



## Mary "Lou" Harper

April 24, 1938 - March 31, 2017

Mary "Lou" Harper, age 78, of Laurie, passed away Friday, March 31, 2017, at University of Missouri Hospital and Clinics in Columbia. She was born April 24, 1938, in Crocker, Missouri, the daughter of the late Herman and Jennie May (Turner) Jones.

On June 17, 1972, in Crocker, she was united in marriage to her surviving husband, Lile Harper.

Lou was a member of the Crocker Presbyterian Church and the Lady Elks Auxiliary #2705 in Laurie.

She enjoyed spending her spare time bowling, crocheting and flower gardening.

In addition to her husband, Lile, she is survived by her children, Bobbie Jo Wallace and husband Rod of Salem, Oregon, Jack Richard Elliott and wife Ginger of Tucson, Arizona, Joe Elliott and wife Teresa of Camdenton, Missouri, Melvin Harper and wife Jill of Republic, Missouri and Sharron Kennedy of Fair Play, Missouri; ten grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews and many friends. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Phillip Jones and a granddaughter, Jamie Decker.

A celebration of Lou's life will be held at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, April 6th, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Laurie with Pastor Nick Stutesman officiating. Memorial contributions are suggested to CMH Hospice, 1500 N. Oakland, Bolivar, Missouri 65613.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Laurie.

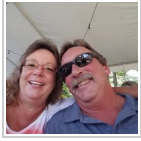
# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR 6. 1:00 PM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel  
417 Silvey Rd.  
Laurie, MO 65038  
(573) 374-7688

# Tribute Wall



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**Teresa Elliott** - April 05, 2017 at 10:54 AM

BF

*I loved Thanksgiving Day with her talking with her was so easy and happy! Going to miss seeing her again! We send all our Love and prayers to the Family! Rhonda &a Bill*

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**Bill & Rhonda Jackson and Family** - April 06, 2017 at 01:42 AM

JH

“ *Mary " Lou "was a great person , enjoyed every minute with her. we exchanged "barbs" with each other when ever we saw each . Never taking any of them seriously. Over the years she and her husband Lile became good friends with Jeri and I.. we enjoyed bowling with them and against them. Our Thursday morning breakfasts. were always a great get together We will miss her*  
*Jack and Jeri Horvath*

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**Jack Horvath** - April 04, 2017 at 04:45 PM

BP

“*Mary Lou was one of fourteen first cousins on the Pruitt side of the family. The two oldest, twins Bill and Phil Dismang were killed in a tragic collision with a train at the age of 12. That left Mary Lou and me as the oldest of the cousins and we were close. We kept that relationship the rest of our lives and we will miss her. Lou was also very close to her cousin Diane (McVey) Nuss. They were more like sisters than cousins. Diane pre deceased her by a couple years.*

*She and Lyle seemed to be a perfect match and we are so happy they found each other. Their blended family was so fortunate.*

*Sandy and I wish we could attend the celebration of her life but our schedule doesn't allow it. We will both miss Lou greatly and we send our condolences to her family.*

*Bob Pruitt, Coventry CT*

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**Bob Pruitt** - April 04, 2017 at 09:19 AM

JW

“*I moved to Mo in 1999 with my husband and the first place that I went was the bowling alley to get signed up for a team. Mary was one of the ladies that I met and bowling in the same league, she was a wonderful person, I really enjoyed her a lot. When my husband died in 2009, I moved back to Iowa to be close to my children. She will be missed by everyone who knew her. Joyce White, 10048 250th Street, West Union, Iowa 52175*

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**Joyce White** - April 04, 2017 at 09:12 AM