



Marilyn Sue Yocum

May 1, 1935 - December 2, 2019

Marilyn Sue (Norris) Yocum, died Monday, December 2, 2019 at her home in Higginsville, surrounded by her children, grandchildren, and her dog, Baby Joe. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Hoefer Funeral Home Inc. and online condolences may be made to the family at www.hoeferfuneralhome.com

A visitation will be held at Hoefer Funeral Home in Higginsville, MO on Saturday, December 7, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The funeral service will be held at Grace United Methodist Church, Sunday, December 8 at 1:00 p.m. with interment following in the Higginsville City Cemetery.

Marilyn is survived by her daughter Melissa S. Yocum and granddaughter Mattea of the home; daughter Dr. Christina Venner (husband Dan) and granddaughters Emily and Grace of Liberty, MO; son John E. Yocum III (wife Kendra) and grandchildren Haley, Melissa M., John E. IV, and Layla of Independence, MO; brother John C. Norris (Glenda) of Sun City West, AZ; brother-in-law Donald P. Yocum (Bonna) of Grain Valley, MO; and nineteen nephews and nieces. Marilyn was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, Rev. John E. Yocum II. They were married on July 11, 1959 in Atchison, KS. Marilyn served as a Methodist pastor's wife in the communities of Orrick, Chillicothe, Waverly, and Higginsville, MO. Born in Nevada, MO to Clifford and Martha (Heidenreich) Norris on May 1, 1935, Marilyn attended Cottey College in Nevada, MO and earned her Bachelor of Arts from Pittsburg State University in KS. She later obtained her Master's and multiple Specialist

degrees in education from Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg. Marilyn's career as a teacher began when she was 20 in Atchison, KS and lasted more than 50 years. In her early years she also taught at Warrensburg, MO and Rock Springs, WY. Marilyn spent the majority of her career - over 28 years - teaching in the Fort Osage School District. After retiring from public education, she served as an educational and psychological evaluator at the Waverly Division of Youth Services until the age of 70. Marilyn valued her role as a lifelong educator and worked with children as a CASA volunteer advocate, youth group leader, Sunday school teacher, and piano instructor. She regularly participated in projects to provide food and clothing to children in need. Marilyn was instrumental in organizing the Higginsville Grief Group, and was an active member of P.E.O. Chapter EK, the Lafayette-Lexington Chapter of DAR, Grace United Methodist UMW, and the Red Hat Society. Marilyn cared deeply about social justice issues and equal rights for all. She believed her time on earth should be spent in service to others and made the most of using her voice to advocate for those who too often go unheard. Because Marilyn focused on the plight of children in need, we suggest memorials to UMCOR #3021566 (United Methodist Committee on Relief / Indigenous Women's Vegetable Gardening and Leadership Program in Guatemala) and CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) for children who have experienced neglect. Donations may be directed to Hoefler Funeral Home, 1600 N. Main, Higginsville, MO 64037.

Cemetery Details

City Cemetery

2275-2491 Lipper Ave.
Higginsville, MO 64037

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

DEC 8. 1:00 PM - 3:05 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Marilyn Sue Yocum*

October 22, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ *Marilyn Sue Yocum*

October 07, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ *Marilyn Sue Yocum*

October 06, 2023 at 07:00 AM



“ *Marilyn Sue Yocum*

January 31, 2023 at 02:49 AM



“ *I know this is very late but I have always appreciated Marilyn being so kind to Jimmy, Scott and Gerry Jack especially while I was going to UMKC and the graduation party she gave Scott and me. She was such a warm and caring and fun person. I am happy to have been her friend. Patricia Pierce*

Patricia Pierce - May 16, 2020 at 11:38 AM

PN

“ So sorry for your loss.



Paul Nottingham - December 06, 2019 at 06:53 PM

MG

“ Mark Gash lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Sue Yocum



Mark Gash - December 04, 2019 at 10:40 AM

JP

“ Joan Polifka lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Sue Yocum



Joan Polifka - December 04, 2019 at 10:00 AM

JP

Melissa, What a full life your mother led! Though I never met her, I feel I came to know her through your sharing of your life with her. My sympathies to you and your family.

Joan Polifka - December 04, 2019 at 10:02 AM

GS

When I saw the obituary in the Nevada paper today I said, "Oh NO!" in disbelief. We were neighbors across Cedar St. from one another in Nevada. She and I, along with little Johnnie, went to the Saturday afternoon matinees sometimes: Sergeant Preston of the Yukon, Dracula, The Golden Arm.....

After our childhood and, after Cottey, we went our separate ways but I ran across her Facebook page last year and noticed how happy and focused she seemed to be on a very productive life.

My parents and my dear husband have passed on, so I know what a terrible loss this is for you! I will keep Marilyn's family in my prayers, especially little Johnny.

God bless you.

Gwen (Roeder) Schoolcraft

Gwen (Roeder) Schoolcraft - December 04, 2019 at 04:35 PM