



Mary Book Farmer

May 27, 1924 - March 27, 2016

Obituary of Mary Farmer

Mary Book Farmer, 91, passed away on Sunday, March 27, 2016. Born May 27, 1924 in Perth Amboy, NJ the daughter of Anton Book and Maria Lakatos Book. Mary resided in Leesburg (Okahumpka area) since 1991 and was a retired freelance writer for national publications. She was a retired reporter-columnist with The News Tribune, Woodbridge, NJ and the recipient of state and national awards for her columns and on-the-spot reporting. A volunteer since 1991 with the LRMC Auxiliary, she served as chairman of the medical center's Chapel Office. A veteran of World War II, she served as an AIR-WAC with the US Army Air Force Statistical Command. She is a charter member of Women in Military Service for America (WIMSA) in Washington, DC and is registered in the World War II Memorial. She has served as editor of Newsletters for Lakers Triumph Charter 109 Women Veterans Assoc., Lake County and DeLand Mid-Florida Chapter 59 WAC. She is also a member of DAV Unit 87, the VFW Post 8087, and American Legion Post 41 of Eustis. A member of the Salvation Army Leesburg Corps Church and the Home League, she was a life member of the St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, Perth Amboy, NJ.

Survivors include her daughters, Carol Virag (Cliff) Gribick of Taylors, SC and

Susan Virag Klimko of Groveland, FL; grandchildren, Jason, Meredith, and Luke Gribick of Taylors, SC; brothers, Peter (Annette Rigelski) Book of Perth Amboy, NJ and Andrew (Dorothy Wydner) Book of Beaufort, NC; nephews, Dr. Adam Book (Dr. Steven Steinberg), Evan Book, and Robert Book; nieces, Beatrice (Tom) Rogers and Claudia (Tom) Gillikin; and grandniece, Katherine Noelle Rogers; and her grandnephews Drew Lewis and Christian Gillikin.

A Memorial Service will be held at Superior Residence, Clermont, FL on Friday, April 1, 2016 at 10:00 am, Pastor Dolthy Cross will preside. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Cornerstone Hospice. Special thanks to Superior Residence and Cornerstone Hospice. Inurnment will be at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL. Online condolences may be left at www.beyersfuneralhome.com. Arrangements provide by Beyers Funeral Home, Leesburg, FL.

Tribute Wall

AC

“ *Mary was such a sweet person. I've seen her many times thru the years at LRMC where she volunteered and I am employed. She always had a smile for you. God bless the family Angie Cole*

Angie Cole - April 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ *I will miss you, Mom. You will live in my heart forever. Love, Sue*

Susan Klimko - April 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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Claudia Gillikin - April 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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AB

“ *So hard to say goodbye to my wonderful aunt Mary after all these years. She inspired me to write a family newspaper for several years as a teenager, which captures hundreds of memories during those times that would have been forgotten. She also inspired me to go for my master's degree in writing as an adult, thanks to her lifelong passion for writing and her success as a newspaper columnist. Many years ago, Mary gave me as a gift a gold emblem the size of a half-dollar that featured the Statue of Liberty and hung on a stainless steel chain. I decided to hang the emblem from my Corolla's rearview mirror for good luck, and to always have a connection with Mary no matter where I traveled. When I bought my current Honda Civic many years later, I made sure that the gold emblem dangled from the rearview mirror once again. Sometimes when I drive and the emblem catches the sun a certain way, beams of light bounce around in my car. Now when I see that light dancing, I will be reminded of Mary and all of the good times we shared over the years. Though she may no longer be with us physically, she will always shine on in my heart. She has made my life a better one, and for that I will always be grateful.*

Adam Book - April 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Aunt Mary, You have always been an inspiration. Your kind, generous, independent, loving, humble, and free spirit ways will never be forgotten. You taught me to be proud of who I was, how I looked and to love myself, always. Your words of wisdom and letters of love will be greatly missed. May I always wear a smile and enjoy life no matter the circumstance, just as you did. You will be greatly missed by the members of this family...until we get to meet again. Susie, Carol and family, Although distance in miles keeps us apart, I have kept you all close in my heart and prayers. I love you!!

Claudia Gillikin - April 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ One of the many wonderful articles Mary wrote in her weekly "News Tribune" column was "Teachers Are Forever." Writers too are forever, especially Mary, who was one of the finest. She will be forever in our hearts and thoughts, not only as a writer, but as a loving sister, sister-in-law, aunt, mother, grandmother, friend & companion-----just a wonderful human being, nothing less. Tearfully, Andy ,Dottie, Adam, Claudia & Evan

Andrew & Dorothy Book & Family - March 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Thank you for 20 years of friendship.

Mary Thompson - March 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Carol I am very sorry to hear of your mothers passing. Prayers and much support to you and your family

Lisa Gribick Corcoran and Family - March 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *Mary Book Farmer*

L. Pierce Standridge - March 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ *GrandMary Special On Mother's Day May 2004 GrandMary special
We love you so. Our heart's rejoice In knowing you. Our lip's
speaking Words of praising you. For someone who Will always be,
Near in our hearts No other but GrandMary. Jason Meredith Luke*

Gribick Family - March 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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L. Pierce Standridge - March 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mary Book Farmer*

March 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM