



Mary Roland Royer

December 7, 1940 - August 1, 2025

Mary Roland Royer, 84, passed away on Friday, August 1, 2025, after a long illness surrounded by her loving family.

A lifelong Elizabethtonian, Mary was born on December 7, 1940. She was the daughter of the late Russell and Ruth Evans Roland and baby sister to her late brothers Charles, Paul, and Gerald.

Mary graduated from Elizabethtown High School where she was a star on the field hockey team. She took her field hockey prowess to West Chester, where she graduated with a degree in physical education. She was a physical education teacher and coach at a variety of schools in southcentral Pennsylvania, most notably Eastern York, where she coached volleyball and the field hockey team to a championship.

Mary married her high school sweetheart, Harold L. Royer. Harold and Mary settled on a farm outside of Elizabethtown where they raised chickens for over thirty years. Mary loved the outdoors, and her spirit was connected to the beauty of nature. She had two favorite places on earth. One is the farm where she raised her family. The other is the family cabin on the banks of gurgling Wykoff Run in Cameron County.

Her love of family was paramount. She cherished her family and the time spent with them. The farm was a gathering place, and these gatherings filled her with joy. She loved nothing better than seeing her grandkids running across the fields or playing in the creek at the cabin.

Mary was an avid birder and a member of the Lancaster County Bird Club.

She also loved gardening, cooking, and baking. She was a lifelong and active member of Saint Paul's United Methodist Church, serving in many roles through the years, from Sunday School teacher to chair of the fair committee. The passion for sports never left this old hockey coach; she enjoyed watching her kids and grandkids play sports and loved cheering on the Phillies and the Penn State Nittany Lions.

Mary and Hal were great travelers. Through their golden years, they traveled coast to coast, visiting every state in the continental US plus Alaska. They always enjoyed meeting new people, seeing new places, and getting a sense of the flavor of different parts of the country.

Mary cherished her many friends, from all the chapters of her life, and love and laughter with friends was a big part of her, especially the old high school gang.

Mary is survived by her devoted husband of 62 years, Harold Royer; a son, Matthew Royer, husband of Kerry, of Mount Gretna; a daughter, Michelle Singiser, wife of Eric, of Elizabethtown; and her four beloved grandchildren, Emily Singiser Myers, wife of Jesse, Luke Royer, Julia Singiser, and Finnian Royer.

A memorial service honoring Mary's life will be held at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 398 N Locust St, Elizabethtown, PA 17022 on Sunday, August 10, 2025 at 2 PM. Family and friends will be received at the church before the service from 1 PM to 2 PM. Interment will be private at Mt. Tunnel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul's United Methodist Church (address above).

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **10**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

St Paul's United Methodist Church
398 North Locust Street
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Memorial Service

AUG **10**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LC

“ Jim and I remember Mary’s warm personality and her athleticism. I remember her as a role model on the field hockey team. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family. Jim and Linda Campbell

Linda Campbell - August 21, 2025 at 10:00 PM

JM

“ Mary was a very special cousin of mine. We were all delighted when this dear little girl with the curly hair joined our family. I loved taking her around the farm and teaching her things about our woods, wildflowers, garden, etc. She always loved nature, especially birds, and had a beautiful singing voice. It was always a joy to visit her, looking over old family albums, pictures of her beloved children and grandchildren, and enjoying her cheerful, spunky spirit. On our last visit she reminisced about what a happy life she and Hal had and how much she loved being a teacher and a coach. Precious memories!

Jean Moyer - August 08, 2025 at 10:46 PM

RM

“ I remember Mary playing volleyball at Roland reunions, presenting flowers to her aunts, and in 2013 I took a picture of her at Etown Fair. We always loved visiting her and remember her cheer and heart.



Richard Moyer - August 05, 2025 at 08:22 AM

CM

“ I was so sorry to hear about Aunt Mary. I have a lot of fond memories being at the farm playing with the chicks or at the Christmas parties. You all have been through so much! Sadly I won't be able to attend the services, but we will continue to keep you all in prayer and hope to see you soon. - Cora Miller, Westminster MD.

Cora Miller - August 04, 2025 at 05:35 PM

RC

“ Sandy and I are saddened to hear of the passing of Mary Royer. We have fond memories of her friendship over these many years. Our condolences go out to her husband Hal Royer and family. Bob and Sandy Coleman. Kansas City.

Robert Lehn Coleman - August 04, 2025 at 10:00 AM

KR

“ Matt, Michelle, and family, I was sad to hear about Mary's passing. Your mom made me feel a part of the family. I will never forget all those Thanksgiving meals and family times together. Those times were like the old-fashioned times of the past with wonderful food and fellowship. I loved your mom and dad. She will certainly be missed by a lot of people. Miss you all. If you ever get to Pittsburgh, please stop by. You can always stay with me. I would love to have you all.

Karin

Karin Roland - August 03, 2025 at 09:51 AM