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Mary Lou Johnson Obituary

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of Mary Lou Johnson, a loving wife, dedicated mother and friend to everyone. Mary Lou personified the expression "salt of the earth", with her early years having been shaped and influenced by the Dargoonian Bros. Farm, the family business in Andover, Massachusetts where she was raised.

After the briefest of courtships, she was married for 59 years to the love of her life, Gregory Johnson. They shared a rich life together that often read like a passage from Field & Stream magazine. An accomplished angler in her own right, Mary Lou and Greg's fishing adventures together spanned much of the United States and Canada. From rivers, ponds, lakes, lagoons, oceans and gulfs, the fish were never safe from their collective efforts as evidenced by a freezer that was perpetually full of their endless catch.

In an unconventional sense, she was a renaissance woman, with interests that were diverse and surprising to many...love for nature and animals, arts and crafts of all varieties, and cooking. Music was always close to her heart, and she even played trumpet in the Andover High School Band. As a child of the golden era of rock and roll, she remained a lifelong fan of Elvis Presley, a fact that was often to her husband's chagrin given that the Elvis channel on Sirius XM was the only one that was ever allowed to play. Over the past 5 years, she was a patron member of the Artis-Naples Performing Arts Center where she attended over 100 performances that ranged from chamber, jazz, the Naples Philharmonic, Broadway musicals and many of the famous voices of her youth including Johnny Mathis and Paul Anka. In fact, with her signature cape and walking cane, she became an Artis-Naples celebrity of sorts who was always greeted at each show by other patrons, ushers and even artists simply as "Mary". In her final days, music was always with her, with the sounds of Armenian music from Onik and Manuel that could be heard coming from her apartment. Mary Lou's sense of humor was legendary, and one would be comforted to know that it remained fully in tact during her final days. From I Love Lucy, the Pink Panther films, Big Bang Theory, Caddyshack and many other unsuitable for obituary comedies, she often laughed herself to tears.

Mary Lou's generosity seemed to know no bounds. At St. Gregory's Armenian Apostolic Church in North Andover, she was a tireless volunteer, member of the lady's guild, member of the Armenian Relief Society and became famous for her rice pilaf, which was consumed by thousands over the decades at countless church dinners and events. Another glimpse into her extraordinary character can be evidenced by the beautician services she graciously provided to several nursing homes on the North Shore for almost two decades. While this was both emotionally and physically exhausting work, spending time with the many elderly residents gave her tremendous enjoyment and personal fulfillment. Perhaps it was no surprise then, that in her later years residing at All Seasons Naples senior community, she was so adored by residents and staff alike who went out of their way to return her lifetime of kindness.

Whether you called her Lou, Mary Lou, Mom or Aunty Lou then you were very fortunate to have known her indeed. If it is true that what we do in life echoes in eternity, then the echo of Mary Lou's kindness is certain to reverberate.

She is survived by her children Kimberly Boudreau and her husband, Mike, of Wilmington, Ma.; Gregory Johnson and his wife, Caroline, of Atlanta, Georgia and grand-daughters, Devon and Hollis Johnson, of London, England. A private memorial will be held in Naples, Florida, and the family has requested that in lieu of flowers, a donation in her name be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation.

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