



## Mary Lou Houck

October 9, 1927 - May 16, 2022

Mary Lou Houck, 94, of Tallahassee, Florida, passed away May 16, 2022.

Lou was born in Princeton, West Virginia on October 9, 1927, to Roberta (Berdie) and Loron Shannon. She grew up in a loving family, first in Princeton and then in Mullens, West Virginia. She graduated from Mullens High School continuing on to business college. After graduation, she worked in insurance and then banking.

Lou married Jack Bower Houck on January 25, 1948. They were a loving and caring couple for nearly seventy years when Jack passed. They moved to Tallahassee in 1959 with their two sons, Keith and Rod (Bo). She had a 30-year career with the loan department of Capital City Bank.

Lou was dedicated to both family and the Lord. She developed lasting relationships and her home was a frequent gathering place for family, friends, and Bible studies. Lou was a fantastic mom. Both Lou and Jack attended nearly every sporting event that their sons were involved in. Even in her final days, she received visitations, phone calls, and cards from a number of her sons' high school friends.

Lou had an active faith and shared her musical talents. She sang in the church choir, and for many years, served as pianist and organist at church. She also accompanied the Southside Quartet, which included Jack and her two sons, for nearly a decade.

Lou is predeceased by her husband, her parents, and two sisters. She is survived by her sons, Keith Houck (Toni) and Rodney "Bo" Houck (Carla); her five grandchildren, Dustin Houck, Kevin Houck, Jackie (Houck) Toops, Jeffrey Houck and Shannon (Houck) Brewer; and her great-grandchildren Zoe, Van, Charlotte, Lily, Asher, Kendall, Carter, Austin, Maddox, Iris, and Daphne. Additionally, she is survived by a large extended, yet tightly connected, family and close friends.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, May 22 at 2:00pm at Bevis Funeral Home,

located at 200 John Knox Rd, Tallahassee, FL 32303. Mary Lou will later be interred at Tallahassee National Cemetery with her late husband, Jack Bower Houck.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her memory to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd, Tallahassee, FL 32308.

Breanna Green of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. (850-385-2193 or [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com))

# Cemetery Details

## Tallahassee National Cemetery

5015 Apalachee Parkway  
Tallahassee, FL 32311

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 22. 2:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home  
200 John Knox Rd  
Tallahassee, FL 32303

# Tribute Wall



“ Keith and Bo,  
My deepest sympathy for the loss of your dear mother. I so enjoyed visiting with her when I would visit with my mother at Brookdale. I also enjoyed meeting the both of you. You both were so loving and dedicated to Ms. Mary Lou.

Please take care,  
Renee Cruce Starrett

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**Renee Starrett** - May 25 at 04:47 PM

AP

“ Mary Lou has one of the sweetest ladies I ever know. She and Jack were strong witnesses to me at a very stressful time in my life. Their wisdom and love was so special. I know the angel choir was singing when she arrived!

Anne (Harris) Pelt, an old friend from Southside UMC

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**anne pelt** - May 21 at 08:29 AM

MW

“ You have our deepest sympathy. We will cherish our memories of Lou. May the love of God comfort you during this difficult time.

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**Mike and Donna Wikel** - May 20 at 05:53 PM

BL

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mrs. Houck's passing. We all loved seeing her at the office (as well as Mr. Houck) and will miss her so much!

Our deepest condolences and blessings to your entire family,

Barbara Leadbeater

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**Barbara Leadbeater** - May 19 at 08:26 PM



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



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May 19 at 04:25 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Houck.



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May 19 at 01:21 PM

AW

“ Jack and Lou Houck were special people in my life---I always felt welcome in their home beginning in the 3rd Grade when I was in Cub Scouts with their sons, Keith and Bo. They also welcomed me into their Church fellowship (Southside Methodist) where I attended through my college years. The loving Christian example set by Lou made a positive impact on many lives (my wife Anne and I are included in that number)---she will be greatly missed, but we have faith that she is with Jack in a much better place.

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Alan Washington - May 18 at 09:05 AM