



Mary Ann Strawhun

March 6, 1936 - October 26, 2025

Mary Ann Strawhun, 89, of Moscow Mills, Missouri, formerly of Newburg, Missouri passed away on Sunday, October 26, 2025 at The Boulevard of Wentzville in Wentzville, Missouri. She was born on March 6, 1936 in St. Louis, Missouri and was the daughter of the late Albert and Eleanor (Johnson) Silhavy. On September 24, 1955 in St. Louis, Missouri, she married the love of her life, William Lee Strawhun and he preceded her in death on November 8, 2013.

Surviving her are: one daughter, Jan Shore of Wentzville, Missouri; two sons, Lee Strawhun and wife, Beth of Cincinnati, Ohio and Greg Strawhun and wife, Janis of Innsbrook, Missouri; nine grandchildren: Cory Standridge and husband, Lee, Andy Kuhljuergen and wife, Casey, Sara Loncka and husband Jeremie, David Strawhun and fiancé Etana Jacobi, Ali Cooper and husband John, Kaylee Brenner and husband Jake and Emilie Walsh and husband Zach, Katie Mulia, Arielle Spivey and husband, Gene; and seven great-grandchildren, Tyler Standridge, Gene Kuhljuergen, Kaden Standridge, Caleb Cooper, Lydia Cooper, Lily Cooper and Beckleigh Brenner, one sister, Sally House and husband Chuck and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents: Albert and Eleanor Silhavy, her husband, William Lee Strawhun, one son-in-law, Anthony Kuhljuergen and one nephew, David Reece.

Mary Ann attended Mallinkrodt Glen Grade School and was a 1953 graduate of Southwest High School in St. Louis. She later continued her education at East Central College in Jefferson City, Missouri. Mary Ann worked at Ralston Purina Production as a secretary. Her life changed in 1955 after she married Bill Strawhun. She was then a director with the Red Cross in Chicago, Illinois for a year. Bill and Mary Ann made Newburg, MO, their new place to call home, with a population of 1056. She took great pride in being a homemaker for 9 years to their her three children: Lee, Jan and Greg. Mary Ann found the time to work alongside Bill in their family businesses, Johnson Funeral Home and the Hardware Store, both in Newburg, MO. After the sale of their business she worked at the Sears and Roeback Store in Rolla and years later she was a Real Estate Agent in Rolla, MO. Never being at idle, she later went to work as a County Coordinator for SEMO Transportation and retired in 2001 as the Assistant Director of the SEC Program in Rolla, MO. Bill and Mary Ann decided to move to Moscow Mills, MO in 2002 to be closer to family. Even with raising a family and working, she found the time to be an active part of the community, where she organized the Happy Homemakers Club with the Extension Services and even organized the "Learn To Swim Program" through the Red Cross and Newburg Lions Club in the Little Piney River. Mary Ann was a founding leader of Girl Scouts and 4-H Club in Newburg. She played an active part in bringing Senior Housing to Newburg. Alongside Bill, Mary Ann was an active part of the Little Red Truck Recycling Mission and Order of Eastern Star, where she was Worthy Matron. She had a strong faith in God and was a member of the United Methodist Church, serving in the Methodist Women's Organization and was a Longtime Women's Bible Study Leader. Mary Ann was a familiar face as a Sunday School Teacher and singing in the choir. With Bill coaching the Khoury League Baseball Team, she was nominated as the scorekeeper. She enjoyed square dancing and playing pinochle. Mary Ann was an avid St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan and liked the Mizzou Tigers. Mary Ann had the most giving heart and would help anyone in need. Her gentle smile and helping hands will be deeply missed.

Family and friends will be received from 10:00 am to 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 30, 2025 at KEMPER-KEIM Family Funeral Chapel located at 351 Monroe Street Troy, MO 63379. Funeral service will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 30, 2025 at Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel in Troy, MO. Interment will be held at the Rolla Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made American Cancer Society or the United Women in Faith in care of Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel P.O. Box 222, Troy, MO 63379.

Arrangements are under the direction of Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel; 351 Monroe Street Troy, MO 63379. Online condolences may be made at www.kemperkeimfamilyfuneralchapel.com Phone 636-528-8221

Cemetery Details

Rolla City Cemetery

507 South Rolla Street
Rolla, MO 65401

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **30**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel - Troy
351 Monroe St.
Troy, MO 63379
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Service

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Tribute Wall

BP

“ Although I didn't see her very often, when I did I really enjoyed our conversations. I will also miss seeing her gorgeous creations she lovingly made and gave to her loved ones.

Brenda F. Portwood - November 07, 2025 at 10:42 AM

SA

“ Scouting Colorado, Scouting America planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ann Strawhun.

Scouting Colorado, Scouting America - October 29, 2025 at 11:20 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Strawhun.



October 29, 2025 at 11:20 PM

MC

“ I didn't have the honor to know this special lady, but our Church was blessed to have had Rev. Dr. Lee (her son) as our Pastor for many years. In reading about Mary Ann, I also appreciate how much she served in her community, and that also we share in our experience with the Masonic group, the Order of the Eastern Star (in which I am also an active member and Past Matron of one of our Ohio chapters). If I may share with you, the one "heroine" within the Order of the Eastern Star which (I believe) is most likely a tribute to Mary Ann would be the O.E.S. "heroine," named "Ruth" (and our O.E.S. ritual and story is the same as from the Book of Ruth). May your memories be in tribute to this special heroine in our Holy Bible who most probably was much similar to the manner in which Lee's mother (Mary Ann) lived her life, as "Ruth." With much respect, Melinda Hockman Callahan (Past Matron in Ohio, O.E.S.).

Melinda H. Callahan - October 29, 2025 at 02:48 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Strawhun.



October 29, 2025 at 11:00 AM

AE

“ Angie, Tammy, Rob, Nick, Tori, Josh, Eri purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mary Ann Strawhun.



Angie, Tammy, Rob, Nick, Tori, Josh, Eri - October 29, 2025 at 10:27 AM

PH

“*Mary Ann was such a beautiful, kind, and loving lady. She had a precious smile. I grew up with her children and she was always a part of our lives. I know she earned her wings in Heaven. God bless her family during this sad time for them.*”



Patricia Howlett - October 28, 2025 at 09:10 PM

SM

“*She was such a lovely woman. I enjoyed growing up singing in the church choir with her. Bill and Mary Ann were both great people to know growing up. Now they can both be together. Sorry for your loss and prayers during this time.*”

Stephanie Moore - October 28, 2025 at 02:45 PM

KR

Jan, Lee, and Greg. I am so sorry for the loss of your mom. She was a great lady, and will be missed by many.

Karla (Eddleman) Reed - October 28, 2025 at 04:21 PM

SA

“*Mary Ann was such a wonderful friend since our high school years at Southwest in St. Louis. Loved her so much and will miss our phone conversations. My deepest sympathy and love to all her family. Sally Boughman*”

Sally - October 28, 2025 at 11:43 AM

SH

“*Sally Jean House and Charles House planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ann Strawhun.*”

Sally Jean House and Charles House - October 28, 2025 at 08:46 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Strawhun.*



October 28, 2025 at 08:46 AM



“ *Sherry Randall and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ann Strawhun.*

Sherry Randall and Family - October 27, 2025 at 11:13 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Strawhun.*



October 27, 2025 at 11:13 PM



“ *Gail, Mark, Chris and Ginny planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ann Strawhun.*

Gail, Mark, Chris and Ginny - October 27, 2025 at 09:23 PM

GG

“ Gail, Mark, Chris and Ginny purchased the Laven
der Reflections Spray for the family of Mary Ann
Strawhun.



Gail, Mark, Chris and Ginny - October 27, 2025 at 09:23 PM

CR

“ Cynthia R. purchased the Arrive in Style for the
family of Mary Ann Strawhun.



Cynthia R. - October 27, 2025 at 07:06 PM