



Mrs. Mary Louise Steele Hollowell

January 22, 1925 - April 24, 2016

Mary Louise Hollowell, 91, of Albany, GA, passed away Sunday April 24, 2016. The funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday April 30, 2016 at St. Teresa's Catholic Church with internment to follow in the Crown Hill Cemetery. A prayer service will be held at 6:00 PM on Friday April 29, 2016 at Kimbrell-Stern.

Mrs. Hollowell was born to Louise and Chester Arthur Steele on January 22, 1925 in Ashland, Kentucky. Her childhood years during the Great Depression saw her family moving all over the South, including Ashland, KY, New Orleans, LA, and Tuskegee, AL. She attended Mount De Sales Academy in Macon, GA and Tuskegee High School, graduating in 1942. Mary Louise graduated with a business degree in 1949 from Auburn University, and she remained a dedicated fan and alumna for the rest of her life. Her secretarial skills led her to jobs in several Alabama cities, New Orleans, and she even moved to Washington D.C. for a few years. Mary Louise loved music; she played piano and spoke fondly of dancing the Jitterbug when she was a young woman.

Mary Louise met the love of her life, John Hollowell, while she was working for Vanity Fair in Monroeville, AL. They married on January 12, 1957, after eight years of dating. They settled in Lake City and later Lakeland, Florida, where Mary Louise raised their family while John worked as a regional territory manager for John Deere. While her husband was on the road three weeks out of the month for work, Mary Louise handled all of the trials of managing a

household and family. In 1973, they moved to Albany, where Mary Louise and John lived as active members of the community and St. Teresa's ever since. Mrs. Hollowell was always doing something; she was just as driven to be busy as her husband John. Mary Louise has been known in Albany for her volunteer work over the years; she has been a volunteer with St. Clare's soup kitchen, St. Teresa's Catholic School, Palmyra Park Hospital, and the Salvation Army. She also spent several years working at Darton College in the early 1980's. Mary Louise loved to sew; she used to make her children's clothes, jumpers for her granddaughters, crocheted gifts, and she spent many years as a member of St. Teresa's Craft Group here in Albany. Her love of travel didn't end when she married; Mary Louise and John loved new places. Together they made overseas trips to Ireland, England, Italy, and the Holy Land as well as trips spanning the US. Mary Louise's passion for genealogy drove many of their trips. She did extensive research to trace her family's history, and she was a devoted member of the DAR and spent many years in service to the organization. Mary Louise was predeceased by her husband of 59 years, John Hollowell, and survived by daughters Margaret Caufield and Mary Alice Pearson and grandchildren Christina, Paul, Emma, and Sean. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations to be made to St. Clare's Community Center.

Cemetery Details

Crown Hill Cemetery

1907 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Previous Events

Prayer Service

APR **29**. 6:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern
1503 Dawson Road
Albany, GA 31707
(229) 883-4152
<https://www.kimbrellstern.com?>

Funeral Mass

APR **30**. 11:00 AM.

St. Teresa's Catholic Church
Albany

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Mary Louise Steele Hollowell*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Mrs. Mary Louise Steele Hollowell*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Mary Louise was a dedicated volunteer. I was the Volunteer Director at Palmyra when she volunteered there. I enjoyed listening to her sharing the many chapters of her life. She was a busy little lady.*

Juanita Benson - April 28, 2016 at 08:12 AM



“ *I remember the first time I met Mary Louise, during 1994 flood and she walked in wanting to serve as a volunteer at The Salvation Army. She was ready and willing and began the task of filing reports an assisting our Corps officers in what ever administrative task that needed to be done. She would come once or twice a week to assist me in letters, and could whip a letter out in no time. We had a great time laughing and talking has we worked together in different projects that on my to do list. I looked forward to the days she would volunteer. Love , love those sweet days . I see her sweet smile and sparkle in her eyes. I look toward to the heavenly days to see her again.*

*May God comfort your heart with the sweet joy of His love and peace. With deepest sympathy
Andrea Sikes*

andrea sikes - April 27, 2016 at 08:00 PM