



Mary Lucille Slette

June 24, 1934 - May 24, 2024

Lifelong Fort Jones resident Mary Lucille Slette passed away peacefully at her home on May 24, 2024 after a brief illness.

She was born on June 24, 1934 to Carl Joseph Mello and Mary Elizabeth (DeFaria) Mello in Yreka and lived most of her life on McAdams Creek in Fort Jones. They lived on Clear Creek where the Deadwood Conservation Camp is now located. Mary was the oldest of five siblings. She had 3 sisters, Nancy, Joan and Martha, and one brother, Charles. When she was small their house burned down and they moved in with her grandparents on the family homestead 2 miles away. Her mom said that all she got out of the burning house was Mary and her wedding ring.

She met Harold Slette in 1954 and they were married in 1955. They bought the Davidson ranch next to her parents, and decided to restore the old house rather than build a new one. After evicting all of the packrats, porcupines, bats and other wildlife, they restored the ranch house and lived there for the rest of their lives. They had two children, Michael and Monica. She loved hosting family gatherings on the ranch.

Mary worked as a teacher's aide in Fort Jones for many years. She also served on the school board. Her passion was her church service. She taught CCD at Sacred Heart Catholic Church for over 62 years and was very active in the Sacred Heart Alter Society, Deanery and Hawkinsville Portuguese Picnic. She also loved working on the ranch, growing a large garden to can and raising a yard full of beautiful flowers. She hiked with her family each

summer and saw over 200 of the lakes in the Marble Mountain Wilderness Area in person. She and Harold went to Hawaii for their 25th anniversary and traveled around the US on several trips. She was the Queen at the Portuguese picnic in Fort Jones as a teen and attended many of their annual gatherings in Hawkinsville.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Harold, and son Michael; sister Nancy and brother Charles; brothers-in-law Ken Cooke, Bill Moffitt, Kenneth Smith and Steve Lindgren.

She is survived by her daughter Monica (Roy) Hall; sisters Joan (Norm) Hill and Martha Lindgren; grandchildren Jennifer (Jeff) Smith, Carl Hall, Frank (Monica) Hall, Robert Hall, and Laura Hall; great grandchildren, Anthony, Migel, Venice (Kass), Sean, Hunter, Scout, Tristin, Jonathan, Wicks, MacKenzie, Jamie and Jessie.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be on Sunday June 9, at 1:30 PM at the Sacred Heart Church in Fort Jones followed by a burial at the Fort Jones Catholic Cemetery. There will be a reception at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Fort Jones. Donations can be made to the Sacred Heart maintenance fund, Hawkinsville Portuguese hall or a charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

PK

“ *My dear beautiful cousin you will be so deeply missed. You brightened my life in so many ways and blessed me with such wonderful memories. May your precious soul rest in peace and may eternal light shine upon you.*
With love, Reg and Pam



Pamela Kramer-Smith - June 08, 2024 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *With loving memories of "Mary Lucille Slette",*

Reg Pam & Sean - June 08, 2024 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ *Mary Lou was woman of extraordinary kindness and patience. She welcomed me in to her extended family with love. With my husband Al, Harold, Mike and the rest of the family we shared many laughs at her kitchen table. She will be missed.*
Leticia G. Toledo

Leticia G. Toledo - June 07, 2024 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ *Thinking of you, love, hugs and prayers from Cooke nieces and nephews*



Anonymous - June 06, 2024 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ I remember having her for my CCD teacher when I was in 1st and 2nd grade. She had the patience of a saint with the rambunctious boys in our class. As a grown up I always saw Mary Lou as always being kind and gracious with a smile that lit up her face and warmed your heart. Sending the family prayers and a warm hug.

Caroline Luiz - June 01, 2024 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ We are going to miss your smiling face and warm embrace. Blessings to the family.



Dee and Logan Katka - May 31, 2024 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Girdner Funeral Chapel

A Memorial Tree was planted for Mary Lucille Slette - May 31, 2024 at 12:00 AM