



## Mrs. Luva A. Patnode Bova Bourcier

April 3, 1923 - May 9, 2020

Luva A. Patnode Bova Bourcier, beloved and cherished mother, grand-mother and great-grand-mother, age 97, of Fort Covington St., Malone, NY, died May 9, 2020 peacefully at her home surrounded by her children.

She was born in Churubusco, NY, April 3, 1923, and was the daughter of Maxim and Rose (Dupuis) Patnode.

Luva was married to Gerald D. Bova on October 19, 1946, at St.

Philomena/Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Churubusco, NY. Gerald predeceased her on March 26, 1984. Her second marriage was to Richard Bourcier on September 6, 1986 at St George's Church, Burke, NY, and he predeceased her on January 9, 2011.

Lou graduated from Chateaugay Central High School, Chateaugay, NY in the class of 1940. She was employed at J.J. Newbury's Store in Malone, NY. In 1942 at the start of World War II, she and many of her friends left Malone to find employment in the defense plants in Buffalo, NY. While there, she joined the United States Cadet Nurse Corps Program offered through the Edward J. Meyers Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. At the end of the war, after the defense plants closed, she returned home, thus beginning her life-long "career" of service to others.

For many years, she and her husband Gerald, owned and operated the Country Inn Restaurant in Burke Center, NY, which was well-known for Lou's many delicious home-cooked meals and desserts, and a common community gathering place. The Country Inn sponsored a popular softball team known

as, "The Country Inn Bears", which offered evening games. The new construction of Route 11 was the cause for the restaurant closure.

Luva was a communicant of St Joseph's Church in Malone, NY, a member of the Altar & Rosary Society, a Pastoral Outreach Service, a Eucharistic Minister, a Religious Education Teacher, and a Hospice Volunteer. For many years, she was a RSVP Volunteer at Franklin County Mansion Nursing Home spending many hours visiting the patients and their families, and very much enjoyed doing this work. She was well-known for her kind and loving nature and the goodness she saw in everyone.

Luva especially loved spending time with her children and grandchildren, playing a very active role in the lives of her children's families, including several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Even as her family continued to grow, and as her grandchildren traveled farther and wider, married, with children of their own, she managed to keep track and follow their travels, not resting until she knew they had returned home safely. This was no easy task with so many grandchildren. Luva loved to write letters, leaving her grandchildren with many positive and worthwhile ideas and suggestions for solving life's many problems in a sweet and loving manner, which came to be known as "Luva's Rules to Live By!"

Lou is survived by seven children and their spouses: Connie Wells of Plattsburgh, NY; Charlotte (and John) Barewicz of Burlington, VT; David (and Roxanne) Bova of Plattsburgh, NY; Joan (and Robert) Johnston of Burke, NY; Bonnie Tracy of Canton, NY; Karen (and David) Johnston of Burke, NY; Freddy (and Lori Murphy) Bova of Fair Haven, VT. Two stepchildren: Bradley Bourcier of Malone, NY and Tamara (and Charlie) Webb of Royersford, PA. Twenty-seven grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. One sister Leila Wood of St Louis, MO; a sister-in-law Theresa Bova Patnode of Malone, NY and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, two sisters: Beulah LaDuke and Marie Bova, four brothers: Floyd Patnode, Gerald Patnode, Donald Patnode, Lawrence Patnode and a son-in-law Donald Tracy. Due to COVID-19 a Mass of Christian Burial will be held privately for the

immediate family, and the burial will take place in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Chateaugay, NY.

Donations in her memory may be made to: Hospice of the North Country, or Office of the Aging, Malone, NY.

# Cemetery Details

## **St. Patrick's Cemetery**

Chateaugay, NY

# Tribute Wall

PB

“ *She was a loving and caring person, and so are all of her beautiful children and grandchildren. Our prayers are with you all of you.*

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**Pat and Judy Burke** - May 14, 2020 at 08:28 AM

SL

“ *Dear Joanie, Bob and families,  
I send my sincere sympathy as I'm sure Orra would if he were still with us. I'm sure you have many special memories and I know they will get you through the hard times in the days and months to come. God Bless !!  
With love and prayers, Sharon Langdon*



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**Sharon Langdon** - May 13, 2020 at 04:32 PM

SL

“ *To David (classmate, CCS '69), Brother and Sisters,  
Sincere sympathies in the loss of your dear Mom. She was a rare “gem” in every way. Every time I had the privileged of meeting her at the store or at a Holy Day Mass with my HF students at St. Andre Parish her greetings were always so pleasant and genuine! You all have a very special “angel” intercessor now. God bless you all!  
Sharon Silver LaFlesh*

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**Sharon LaFlesh** - May 13, 2020 at 10:46 AM

TW

“*Lou gently and gracefully came into our lives. She replaced our grief over our mother’s passing with an unconditional love, a truly joyful spirit and guiding wisdom that made all our future times when we were together a delight. She modeled kindness, patience and understanding in each and every interaction of her daily life. Lou always left things and people better than she found them. She will remain unforgettable, always in our hearts and there- sincerely loved.*

*Tammy*

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**Tamara Webb** - May 13, 2020 at 07:36 AM

MW

“*Lou was such a wonderful step-grandmother. She welcomed us from the minute she met us she treated us like her own grandchildren. She was so good to my grandfather and made him so happy. We couldn't have asked for such a lovely, kind, smart, beautiful and giving grandmother after losing ours.*

*We know her faith was strong and she is was welcomed to Heaven with a VIP pass!!!*

*We will always love you and miss you. Thank you for the example you set for loving step-grandmother's everywhere.*

*Melissa Webb & family.*

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**Melissa Webb** - May 13, 2020 at 06:52 AM

JP

“ *What a beautiful soul, so angelic like. So virtuous and she left that legacy to her family who I found growing up had that same nature and like a magnet you all drew people to your family because of what this soul infused in you. So blessed to have known her and your family as well. We will have a traditional Latin mass for her. Heavens gain . God Bless all of you , you are in our prayers. Joelle*

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**joelle e poirier** - May 12, 2020 at 10:57 PM

TP

“ *I remember Mrs Bova very well. She was always a very kind and thoughtful person to me. I first remember going to Thayers Corners where they lived while in college. He son Dave who we call Samson was my roommate in college. I especially remember her making Blackberry Pie with sharp cheese on the side. Whenever I came up she would make it for me. I love The Bova Family. Tony Pariso*

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**Tony Pariso** - May 12, 2020 at 08:30 PM

SR

“ *So sorry for your loss, Luva was one of a kind! Always so friendly and kind. A very special lady.*

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**Sandy and Ron** - May 12, 2020 at 02:11 PM

SN

“ *Your mother was a wonderful kind woman. I have fond memories of going to the Country Inn. Sincere sympathy, with love and prayers to all.*

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**Sharon Nemier** - May 12, 2020 at 12:42 PM

MK

“ We have been so lucky to have had Aunt Lou in our lives! We were remembering her with our nieces and nephews - every thought was ‘what a great person’, ‘what an awesome person’, ‘what a lovely lady’. One of the nephews included ‘she saved our uncle’s life’. Lou was indeed a very giving, thoughtful, spiritual person. Life lessons for us to take into our own lives.

*This is a memorable close to our parents era.*

*Love much,*

*Michelle King, Kevin Moran, Denise Hegarty, Bonita Durell*

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**Michelle King** - May 12, 2020 at 11:24 AM

DM

“ Just a note to send my condolences. I always loved going to your house because your Mom was so kind, generous, and gentle.

*Don McCoy*

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**Don McCoy** - May 12, 2020 at 10:14 AM

TE

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time! She raised a beautiful family and I know she will be watching over each and every one of you. May she rest in peace...

*Love and Sympathies to all,*

*Mike and Terri J*

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**Terri** - May 12, 2020 at 10:10 AM

JU

“ To the entire family,

*Our thoughts and prayers are with each and every one of you during this difficult time! I have many fond memories growing up and spending the night up at the lake with Karen!! Grandma B. was always so kind and loving. She loved all of you so much and will be missed by everyone who was lucky enough to know her!! May she rest in peace now*❤❤❤❤

*Love,  
Dicky & Julie Jarvis*



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**Julie** - May 12, 2020 at 09:52 AM

MC

“ *Charlotte, so sorry to learn of the passing of your mother. I remember her as a very lovely lady, with a smile that lit up her face. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Sincerely, Mary Jo Ryan Crossman*

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**Mary Jo Crossman** - May 12, 2020 at 09:20 AM

SV

“ *My sincere condolences to the family of Lou Bova Bourcier. Such a warm and gracious lady! I have fond memories of time spent with the family “ back in the day “. Sending hugs, Sandra Vincent*

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**Sandra Vincent** - May 12, 2020 at 08:22 AM

DG

“ *Luva was a beautiful lady and once I found out she was my Godmother she made sure I had pictures of that day. Joanie I am so sorry for your loss. My sympathies and prayers for Luva's family*

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**Danise Gratton** - May 12, 2020 at 07:15 AM