



## Mary Ellen Rule Klaber

May 15, 1936 - March 2, 2019

Mary Ellen Rule Klaber, 82, of Falmouth, passed away on Saturday, March 2, 2019, at the River Valley Nursing Home in Butler. Born in Falmouth, Kentucky on May 15, 1936, she was the only child of the late Seaman and Cyrena Hedgecock Rule. A 1954 graduate of Falmouth High School, she attended the University of Kentucky, leaving in the fall of 1955 to teach on an emergency certificate in Warsaw, Kentucky. Her father's store, Rule's Drug Store, was a landmark in Falmouth. Growing up, she loved serving ice cream and selling penny candy there.

On May 12, 1956, she married her high school sweetheart, William Lewis "Bill" Klaber. When Bill was offered the Herdsman position at Ashbourne Farms, they moved to Lagrange, Kentucky, and she and Bill started their family. She absolutely loved being a mother. Upon returning to Falmouth, she and Bill bought their own farm and Mary Ellen was elected as the Pendleton County Circuit Clerk. She also worked as a Pre-Trial Release Officer for the Eighteenth Judicial District.

Always loving to learn, Mary Ellen earned her Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from Northern Kentucky University later in life, and she worked with the Pendleton County Adult Education Program.

Mary Ellen brought much life and fun to every activity or project in which she took part. She was a former President and member of the Falmouth Rotary Club, a Kentucky Colonel, a charter member of the Falmouth High School Alumni Planning Committee, a member and former officer of the Democratic Women's Club, and a wonderful friend to many. She enjoyed interior decorating, playing bridge, and reading. Mary Ellen's words of wisdom reflect how she lived her life: "In life, be true to yourself, your family, your country, and God. Accept each day as a gift from God!"

She is survived by her four children: William Lewis (Cindy) Klaber, Jr. of Falmouth, James Rule (Carolyn) Klaber of Falmouth, Ellen Jane (Ed) Ryan of Falmouth, and Jonathan Nicholas (Rebecca) Klaber of Hebron; 5 grandchildren: several great grandchildren: her brother-in-law, Charles A. (Carol) Klaber of Falmouth; and a host of extended family and friends. In addition to her parents, her husband, Bill, preceded her in death on February 7, 2013.

The funeral service will be held at 11 am on Wednesday, March 6, 2019, at the Woodhead

Funeral Home, Falmouth, with Bro. Cohen Copley officiating. The visitation will be from 5-8 pm on Tuesday at the funeral home. Interment will take place in the Riverside Cemetery, Falmouth. Memorials are suggested to the Hospice of Hope: 909 Kenton Station Drive, Maysville, KY 41056 or the charity of your choice.

# Cemetery

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**Riverside  
Cemetery**  
409 Ridgeway  
Avenue  
Falmouth, KY,

# Events

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- MAR 5 Visitation** 05:00PM - 08:00PM
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- Woodhead Funeral Homes, Memorials & Cremation Service -  
Falmouth  
310 W. Shelby Street, Falmouth, KY, US, 41040
- MAR 6 Funeral** 11:00AM
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- Woodhead Funeral Homes, Memorials & Cremation Service -  
Falmouth  
310 W. Shelby Street, Falmouth, KY, US, 41040

# Comments

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“ I just heard of Mary Ellen's passing today. I'm so sorry. She has always been so cheerful and full of enthusiasm it's hard to believe she is gone. I've know her for many years and even worked in her dad's store when I was in high school. Whenever I ran into Mary Ellen (even when she was in the nursing home) I always felt more cheerful! She will be missed by so many!

**Cheryl Mulloy** - March 14 at 06:59 PM

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“ Mrs. Klaber and my mother, Joy Sheehan (deceased) knew each other since grade school. Mrs. Klaber was one of those who came out to support me early on in my first campaign over 13 years ago. I so enjoyed reconnecting about my mother's family through her, and she was always gracious and fun. I know that she is greatly missed by her family, friends, and community, but she lead a life well-lived, and is now reaping those rewards in Heaven.  
Love and prayers,

Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Michelle Keller

**Justice Michelle Keller** - March 11 at 08:01 PM

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“ Shocked to hear about Mary Ellen's passing. She was always the life of the party in any event or setting. I always enjoyed being in her presence. We will keep you all in our prayers.  
David and Karen Butcher

**David & Karen Butcher** - March 07 at 06:58 PM

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“ Mary Ellen and her family have been part of my life for as long as I can remember. Two particular memories that I have of her both happened when I stayed with my grandparents on Maple Avenue. She had a great eye for decorating and spent hours helping my grandmother arrange pictures before they were mounted on the wall. The other memory involved her personal kindness to me. I used to walk to the library and home again loaded down with books. Many times, Mary Ellen stopped to offer me a ride even if she had to go a little out of her way.

My thoughts and prayers are with her family at this time.

**Mary Field** - March 05 at 06:10 PM

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“ Mary Ellen and I go back over 40 years since we lived on #159 and she on Davis Rd. We started to NKU and got our degree in Social Work , she would mentor me when I needed help. She had a wonderful family from her father ,husband and children. I will always remember her for her out going personality and smile and her friendship she shared.  
She is now with her family in heaven and happy again with that smile.



**Carolyn Traylor Baker** - March 05 at 10:58 AM

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“ Dear Family,  
The passing of Mary Ellen is hard to imagine. While life truly is fleeting, as the obituary aptly said she made the most of it, not only for herself and you, her beloved, but for all who were fortunate enough to share time with her on this earth. She was a special person here, and is undoubtedly enjoying the fruits of her labors and her love for others within Heaven's Gate.  
You have my sincere sympathy.  
Don Wells

**Don Wells** - March 04 at 09:15 PM

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“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



**Maria Bain** - March 04 at 11:48 AM

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“ Board of Directors & Employees of Owen Electric purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Mary Ellen Rule Klaber.



**Board of Directors & Employees of Owen Electric** - March 04 at 09:11 AM

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“ I remember going to your parents farm and then see her at the drug store. One of our favorite places to go in town. Oh how I wish we could go back to those days when we were little. Loved Saturdays and coming to town. Saw your mom a few years ago and she was as much fun to see as always. Ella

**Ella French** - March 03 at 06:51 PM