



Mary Catherine Couchman

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Mary Catherine Couchman of Bronson, Kansas passed away on December 24, 2021 at the age of 76.

Mary was born August 24, 1945 to Richard and Genevieve Mincks in Centerville, Iowa. Mary graduated from Seymour Community High School in 1963. During this time she was a Marching Band Majorette and Choir. Mary attended Northeast Missouri State University from 1963 to 1965.

On November 7, 1965, Mary married Gary Joe Couchman, son of Keith and Carol Couchman. They were married 56 years. To this union two sons were born; Duane Lee and Troy Dean.

After getting married they lived in Germany while Gary was stationed there during the Vietnam War from 1966 to 1968. Upon their return Mary was a substitute teacher at Seymour, Corydon, Unionville, MO, and Powersville, MO. In addition her and Gary were farming and built their first home in 1974. Mary worked at Rathbun Mental Health Center in Centerville for 13 ½ years. In 1990, Gary and Mary sold their farm and moved to Northwest Arkansas. Mary worked at Walmart Home Office for 16 years in various managerial roles. She was responsible for the Vendor Master, all new suppliers had to work directly with Mary to get their company approved to sell their products at Walmart Stores, Inc. She retired from there in 2007. During her career she received various awards such as Who's Who in Executives and Professionals, and The World Who's Who of Women for distinguished services.

In the summer of 2019, Gary and Mary sold their 47 acre farm in Arkansas and moved to a 80 acre farm in Kansas.

Mary enjoyed and always looked forward to going on vacation to their timeshares in Branson, Missouri and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. She loved flowers and flower beds. She also loved crafting, crocheting, making Santa's and often giving them as gifts to family members. She always loved to decorate for Christmas. She loved collecting dolls and had an entire room in her house dedicated for all of her dolls. She enjoyed watching her grandchildren play t-ball and participate in school programs. She enjoyed playing the piano and giving lessons. She also played the organ for many



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years at the Presbyterian Church in Gravette, Arkansas. She was a member of the United Methodist Church. She was baptized earlier in life in the Methodist Church, later in life had a full submersion baptism at Victory Church in Tonitown, Arkansas.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Genevieve Mincks.

Mary is survived by her husband Gary of Bronson, Kansas, sons Duane Couchman of Bronson, Kansas, Troy Couchman (Melanie) of Bronson, Kansas, her 5 grandchildren Keith, Chloe, Colt, Bryson, and Trace, brother Steve Mincks of Des Moines, Iowa, aunt Deloris Darrah of Seymour, Iowa, aunt/uncle Bill and Donna Mincks of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, along with many extended family members.

Visitation will be at 12:00 pm, Saturday, January 8th at Thomas Funeral Home in Seymour. The funeral service will follow at 1:00 pm and graveside burial. Memorials may be given to American Diabetes Association and United Methodist Church in Seymour.



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RC

Ray Cook posted:

So sorry for your loss of Mary. She was a nice lady who enjoyed square dancing and having fun. Remember the good ole days when we were young and later with families of our own. We will keep you and the boys in our thoughts and prayers.

January 7 at 7:00 PM

JS

Jo Linda Schlesselman posted:

Sympathy to the family.

January 7 at 7:00 PM

JM

Jason And Amy Means posted:

Praying for you all. Love, Jason and Amy Means

January 5 at 7:00 PM

JD

Janet Demry posted:

Gary and family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss of Mary. She was always a good friend to all. Prayers to all.

January 5 at 7:00 PM

JA

Judith Alley posted:

So sorry. Prayers for family.

January 5 at 7:00 PM

JD

Joy A. Davis posted:

Prayers and thoughts with the family

January 5 at 7:00 PM



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CW

Cheryl Watts posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends!

January 5 at 7:00 PM

BS

Beverly Stickler posted:

So sorry. Prayers for the family. 🙏

January 5 at 7:00 PM

SJ

Sheila Johnston posted:

Sympathy Gary and family. 🙏❤️

January 5 at 7:00 PM

KH

Karen Havner Hanson posted:

Prayers 🙏

January 5 at 7:00 PM

JS

Judith Sales posted:

Gary and family so sorry for your loss Mary was a pleasure to be around. Always a smile on her face May she Rest In Peace and you cherish her good memories

January 5 at 7:00 PM

KB

Kristy Mullin Bailey posted:

Sending thoughts and prayers to Duane and family.

January 4 at 7:00 PM

MS

Mary Schaffner posted:

Thinking of Gary and family, so sorry

January 4 at 7:00 PM



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AB

Anna Bratz posted:

Prayers

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DA

Deanna Allen posted:

Prayers for the family

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MS

Mary Smith posted:

Condolences to the family

January 4 at 7:00 PM

RS

Randy Stafford posted:

I knew Mary from our days at Seymour school. She lead our marching band and played sax in the concert band. She was a very nice girl. My sympathies to Gary the boys, and the rest of her family.

January 4 at 7:00 PM

JB

Jenn Buban posted:

Prayers! 🙏❤️🙏

January 4 at 7:00 PM

CM

Cindy Mckay posted:

Our deepest sympathy to Mary's family.

January 4 at 7:00 PM

LR

Lois Reynolds posted:

Our caring thoughts and prayers for all the family.

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DM

Dottie Warren Mckelvy posted:

Sending prayers of comfort to Mary's family.

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CB

Candace Bristow posted:

Sympathy Gary to you and your family. Praying for comfort and peace.

January 4 at 7:00 PM

JE

Julie Eckles posted:

So sorry, Gary and family, for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

January 4 at 7:00 PM

PP

Paula Poli posted:

Our sympathy to the family.

January 4 at 7:00 PM

PD

Patricia Devore posted:

Sorry for your loss prayers to the family

January 4 at 7:00 PM

DD

Donnie N Joyce Davis posted:

So sorry for the family's loss.

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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