



Marilyn "Bun" Hardacre Sell

August 22, 1934 - November 19, 2025

Marilyn "Bun" Hardacre Sell, 91, a lifelong resident of Skaneateles, passed away peacefully at Crouse Hospital following a short illness. Born in Syracuse to Walter George and Edith Marion (Lewis) Hardacre, Bun graduated from Skaneateles Central High School in 1952 and from Lasell Junior College in 1954. She began her career as a lab technician in the pathology department at Crouse Irving Memorial Hospital before devoting herself to raising her family.

In 1961, Bun married the love of her life, Russel C. Sell. She was a devoted communicant of St. James Episcopal Church and longtime volunteer at the St. James Thrift Shop. Known fondly as "the mother of Highland Ave.," Bun created a warm and welcoming home for her family and neighbors. She cherished her trips to Anna Maria Island, Florida, and enjoyed crossword puzzles, reading, and-perhaps most of all-sitting on her porch with a glass of wine, taking in the simple joys of life.

Bun was predeceased by her parents and by her husband, Russel, in 1997.

Her greatest love was always for her children and grandchildren. She is survived by her children Debbie Sell, Cindy (Chris) Case, Mindy (Joe) Bathgate, and Eric Sell, all of Skaneateles; six grandchildren Aimie Case, Michael (Kevin Quinn) Bathgate, Kimberly (Conor) Case, Nicholas (Shannon)

Bathgate, Thomas Sell, and Ally Sell; her sister Carolyn (Roy) Lootens of Skaneateles; many nieces and nephews, including Scott (Liz) Lootens and Douglas (Sarah) Lootens; and a sister-in-law, Dorothy Gounour of Roaring Spring, PA.

Calling hours will be held on Sunday, Nov. 23rd from 1 to 3 p.m. at B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home, 10 W. Genesee St., Camillus. A funeral service will be held on Monday at 12 noon at Burrows Chapel in Lake View Cemetery, Skaneateles. A reception to follow at the Skaneateles Fire Department.

The family extends a heartfelt thanks to Dr. Kristen Pfau of Family Care Medical Group, her Cardiologist Dr. George of Crouse Medical Practice, and her compassionate care team.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Bun's memory to the Skaneateles Volunteer Fire Department, 77 W. Genesee St., Skaneateles, NY 13152 online at <https://skaneatelesvfd.com> or S.A.V.E.S. Ambulance, 77 Fennell St., Skaneateles, NY 13152 online at <https://savesambulance.org>

Please share memories and sign her guestbook at www.BLBUSH.com

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **23**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home
10 W. Genesee Street
Camillus, NY 13031
(315) 672-3400
info@bushfuneralhome.com
<https://www.bushfuneralhome.com/>

Graveside Service

NOV **24**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Lake View Cemetery
89 West Genesee St.
Skaneateles, NY 13152
(315) 685-3440
<https://www.villageofskaneateles.gov/bc-cemetery/page/lake-view-cemetery>

Burrows Chapel

Tribute Wall



“ *B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home / Monuments created a Tribute Video in memory of Marilyn "Bun" Hardacre Sell*



B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home / Monuments - November 23, 2025 at 01:41 PM

TP

“ *To the entire family of this fine lady we wish to extend our sympathies in her passing. Someone mentioned Highland Ave. I use to ride my bike their and I thought I smelled chocolate chip cookies. I know that she would give me one. Best wishes to all going forward. Tom and Marianne Piccirillo*

Thomas V Piccirillo - January 04 at 11:09 PM

MB

“ *Debbie*

So sorry for the passing of your mother. I know you were so very close to her and enjoyed your trips to Florida every year. She lived a long life and you are so lucky to have for all these years. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

Arlene & Mike Brick

Mike Brick - November 27, 2025 at 04:46 PM

EL

“ Mrs. Sell was very sweet and she was welcoming to me as a kid on Highland Avenue. My special memory of her was the wonderful aromas of her chocolate chip cookies and her homemade spaghetti sauce! She was kind by giving me a cookie that was still warm from the oven! I love the Sell family because they demonstrate both kindness and warmth.

Eddie Lanning - November 24, 2025 at 03:25 PM

CS

“ Mindy and Cindy
So sorry to hear of your Moms passing, she was always so kind to me.
I remember watching the Superbowl at your house with your Mom and Dad.
they were always very welcoming to all of us that visited.
I almost felt like one of theirs.
Thoughts and prayers to you all

Smitty

Chris Smith - November 23, 2025 at 09:46 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marilyn "Bun" Hardacre Sell.



November 21, 2025 at 08:45 AM

BT

“ Baker Hughes - Waygate Technologies planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marilyn "Bun" Hardacre Sell.

Baker Hughes - Waygate Technologies - November 21, 2025 at 08:45 AM

DS

“ Deborah A Durr and Julie Stenger purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Marilyn "Bun" Hardacre Sell.



Deborah A Durr and Julie Stenger - November 21, 2025 at 07:58 AM

FF

“ Fred and Laurie Squires and Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Marilyn "Bun" Hardacre Sell.



Fred and Laurie Squires and Family - November 20, 2025 at 09:08 PM

FD

“ Fingerlakes Landscape & Design. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Marilyn "Bun" Hardacre Sell.



Fingerlakes Landscape & Design. - November 20, 2025 at 09:05 PM