



Mary Rose Shaylor

December 18, 2024

Mary Rose Shaylor of Sayre, PA formerly of Towanda, PA passed away December 18, 2024

Mary Rose was a loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, and friend. She was bigger than life and touched many lives. She will be missed!

She was the daughter of the late Edward and Sally Fox. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by husband Steve and, most recently, her brother Mickey. Earlier in her life, she held a variety of different jobs, but she will be most remembered for her years working at the Sayre VA Clinic. Her interest and compassion for all veterans lasted beyond her retirement.

After her retirement from the VA clinic, she continued helping the community in many ways as well as helping veterans everywhere she went. She was active in the United Way, Agape, Big Brother Big Sister, and the Bradford County Historical Society. No matter where she lived, worked, or traveled, she would volunteer, and she would try her best to give back to the community.

She loved her pets Zoey, Tigger, & Maya and supported local animal groups.

A graduate of Towanda High School and Penn State, Mary Rose was a true believer in ongoing education as both an instructor in local colleges and as a student. Her role as an instructor, led to many late-night phone calls asking for explanations of content or what a certain slang or abbreviation meant. Many of those calls would end in laughter, shock, and sometimes an OMG.

Mary Rose had many interests but especially loved Halloween and would decorate every aspect of her house. She always had fun decorating and

adding creepy things throughout the house and yard. Christmas was another holiday she enjoyed. She would use that holiday as an excuse to torment family and friends with Elves and Gnomes. Over the years, family and friends would receive letters, or packages, or find them hidden in their houses or cars after she visited. In some cases, it would be spring or summer when one was found or received. She would always laugh when someone complained about finding one of those elves.

She recently moved back to the area and started to connect right away with people within her new community. She was only there for a few months but had positive interactions with them. She reconnected with many of her friends that she deeply missed in her time away from the area. Those friends rejuvenated her in a sense as it made her feel at home, and they truly helped her to readjust to her new home.

Phone calls from her would inevitably begin with her asking “are you busy?” then “what are you doing?” She then would follow with “I have to tell you something!” She was good at sharing details of her life-mostly related to family and friends and what everyone was doing.

She was a staunch friend and enjoyed traveling, shopping, and eating out with them. She was an avid reader and looked forward to the book group discussions. She often played the role of “social secretary” organizing group events for her friends. It was clear that she loved every minute of the time she spent with them and how important these friends were to her and to her family. Many of her friends were life long and were considered part of her family-often joining in family activities. There are many stories in their combined history which will last a long time.

Her son Josh, acknowledges and appreciates this “group” of close friends for their support as well as for their stories. He is grateful that they generously supported Mary Rose during her life and that they continue to love and support him. Services will be private. Donations in memory of Mary Rose may be directed to “Lukes Hidden Haven” at 915 Harrington Rd. Ulster, PA 18850, the Bradford County Historical Society at 109 Pine Street, Towanda, PA

18848, or to the local library of your choice. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall

CH

“ *My deepest sympathy to all of the family in your loss. RIP Mary Rose. Such a happy and sweet person.* ”



Claire Holton-Lizon - January 19, 2025 at 10:35 AM

BG

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of Mary Rose's family. May God Bless!* ”
Bob and Mary Getz

Bob and Mary Getz - January 17, 2025 at 12:04 PM

DD

“ *Mary Rose and I had Great Times in HS and after was a fun loving girl Gave me a Beautiful Wedding Shower at her Parents home on Huston Street she will be missed* 😭 ”



Debby DiBuo - January 17, 2025 at 10:33 AM

MP

“ *My deepest sympathy to Josh and family. I went to high school with Mary Rose . We would connect and attend class reunions together. I remember her for her kindness, positive energy and her willingness to help others.* ”

Mary Capaldi Powell - January 17, 2025 at 08:01 AM

SG

“ Sorry to hear of Mary Rose's passing, I lived across the street from Mary Rose in North Towanda and we would do our winter walks across the Towanda bridge, she was a good neighbor and friend, a kind person and will be missed by many people.

Sue Giordano - January 17, 2025 at 07:26 AM