



## Mary Sue "Molly" Sparger

January 19, 1938 - May 3, 2020

Sparger, Mary Sue

Mary Sue (Molly) Sparger, 82, of Jupiter, passed away on May 3, 2020 from a fatal head injury as a result of a fall at home. Molly was born on January 19, 1938, in Charlotte, North Carolina to Charles and Mary Lou Short. Her father gave her the nickname from a line in a then-popular song ("My Blue Heaven") "Molly and me and baby makes three," and her many friends and family members know her by "Molly."

Molly met the love of her life in college and married him in 1960. Throughout their nearly 60 years together, Jim and Molly Sparger lived life to the fullest. They brought their infant daughter Kelley to Jupiter in 1962 to seek their fortune. They found it and never looked back. Jupiter was just starting to wake up from being a sleepy fishing village to become the vibrant town it is today, and Molly and Jim saw and were involved with the changes throughout the years. After retiring from jobs in the social services field, Molly became a valued volunteer for the Junior Woman's Club, Brownie Girl Scouts, Jupiter Medical Center, and El Sol. Molly was an early member of the prestigious Loxahatchee Guild which became responsible for the physical location of the Jupiter Lighthouse museum and docent tours, many of which were led by Jim. She was also a charter member of Jupiter-Tequesta United Methodist Church. The great interests in Molly's long life were obviously her three children and her husband, Jim. She acted as Jim's anchor and supporter throughout their

marriage. Jim feels that Molly was the glue that held their family together, writing birthday cards, keeping up on family events, etc. They formed a perfect union, and the story of their lives and achievements is inspirational to the next generations.

Molly is survived by her husband, Jim Sparger; two daughters, Kelley Burns (Vince), Jupiter and Shannon Sparger, Jupiter; son Todd Sparger (Kim), Port Orange, FL; granddaughters Courtney Sparger, Lauryn Sparger, both of Florida; Shaina Burns of Florida, Erika Fiting of Arkansas; great-granddaughter Ellie Grace Burns, Florida, great-grandson Liam Augustine Burns, Florida; caring sister-in-law Joyce Short, North Carolina; and devoted cousin George Laycock (Marci), Florida. She is predeceased by her two brothers, Charles and George Short. Many friends, including Barbara Mathews who were like sisters for 58 years, will cherish her memory. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to CROS Ministries, 3677 23rd Ave. South, #B-101, Lake Worth, FL 33461 [www.crosministries.org](http://www.crosministries.org)  
A celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Sue "Molly" Sparger*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *I was heartbroken to hear of Molly's unexpected passing; my deepest condolences to Jim and her family. We moved to the neighborhood more than 20 years ago and Molly and Jim were the first people to welcome us with open arms. Molly was so caring and would always lend a ear in both happy and troubling times. When my kids were younger, she always welcomed our impromptu visits to wander around her property discovering all of the treasures while we caught up on each other's lives. She always remembered the kids' birthdays and went out of her way to check on their progress as they grew older and went off to college. I will miss driving down our street seeing her and Jim on their daily walk and stopping to chat. While I stopped often, sometimes I drove by because of obligations. I regret now that I didn't stop each time and say hello. Molly was a wonderful person with a beautiful smile and kind heart and she will be truly missed. Love, Tina Campbell*

**Tina Campbell** - May 23, 2020 at 08:40 AM



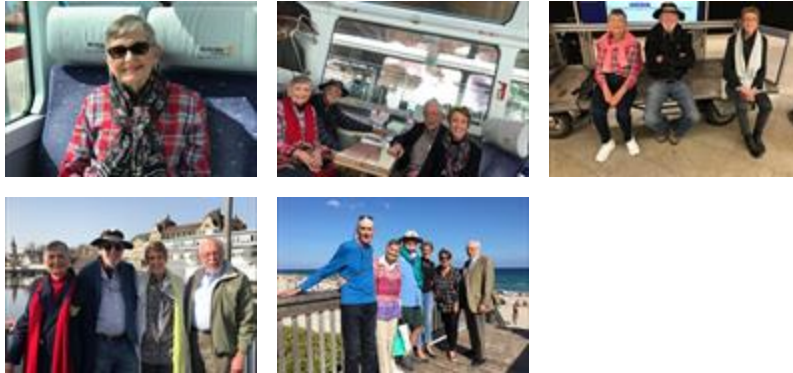
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**trish loffer** - May 13, 2020 at 09:22 PM

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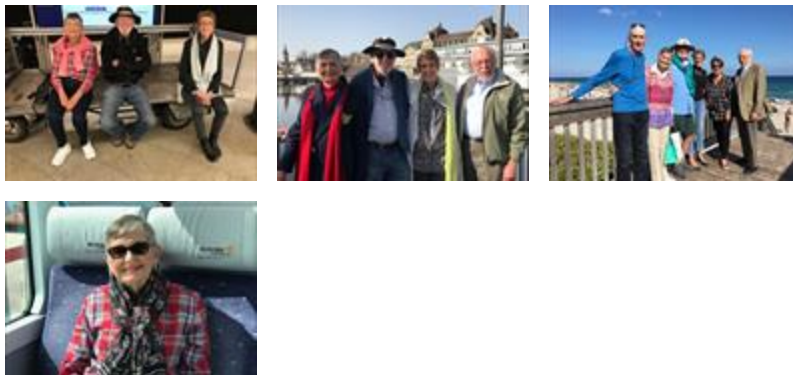
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trish loffer - May 13, 2020 at 09:03 PM

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trish loffer - May 13, 2020 at 08:55 PM

JM

“ I was shocked to read about Molly's passing in the paper yesterday. We just ran into both Jim and Molly last Friday and talked as they were walking. I'm beyond sad and wanted to send hugs for Jim and the whole family. Much Love! Jill Maraist

Jill Maraist - May 11, 2020 at 10:42 PM

LP

“ My deepest condolences to all who loved Molly Sparger. Her generous spirit is evident in all her contributions to the community. I always admired her ability to share Jim’s zest for life.

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**Linda Pepper** - May 11, 2020 at 03:50 PM

AL

“ Our deepest sympathy and condolences to your family. You are all in our prayers. Molly was a beautiful woman, both inside and out. We are so sorry for your loss and will keep you all in prayers.  
*Allison and Anthony Sciaraffa*

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**Allison** - May 11, 2020 at 01:05 PM

JS

“ Jim, I used to be your student at Jupiter High School; I graduated in 1978. I was looking at Molly's obituary because I recognized your last name. I am so sorry you lost your wife. I just lost my father (91 years old) on Saturday. I will be praying for you.

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**Jane Bonnell Short** - May 11, 2020 at 12:40 PM

DA

“ It was such an honor and a blessing to know Molly and Jim over the years. I’m so sorry to hear of her passing. You will be remembered , Molly.

*Donna Adair*

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**Donna Adair** - May 10, 2020 at 12:26 PM

CM

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of this sweet lady. May God fill all of your hearts with a peace that surpasses all understanding.

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**Cindi Myers** - May 09, 2020 at 10:39 AM

JM

“ *Molly was one of the most loving and gentle spirits I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. She will be sorely missed by many but her legacy of kindness will live forever.*

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**Jerry Moore** - May 09, 2020 at 10:25 AM

NB

“ *What a wonderful woman she was, so warm and caring, and such a beautiful smile. We haven't seen her in years, but certain people leave you with a positive, loving feeling, and she was one of them. Our deepest sympathy to the family. Much love, Neal and Norma*

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**Norma Burns** - May 09, 2020 at 08:43 AM

PD

“ *With a very heavy heart, I can not begin to express the loss of such a lovely lady, Molly Sparger. She had a million dollar smile, and was so warm and sincere. One special memory that I will never forget was when we came in on the boat, and that wonderful woman was standing on the dock waiting to give me a big hug! It was the first time that I had seen her since I lost my husband. It was the most caring and comforting hug, that I will never forget!! You will be greatly missed, and your kindness will always be remembered. May God bless the Sparger family for losing such a genuine person.*

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**Patty DiBiasio** - May 08, 2020 at 09:48 PM

KD

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**Kelly Dennis** - May 08, 2020 at 11:54 AM

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Kelly Dennis - May 08, 2020 at 11:46 AM

KD

“ Molly genuinely cared for others. She would say “and how are YOU doing?”  
A great listener and she gave great hugs.



Kelly Dennis - May 07, 2020 at 04:14 PM

CK

“ The MOLLY ROGER and family ❤️



curt konrath - May 07, 2020 at 03:56 PM

SC

“ Will miss Molly always, she was like another Mother to me since the 1970's when I became friends with Kelley. She was the sweetest person who everyone loved from the minute they met her. She always made you feel loved. Love you oxox

Suzy Fischer Clayton - May 07, 2020 at 03:13 PM

AM

“ I will always remember Molly for her infectious smile. She made everyone feel like she'd known them forever. Molly, you were one of a kind and will be sorely missed by many. Rest in peace! May her memories of a full life bring comfort to Jim, Kelly, Shannon and Todd. Ann Miller

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**Ann Miller** - May 06, 2020 at 01:12 PM

PN

“ Molly will always be remembered as a warm and giving person. Her memory will live on forever. May the love from family and friends bring comfort to the family and may the promise of our risen Lord bring them peace.

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**Paula Nessmith** - May 06, 2020 at 11:10 AM