



## Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson

February 14, 1934 - July 22, 2018

Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson, died Sunday, July 22, 2018, at Heron Point in Chestertown, MD. She was 84.

Mary Lou was born in Baltimore, MD, on February 14, 1934, the daughter of the late Louis Edward and Henrietta Moore O'Hare. She attended St. Elizabeth's Business School, graduating Class of 1950.

Following graduation, she worked at the Baltimore Sun paper from 1950 to 1955. While working for The Sun, she met Christopher J. Rosendale of Baltimore, MD, who she married on April 16, 1955. They moved to Stevensville, MD, on January 3, 1962, and started the Bay Times newspaper in November 1963, which they owned and operated until 1974. Mary Lou started working in real estate in 1973, for Reginald Jones Real Estate. She started her own business, Rosendale Realty, on January 3, 1978, and would grow her business by purchasing other real estate companies including Reginald Jones Realty and later, C. Yates Realty. Eventually many members of her family became active in real estate as well.

Mr. Rosendale predeceased her on January 3, 1994. On November 16, 1996, she married Thomas Pierson of Grasonville, MD.

Mary Lou was an active member of St. Christopher's Catholic Church, St.

Peter's and Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church. She was the first woman to serve on the Board of Directors of Equitable Trust Bank, Second National Bank and Farmers National Bank, and she was a past president of the Queen Anne's County Board of Realtors. She has also served on many state and local real estate boards. Mrs. Pierson served as the Maryland Real Estate Commissioner for two governors, serving one year as President. She served on the Memorial Hospital and the Chesapeake College foundations. She was a recipient of the Entrepreneur of Queen Anne's County Award and was selected "Businessman of the Year" by the Chamber of Commerce and the Centreville Rotary Club. She was the first woman to be accepted into the Centreville Rotary Club and is also a member of the Queen Anne's County Adult Day Care Foundation. Mrs. Pierson served as past campaign chairman of the Queen Anne's County United Way, where she served on the board for many years. She was also a member and officer of St. Christopher's Altar Society, a member and past president of the Chesapeake Women's Network, and the first female President of Queen Anne's County Chamber of Commerce.

She is survived by her four children, Eileen Rosendale Garza (Carlos) of Magnolia, TX, Matthew Rosendale (Jean) of Glendive, MT, Daniel Rosendale (Lee) of Centreville, MD, and Michael Rosendale (Tammy) of Stevensville, MD; daughter-in-law, Lisa Rosendale of Ruthsburg, MD; twelve grandchildren, Cari Leith (Cailean), Rebecca Kellum (Willie), Christopher J. Rosendale III (Sarah), Sarah Garza, Matthew Rosendale, Jr., Brien Rosendale, Adam Rosendale, Megan Rosendale (Chris Mitchell), Jacob Rosendale, Daniel Rosendale, Caroline Rosendale and Benjamin Rosendale; great-grandchildren, Gavin, Walker and Emerson Leith, Brayden and Regan Kellum, Christopher IV, Wyatt Rosendale Bailey Rosendale Mitchell; and many relatives, friends and associates.

She is predeceased by her husband, Christopher J. Rosendale, Sr.; husband,

Thomas E. Pierson; son, Christopher Rosendale Jr.; daughter, Mary Teresa Rosendale; and six siblings, Charles, Louis, Thomas and John O'Hare, Louise Knellinger and Elizabeth Benton.

A visitation will be held on July 27, 2018, at the Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home in Centreville, MD, where family and friends may visit from 2:00-4:00 pm and 6:00-8:00 pm. A funeral mass will be held at Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church on July 28, 2018, at 10:00 am with burial to follow in Stevensville Cemetery in Stevensville, MD.

# Cemetery Details

## Stevensville Cemetery

808 Main Street  
Stevensville, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 27. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Centreville Location  
408 South Liberty Street  
Centreville, MD 21617  
(410) 758-1151  
info@fhfuneralhome.com

## Visitation

JUL 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Centreville Location  
408 South Liberty Street  
Centreville, MD 21617  
(410) 758-1151  
info@fhfuneralhome.com

## Mass

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JUL **28**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Mother of Sorrows Church  
303 Chesterfield Avenue  
Centreville, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - July 26, 2018 at 10:15 AM

GP

*Wonderful tribute for Mary Lou.*

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**Gene and Lynda Palmatary** - July 26, 2018 at 02:49 PM



“ *Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson*

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

CS

“ Cynthia S.Dill lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson



Cynthia S.Dill - July 28, 2018 at 06:56 PM

SE

“ I had many good times with Mary Lou. Fond memories of babysitting her know do when they lived n Mountain Avenue, and spending Christmas Eve with her and Chris wrapping presents and putting toys together.  
She was a wonderful person, we will miss her.

sally Everhart - July 27, 2018 at 08:25 PM



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



July 27, 2018 at 03:12 PM

KC

“ Karen L Colley lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson



Karen L Colley - July 27, 2018 at 01:37 PM

KC

*Dear Chris and family,  
Keeping all of you and yours in prayer in the loss of Mrs. Mary Lou.  
May your memories give you comfort.*

*Sincerely  
Karen and Ken Colley*

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**Karen L Colley** - July 27, 2018 at 01:58 PM

MH

“*Royce and I extend our deepest sympathies to the Rosendale family. There will be many memories to share of her life. May she rest in peace. Martha & Royce Herman*



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**Martha & Royce Herman** - July 27, 2018 at 12:05 PM

GF

“*Greg O'Hare, Kelly German and families purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson.*



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**Greg O'Hare, Kelly German and families** - July 26, 2018 at 10:32 PM

TF

“*The DeMaso Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson.*



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**The DeMaso Family** - July 26, 2018 at 08:14 PM

LV

“ Love, Beth Kirwin & Anne Gilson, Richmond, VA purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson.



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**Love, Beth Kirwin & Anne Gilson, Richmond, VA** - July 26, 2018 at 07:33 PM

BK

“ Your mom holds a special place in my heart. I can still see her easy smile and feel her love. I met Eileen in Richmond in 1978, at VCU. Had a chance to spend time with your mom on several occasions over the years. I got to see her in Maryland when Eileen was visiting a year or so ago.

*I am so sorry for your loss. I am so grateful that I knew your mom. She was warm, welcoming and fun.*

*Much love to you all,*

*Beth Kirwin*

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**Beth Kirwin** - July 26, 2018 at 07:22 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson.



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July 26, 2018 at 06:07 PM

FP

“ Frank And Tish Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson



Frank and Tish Palmatary - July 26, 2018 at 02:50 PM

LT

“ Lexie Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson



Lexie Thomas - July 26, 2018 at 01:37 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson.



July 26, 2018 at 01:15 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson.



July 26, 2018 at 12:34 PM

AG

“ Thoughts and prayers for you and your family,  
in this time.

*She had to have been a great lady to have  
raised such a son.*

*With warmest regards,  
The Goforth Family.*



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**Anna Goforth** - July 26, 2018 at 12:06 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson.*



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July 26, 2018 at 11:52 AM



“ *Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the  
family of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson.*



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July 26, 2018 at 11:33 AM

TF

“ *The Waterman Family purchased the Gracious L  
avender Basket for the family of Mary Lou  
Rosendale Pierson.*



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**The Waterman Family** - July 26, 2018 at 11:27 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson.*



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July 26, 2018 at 09:25 AM



“ *Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson.*



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July 26, 2018 at 09:10 AM



“ *Kevin and Eve Fishell purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson.*



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**Kevin and Eve Fishell** - July 26, 2018 at 09:04 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss keeping you in my thoughts and prayers*



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**Bonnie Coleman** - July 26, 2018 at 08:58 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson.*



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July 25, 2018 at 08:29 PM



“ *Megan and Matt Shetz purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson.*



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**Megan and Matt Shetz** - July 25, 2018 at 07:20 PM



“ *Bob & Sheila Willis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson*



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**Bob & Sheila Willis** - July 25, 2018 at 03:32 PM



*I'm so sorry for your loss Michael, may she Rest In Peace*

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**Kenneth Medell** - July 25, 2018 at 09:11 PM



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



July 25, 2018 at 02:33 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson.*



July 25, 2018 at 01:14 PM



“ *Mike and Carlene Shores purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson.*



**Mike and Carlene Shores** - July 25, 2018 at 10:43 AM



“ *Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson*



**Gene and Lynda Palmatary** - July 25, 2018 at 09:30 AM

GP

*What a great lady that has left us. She loved her family and friends so much. She was such a great person over the years in the community and her smile will be missed. Our Prayers and blessings to the family. Her memories will live on forever. God bless, Gene and Lynda Palmatary*

**Gene and Lynda Palmatary** - July 25, 2018 at 09:33 AM

GB

“ *Gene And Trish Beville lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson*



**Gene And Trish Beville** - July 25, 2018 at 08:13 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson.*



July 25, 2018 at 07:46 AM

JP

“ *John And Phyllis Perkins lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson*



**John and Phyllis Perkins** - July 24, 2018 at 10:36 PM

VS

“ I didn't know your mom...but my mom and sisters respected her! She will be greatly missed and our prayers are lifted up for all who will miss this icon..lovely lady of our community!🙏

Val whaley ivi s - July 24, 2018 at 09:51 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson.



July 24, 2018 at 09:13 PM

SH

“ Sherri & Tj Hunter lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson



Sherri & Tj Hunter - July 24, 2018 at 09:01 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson.



July 24, 2018 at 07:28 PM

JA

“ Rosendale family- please be at peace knowing your Mom lived a wonderful life, served her community, did not have a mean bone in her body, loved our Lord, and absolutely adored each and everyone of you! Our community has lost a great lady, but what a legacy she leaves behind! Comforting thoughts and love to each of you!

Jane Anthony - July 24, 2018 at 06:00 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson.



July 24, 2018 at 05:08 PM

DC

“ David And June Clark lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson



David and June Clark - July 24, 2018 at 04:50 PM

ED

“ Mike and Family

*We are sorry to hear of the passing of your mom. Hopefully the good times you shared with her will bring smiles and help you through this difficult time.*

*Ed, Lori & Lauren Dunn*

Ed Dunn - July 24, 2018 at 04:22 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson.*



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July 24, 2018 at 03:39 PM



“ *Jean Clough Mccombs lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson*



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**jean clough mcombs** - July 24, 2018 at 03:35 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Marylou's passing. I began spending time with Marylou at Heron Point beauty Salon. She was a lady full of pride, love, dignity, and grace. I will miss her smile and hugs she would give us, when she saw us. What a kind lady she was. My condolences go out to the family. Fly high Miss Marylou. Barbara Ream /Nancy Austin*

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**Nancy Austin** - July 24, 2018 at 03:18 PM



“ *Mary Lou, What a beautiful, kind person you have always been. I will always remember you for your kind smile and willingness to help anyone who asked. You were one of the first people that my wife and I met when we moved to Kent Island in 1979. You were truly a pillar of not only the community but also of the County. You will be greatly missed by alot of folks including Cheryl & me.*

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**Mike Zimmer** - July 24, 2018 at 02:29 PM

SD

*A wonderful lady and fun to be with. Will be missed!*

sara jane davidson - July 24, 2018 at 04:52 PM

TF

“ Tracy And Stacey Schulz And Family lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson



Tracy and Stacey Schulz and Family - July 24, 2018 at 01:39 PM

RB

“ With our Deepest Sympathy.



Ruth Baker - July 24, 2018 at 01:33 PM

BD

“ My deepest sympathy to Ilene, Danny, Matt and Michael and all the grandchildren and great grandchildren and relatives. She was a wonderful woman and mother and grandmother, may God be with her and may she rest in everlasting peace.

Beverly A. Davidson - July 24, 2018 at 01:10 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson.*



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July 24, 2018 at 01:03 PM



“ *Beverly A. Davidson lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson*



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**Beverly A. Davidson** - July 24, 2018 at 12:50 PM



“ *Extending our heartfelt sympathy to the entire Rosendale, and Pierson families. Mrs. Mary Lou was so loved by everyone. My parents enjoyed so many wonderful and fun times and memories both on the shore and in Florida. Her friendship was so special to our family, and also in Buddy's childhood. May she rest in peace knowing she raised a wonderful family and has left you all with much love and an amazing legacy. She will be missed. Found some happy pictures of her on my Mom's computer wanted to share. Love and prayers of peace and strength to you all in the days ahead.*

*Colleen & Buddy Thomas*



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**Colleen Thomas** - July 24, 2018 at 12:48 PM

MO

“ Our hearts are overflowing with sympathy and love for the family. May you be comforted by your own memories and those shared by everyone who loved and respected the great lady that Mary Lou was. Love Mike and Sue O'Hare

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**Mike and Sue O'Hare** - July 24, 2018 at 12:16 PM

AW

“ Marylou was a wonderful lady who I met when I worked for Reginald Jones Reality many years ago. She was very pleasant always smile and had a very big heart . She will be greatly missed by all and forever remembered by all.

*Condolences to the Rosendale - Pierson Family.*

*Amy Wiscott*

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**Amy Wiscott** - July 24, 2018 at 11:21 AM

JP

“ JoAnn & Royden Powell lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson



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**JoAnn & Royden Powell** - July 24, 2018 at 10:54 AM

AH

“ Mary Lou was a giving friend who embraced vision and produced that vision in so many ways to enhance this community. Our community will surely feel the loss of such dedication. Mary Lou was a great giving friend to church, community, friends and family

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**Alvin Helfenbein** - July 24, 2018 at 10:13 AM

CP

“ *Mary Lou was a special person. I met her through the Centreville Rotary Club. Thoughts and prayers go to her family.* ”



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**Chris Perkins** - July 24, 2018 at 09:34 AM

TL

“ *Tammy Larrimore lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson* ”



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**Tammy Larrimore** - July 24, 2018 at 09:19 AM

JG

“ *Joan Gray lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson* ”



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**Joan Gray** - July 24, 2018 at 09:17 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson.* ”



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July 24, 2018 at 09:09 AM

KR

“ *Ms. Mary Lou touched so many lives, what a wonderful lady she was and will be missed by many. We were blessed to have added Ms. Mary Lou as part of our family. Hugs to all of her family who she loved so much! Praying for comfort for all of you. Scott and Kim Ruth*

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**Kim Ruth** - July 24, 2018 at 09:01 AM

JE

“ *Jim Ewing lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson*



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**Jim Ewing** - July 24, 2018 at 08:50 AM

TS

“ *Terri Schelhouse lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson*



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**Terri Schelhouse** - July 24, 2018 at 08:46 AM

TS

*My prayers to your family....she was a great lady and she touched so many lives in QAC and she will be missed*

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**Terri Schelhouse** - July 24, 2018 at 08:48 AM

DG

*So sorry to hear about the passing of Mrs. Rosendale. I knew her as someone with a sweet wonderful presence and clearly she was a woman of tremendous strength and ability. May she rest in peace and may her memory be a blessing to her family.*

*Debra Grollman*

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**Debra E Grollman** - July 29, 2018 at 02:32 PM

SF

“ *Suzi And Rudy Ford lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson*



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**Suzi and Rudy Ford** - July 24, 2018 at 07:27 AM

JA

“ *Joann Mike Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson*



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**Joann Mike Anderson** - July 24, 2018 at 06:22 AM

BK

“ *Bea Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson*



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**Bea Kelley** - July 24, 2018 at 06:05 AM

DS

“ Prayers from Donnie and myself for the Rosendale family may your mom Rest In Peace



Debbie & Donnie Sadler - July 23, 2018 at 11:21 PM

AH

“ April Heim lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson



April Heim - July 23, 2018 at 10:37 PM

KH

“ Kim Honeycutt lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson



Kim Honeycutt - July 23, 2018 at 09:52 PM

DP

“ Donna Pierso lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson



Donna Pierso - July 23, 2018 at 08:57 PM

DP

*So sorry to hear of Mary Lou's passing!! Such a great lady and happy to have her in our family!! Love to all the family!!! 💕💕💕🙏🙏*

Donna Pierson - July 23, 2018 at 09:00 PM

RT

*“ I am so sorry to hear that your mom passed away. I first met her in the mid-60's as a teenager, working at the Islander Restaurant (your dad. Chris was a regular). And when I moved back in '82 after being gone for 11 years, I found out she'd started a real estate company and was the President of the Queen Anne County Board of Realtors! She was a godsend. She gave me a job referral to a Real Estate Development Company, where I was hired and I have her to thank for my re-establishing my shore roots. She's part of the fabric of my life here, and I am sad. My condolences to the family.*

Rhonda Townley - July 23, 2018 at 08:30 PM

TJ

*“ Mary Lou was 4 years old was there at the East Baltimore Rowhouse on N. Lakewood Avenue when my husband, Thomas J. O'Hare, Jr, was born in fall of 1937. Tom and Mary Lou were always close. I married Tom in 1981 and realized immediately what a strong, intelligent and wonderfully kind and fun loving person Mary Lou Rosendale was. She was a remarkable daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt and friend she was. Heaven opened they gates and celebrate her glorious entry. We will miss you.*

Thomas J. O'Hare, Jr. - July 23, 2018 at 08:22 PM

BL

“ So very sorry to hear of Mary Lou's passing. Always supportive, always friendly, always a leader, there is no doubt all her family and friends will miss her dearly. Sincere condolences to all who loved her - Brent & Peggy Lewis.

Brent Lewis - July 23, 2018 at 08:14 PM

SG

Mrs. Rosedale taught me in Sunday school at St. Christopher s. Back in the early 60s. A beautiful lady inside and out. She will be missed.

Steve Guyton - July 23, 2018 at 08:49 PM



“ So sorry to hear of her passing. She was a wonderful person to know! She will be missed.

Rich Graves and Kim Baklarz

Rich Graves - July 23, 2018 at 08:03 PM



DW

“ Dani Roser Woodhurst lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson

Dani Roser Woodhurst - July 23, 2018 at 08:01 PM



RM

“ So sorry for your loss. Mary Lou was a wonderful, warm, welcoming person. I loved to visit her. Fly with the Angels Mary Lou. See you again someday. Joe and Ruth Millet

Ruth Miller - July 23, 2018 at 08:00 PM

BH

“ *Barbi Hunter lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Rosendale Pierson*



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**Barbi Hunter** - July 23, 2018 at 07:17 PM

LK

“ *Mary Lou is the whole reason I chose real estate to work in. She had such a caring spirit and always said to listen carefully to people. She was a one of a kind lady and so many will miss her but she always had such a beautiful faith in God who is taking care of her now. She will be so missed by many for her inspiration Laura and Mike Keene*

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**laura keene** - July 23, 2018 at 07:02 PM

LH

“ *So sorry for your loss, Matt, Jean, Matthew, Brien and Adam. Love you all.*

*The Hook Family*

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**Loretta Miller Hook** - July 23, 2018 at 06:33 PM