



## Julie Martens

October 9, 1954 - May 6, 2026

Julie K Martens (Kosmiski), 71 of Higginsville, Missouri passed away on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at Sage Grove in Blue Springs, Missouri. She was born Saturday, October 9, 1954, in Lexington, Missouri, to the late William Kosmiski and the late Joe Ann (Mason) Kosmiski. She was a 1972 graduate of Lafayette County C-1 in Higginsville and later earned a Bachelor's degree in interior design from CMSU in Warrensburg, Missouri.

On April 27, 1974, she married the love of her life, Juel Martens and together they shared 52 wonderful years of marriage, building a life centered around love, family, and community. Julie began her career working for Montgomery Ward and Hollis & Miller before following her creative passions and opening her own businesses, The Holiday Peddler and The McCord House. She was a gifted artist, painter, quilter and crafter whose creativity touched countless lives. Julie loved teaching art classes and sharing her talents with others. She enjoyed sharing her artistic eye to local floral shops volunteering during holidays to assist with floral arrangements as well.

In 1987, Julie's family became the talk of the town when their home was moved from Shelby Street to the very end of Lipper Street; a memory many in the community still remember today. Julie had a deep appreciation for beauty in all forms. She loved quilting, genealogy, history, and she took pride in making her community a more beautiful place by planting flowers, tending plants, and even pulling weeds wherever she saw a need. Her kindness and care for others could be seen in both the large and small things she did every

day.

Above all else, Julie loved her family and her community. Her children were the light of her life, and one of her greatest joys was spending Saturday mornings going out for breakfast with Juel while completing the newspaper crossword puzzle together. Julie will be remembered for her gentle spirit, caring heart, creative soul, and the warmth she brought to everyone who knew her.

Surviving are her husband, Juel Martens of the home; three daughters, Kathryn "Kate" (Jordan) Anthony of Overland Park, KS, Sarah (Jason) Welch of Sweet Springs, MO and Molly (Chris) White of Gladstone, MO; six grandchildren, Henry Anthony, Eleanor Anthony, Bailey (Matt Wolfe) Welch, Jackson (Kyndall) Welch, Abigail White, Oliver White; and one great-grandchild, Aspen Wolfe. She was preceded in death by her parents; one half-brother, Vincent Kosmiski; and one half-sister, Ann Kosmiski.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday, June 12, 2026, at Stewart-Hoefer Funeral Home, 1600 Main St. Higginsville, Missouri 64037. A celebration of life will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, June 13, 2026 at Grace United Methodist Church located at 16 W. 15th St. Higginsville, Missouri 64037. Her ashes will be laid to rest in the Higginsville City Cemetery at a later date. Memorials may be made to Harvey J. Higgins Historical Society c/o Higginsville Depot, or Baby Grace c/o Grace United Methodist Church, or The Women's Alzheimer's Movement - [www.thewomensalzheimersmovement.org](http://www.thewomensalzheimersmovement.org)

# Cemetery Details

## City Cemetery

2275-2491 Lipper Ave.  
Higginsville, MO 64037

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **12**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (cst)

Stewart-Hoefer Funeral Home, Inc.  
1600 Main St.  
Higginsville, MO 64037  
1-660-584-3400  
hoeferfuneralhome@gmail.com  
<http://www.stewarthoeferfuneralhome.com>

## Celebration of Life

JUN **13**. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (cst)

Grace United Methodist Church  
16 W 15th St.  
Higginsville, MO 64037

# Tribute Wall



“ I met Julie & Juel at the Barnes & Noble I manage a couple years ago. Julie’s warmth & kindness was evident upon my first meeting her. Julie & Juel’s visits were my happiest work days & will remain as some of my most cherished memories. I feel so lucky to have been her friend. All my sympathy & love goes to those who knew & loved Julie. A full life, well lived, indeed.

Audrey Elise - June 12 at 02:50 PM

JG

“ John, Maxine & MO State PRIDE Guard purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Julie Martens.



John, Maxine & MO State PRIDE Guard - May 26 at 01:52 PM

CS

“ Julie is such a sweet soul! I’m so grateful I got to meet her and get to know her. I was lucky enough to be her waitress, we shared stories and memories and I always looked forward to her carrot pancake and crispy bacon or cup of fruit depending on the day. She watched me grow into a manager and always made me feel loved just how I hope we all made her feel at First Watch I will miss her dearly and I hope all the family knows how much she meant to us at Independence! Rest in paradise



Colby Smith-Ayres - May 17 at 11:58 PM

GC

“ Zach and I want to convey our diva sympathies to the Martin family. I know that we all be back together in the suite by And bye. Julie and Janet are waiting for all of us.

Gary Carroll - May 14 at 01:27 PM

RE

“ I send my deepest sympathy to her husband Juel and her lovely daughters. You had a wonderful mother and wife. I had a beautiful friend and classmate. May we clerish all the great memories.

Robin Eaton - May 12 at 03:01 PM

TK

“ May Julie rest in peace and may the memories console her family.

Terry Kosmiski - May 11 at 07:19 PM

MR

“ I'm sorry to hear this. Julie was a sweet person and always a smile on her face. Prayers for the families

Mike Reider - May 11 at 07:12 PM

CL

Joel and family,  
I was very sorry to see the obituary,of my classmate, Julie,Kosmiski Martens.,She was such a joy. I remember great creativity, love of others, and dedication of life. Julie's smile was a radiant light. I loved seeing her at reunions of the Class of 1972. May God bless you. 🙏💕



Connie Long - June 09 at 11:25 PM