



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Patty Ritchie

## Statement From Senator Patty Ritchie

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“St. Lawrence County lost a great public servant and an even better person today when my dear friend, Mary Lou Rupp, passed away after a lengthy battle with cancer. She gave all of us who witnessed her struggle, a lesson on how to live a life with dignity, character and grace.”

“My deepest sympathies go out to her husband, Bill, her daughters, Abbey and Kelsey, and her mother, Dorothy, grandchildren who she loved so dearly. The family, including her brothers and sisters, were lovingly by her side throughout this difficult time.”

“Mary Lou Rupp never asked for sympathy or gave any sign that this disease would interrupt how she lived her life. Until just recently, she went to work every day, rolled up her sleeves and alongside her fellow employees, provided the very best care to the men and women who elected her the St. Lawrence County Clerk.”

“I consider myself lucky to have had the opportunity to share Mary Lou with her family, the employees of the county clerk’s office and the citizens of the North Country. I will miss her cheerful manner, her tireless work ethic and the example she set for all who chose a life of public service.”

“My thoughts and prayers are with Mary Lou and her family.”