



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

Cemetery Details

City Cemetery

2275-2491 Lipper Ave.
Higginsville, MO 64037

Upcoming 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

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

Terry Kosmiski - Yesterday 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 - Yesterday at 07:12 PM