were lucky to have her at the helm.*



Billie Carroll - March 14 at 04:56 PM

KH

“ *Kim Honeycutt lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Boyd*



Kim Honeycutt - March 13 at 08:50 PM

RD

“ *Raymond Dorrell lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Boyd*



Raymond Dorrell - March 13 at 04:58 PM

ST

“ *Steve lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Boyd*



Steve - March 13 at 01:35 PM

TS

“ *Tracy Schulz lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Boyd*



Tracy Schulz - March 12 at 10:47 PM

CC

“ *Carol Callaway lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Boyd*



Carol Callaway - March 12 at 08:52 AM

MA

“ *Mitchell C Andrew lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Boyd*



Mitchell C Andrew - March 12 at 08:35 AM

DW

“ *David & Kathy Wenck lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Boyd*



David & kathy Wenck - March 12 at 06:52 AM