



Mary Kathryn Mintun

January 30, 1958 - August 2, 2019

Mary Kathryn Mintun was born January 30, 1958, in Warrensburg, Missouri, to Charles and Wilma Kwiatkowski. She went to her heavenly home peacefully on August 2, 2019, in the presence of her loving husband, Mark, following a lengthy illness.

Mary spent her youth in various locations, the daughter of a career Air Force father, graduating from Clinton High School in 1976. She and Mark were married at the Holy Rosary Catholic Church on August 26, 1978. She received her BSN Nursing Degree from Central Missouri State University in 1980 and her Master's of Nursing from Kansas University a few years later. She loved nursing and was known to be a compassionate force in the lives of both her pediatric patients and the parents of the children who were very ill. She was involved in the nursing profession for nearly forty years, last working in the NICU at BJC Children's Hospital in St. Louis, running the heart pump for heart transplants and caring for children following surgery.

Mary loved her family, especially her boys, Joe and Tom. She devoted countless hours taking them to Catholic Religion Classes, sports practices and games and hosting their friends at their home – and most of all, guiding and encouraging them throughout their lives. Throughout the boys' high school years, Mary was actively involved in the sports' booster clubs as an officer and volunteered often in the school store. In recent years, she traveled with Mark while he was working his sales job, assisting him by making their hotel reservations, driving so he could work on his phone while on the road, etc. – she was a tremendous help to him with his job and they enjoyed their evenings exploring whatever city they were in and trying new restaurants.

Beautiful cross stitch pictures adorn the home, which she spent many hours working on. She also enjoyed making cross stitched gifts throughout the years. She loved learning new things and tackled learning computer skills which she used to do transcription nursing jobs from home once she was unable to do direct nursing due to her health. She embroidered the family "signature" tablecloth each year which will be treasured with her signature on there probably ten or twelve times. She loved to fry fish for family and friends

gatherings and was the best around.

Mary is survived by her husband of forty-one years, Mark Lyman Mintun; sons, Joseph Lyman Mintun and partner Nicole Nash of St. Louis, Missouri and Thomas Mark Mintun of New York, New York; sisters, Sandra Collet, Elizabeth Underwood and Rebecca Cannon and husband Dan; sister-in-law, Peggy Arthur and husband Ron and several nieces and nephews along with a great-niece and great-nephew who all loved her dearly. She is also survived by a host of friends – she will be missed. Preceding her in death were her parents, Charles and Wilma Kwiatkowski and Mark's parents, Jean and Wilma Jean Mintun all of Clinton, Missouri.

A celebration of Mary's life will be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 6th, at the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel with Father John Schmitz officiating. Memorial contributions are suggested to Ozarks Kat and K9 Shelter, Donation Center and Thrift Store in Sunrise Beach.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

Events

AUG **Celebration of Life**

11:00AM

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Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel
417 Silvey Rd., Laurie, MO, US, 65038

Comments



“ I worked with Mary in the ICU at St Louis Children's Hospital. She was one of the most solid, compassionate, competent and dedicated nurses I have ever met. It was an honor to work with her and it is with great sorrow in hearing of her passing that I send my condolences to her family. She always spoke fondly of her husband and boys. May her memory be a blessing

-Jim Fehr

Jim Fehr - August 24 at 04:17 PM



“ We graduated from high school together. We were roommates in college. Mary was so much fun. She made me laugh alot! Mary, Vivian Houk, her sister Betsy & I took a trip to Minnesota after HS grad. I haven't forgotten that trip!! Life took us in different directions & we lost touch. I'm sure she touched many lives in a positive way. She will be missed by many. RIP Mary.
Your friend, Terri Gunter-Millam and Dan

Terri Gunter-Millam - August 13 at 10:08 PM



“ Mary was a part of the Blue Anchor Bay Condo family where we don't need a reason to get together and share a bite to eat, something to drink and enjoy the company and conversation of good friends and neighbors. She will be missed at future gatherings. God Bless the entire family and we are so sorry for your loss. Chris & Teresa



Chris & Teresa Christiansen - August 08 at 08:43 PM



“ I lost touch with Mary years ago after we worked together at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City. I had no idea she lived so close to me here at the lake. She was an amazing nurse and manager. Such a sense of humor and amazing love and knowledge of everything pediatrics. I so admired her. We connected thru our love of boating. We were both land locked, lol, at a small lake in Blue Springs east of KC, but we made the most of that small lake. She is somewhere taking care and giving

love to children still.
Much love

Sara (Hudson) Newton - August 06 at 11:30 PM



“ Kristie Hansen lit a candle in memory of Mary Kathryn Mintun



Kristie Hansen - August 06 at 08:19 PM



“ So shocked and sad to hear of the loss of one of the kindest, thankful, and thoughtful women I've had the pleasure of knowing. They have been my cleaning clients for many years. She almost always sent me a message thanking me and telling me how wonderful it was to come back to the apartment being clean and pretty. She never called it a condo. I will truly miss the relationship we built over the years.

Kristie Hansen - August 06 at 08:25 PM



“ Mary was funny, smart, a great nurse, fun to be around. She always worked hard to make her family a priority. We loved and admired her.

Jim, Jill, Megan Underwood - August 04 at 09:03 PM



“ Mary was the best hostess. We would visit during spring break and she always made sure we had a great time.

Alek & Nick Underwood - August 04 at 11:17 AM



“ Mary was a wonderful wife, mother, sister and aunt. She always strive to do the best she could do. We will all miss her dearly. She was the perfect role model for me. Always looked up to her and tried hard to emulate her. May we all find solace in our memories of her.

Elizabeth Underwood - August 04 at 11:09 AM