



Mary Lytton Clement

September 28, 1924 - November 21, 2020

Mary Lytton Clement, 96 of Higginsville, MO, passed away on November 21, 2020 at Meyer Care Center.

Mary was born in Higginsville on September 28, 1924 to Dr. Walter and Alice (Lake) Koppenbrink. As a young child, Mary spent quite a bit of time at the soda fountain in the 19th and Main Huscher drug store which was located under her father's doctor's office. Mary graduated from Higginsville High School as Valedictorian on May 20, 1942. She attended Christian College in Columbia, MO (now Columbia College) and the University of Missouri, graduating in 1946 with a degree in education.

It was during her first teaching assignment in Topeka, KS that she met her future husband, Charles B. Clement while he attended KU. After their wedding, they relocated to Higginsville and opened Clement's Hardware Store. This store served the area community for 31 years. Mary kept the books for the business and was always ready to help when needed.

Mary was extremely active in the local community service with many clubs.

They include, in part, Chamber of Commerce, the former Downtown Merchants Association, Harvey Higgins Historical Society, Optimist Club, PEO, CMFA, Arts Advisory Board, Higginsville Jubilee Committee, Higginsville Country Fair Committee, Higginsville Federated Women's Club, Puppeteers of America, and started the Band Boosters Club with Rosemary Zacha. Mary was a lifelong member of the Presbyterian Church, taught Sunday school, and was involved in Girl Scout activities. She was a founding member of the

Higginsville Theatre Company with Marge Stoecklin and Harri Huscher. She and Jack Hayslett produced puppet shows for many years. Mary was also a good program presenter and was a great reference to the past because of her age, experience, and knowledge.

Mary and Charlie traveled the world with many trips to Europe and annual trips to the beautiful beaches of Mexico. Mary had as many international friends as she had friends in her hometown.

Mary is survived by two daughters, Carol Rodriguez of Higginsville, Mary Susan (John) McCrae of Kansas City; one granddaughter, Allison McCrae; and a nephew, Dr. Walt Koppenbrink.

She is preceded in death by her parents, and husband, Charles Clement.

Memorials may be sent in Mary's name to :

Friends of the Friendless, Lexington or the Warrensburg Animal Shelter.

Due to COVID restrictions two graveside services will be held, one for each sister on Wednesday, November 25, 2020. Carol's service: 10:00 am in the City Cemetery with Karen Luehrman officiating. Mary Susan's service: 1:00 PM in the City Cemetery where friends may join in prayer and song celebrating Mary's memory.

Cemetery Details

City Cemetery

2275-2491 Lipper Ave.
Higginsville, MO 64037

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV 25. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Lytton Clement*

October 22, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ *Mary Lytton Clement*

October 07, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ *Mary Lytton Clement*

October 06, 2023 at 07:00 AM



“ *Mary Lytton Clement*

January 31, 2023 at 02:49 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Susan Echelmeier - December 08, 2020 at 06:58 PM



Mary Lytton dropped by the Depot Museum one day when only Bobbie Runge and I were there. She entertained us with both stories AND the marionette.

Susan Echelmeier - December 08, 2020 at 07:01 PM

CA

Susan, thank you for the memory of my mother. She loved the Depot Museum. Carol

carol - December 09, 2020 at 08:49 AM

JM

“ *Family of Mary Lytton, you have our sympathy. It was always fun to talk to Mary Lytton; she was interested in people and interesting to talk to. Jill & Scott McCrae and Chuck.*

Jill McCrae - December 02, 2020 at 06:19 PM

CA

Jill, Scott and Chuck, thank you for the memory of Mary Lytton. She told me many times how much she liked the three of you and how fond she was of you. Thanks! Carol

carol - December 03, 2020 at 08:20 AM

DP

“ *Mary and Carol, please accept my deepest condolences.*

*D. Pollard
Whittier, CA*

Donald Pollard - November 27, 2020 at 02:53 AM

CA

*Donald, thank you for your condolences. Enjoy your time in CA. I lived in Duarte and worked as the new account manager for Security Pacific Bank in Pasadena on Colorado Blvd right on the Rose Parade route. Take care and thank you!
Carol*

carol - November 27, 2020 at 10:33 AM

BB

“ Carol, I have many memories of time spent with your parents in the hardware store - on both sides of Main St. She was a good woman - and always seemed to have a lively look to her eyes. My fondest memory of her has to be making the introduction to me of Don and Dorothy Perry. The class of '42 had some strong spirited individuals. They went through a great deal and kept smiling. I know you will miss you forever.

Bosh Bruening - November 25, 2020 at 04:24 PM

CA

Bosh, I remember your introduction to Don and Dorothy my mom was so excited to be able to make the connection. I found the original photo of Clement's Hardware and it is framed and hanging on the wall in my house. I was very surprised when I saw that photo on this page. Hoefers found it in a Higginsville album they had at the funeral home. Hope you and yours are doing well. Carol

carol - November 25, 2020 at 07:45 PM

RS

“ many happy memories at all the 4th of July picnics with ray , lois, randy and many others for many years mary was a very lovely lady and made the best pies bob & alyce Stephenson

Robert B Stephenson - November 25, 2020 at 02:30 PM

CA

I had the good fortune to attend a couple of the 4th of July picnics with Mary. I know she adored both you and Alyce. She will be missed by many. Thanks for the memory, Carol

carol - November 25, 2020 at 03:34 PM

MM

Bob, Thank you for the message. There were many blueberry/cherry desserts! Charlie made good potato salad too. Sure miss that whole gang. -This is Mary Susan, I made the puppets.

MarySusan McCrae - November 27, 2020 at 12:23 AM

LS

“ 3 files added to the album *Mary Clement*



Lia Stewart - November 24, 2020 at 05:13 PM

CA

Lia, I love the photos you posted, thank you. I have the original Clement Hardware photo framed so it was a joy to see that photo shared with her friends. Carol Rodriguez

carol - November 24, 2020 at 05:50 PM

AS

Bought ifle shells there as a teenager. My uncle bought a single shot 12 gauge shotgun tber. My grandmother bought a lawnmower from Clements.

Armin Schannuth - November 24, 2020 at 07:24 PM

MM

Wow, where did you find this never seen before photo? That is the old neon sign and there is a receipt for it. It was moved and stored at the "new" store across the street then was lost in the fire. So glad to see it, I have often recalled the colors in my memory. Thanks, Mary Susan

MarySusan McCrae - November 27, 2020 at 12:32 AM

MM

Armin, Glad to hear from you ! I worked for KCPL in a puppet named Electra. While in your office, we discussed Trains, and then I found that my mom was friends with you at the depot. What fun times !

MarySusan McCrae - November 27, 2020 at 12:41 AM

AS

“ Mary was a valued member of the Harvey J. Higgins Historical Society.
I always enjoyed hearing her stories about Higginsville, especially when she rode with her father to see rural patients and watch trains, including the Zephyrs.

Armin Schannuth - November 24, 2020 at 03:56 PM

CA

Armin, my mom loved the history of Higginsville. She had a very special relationship with her father. Thank you for the post. Carol Rodriguez

carol - November 24, 2020 at 05:36 PM

AS

You're very welcome.

Armin Schannuth - November 24, 2020 at 06:38 PM

DP

“ Sympathy and prayers go out to you on the passing of your Mom. We were friends for a long time. We attended many HHS Reunions because of Mary's hard work. She would write a letter each year about our coming reunion and send it to Don and me and we would print and mail it to our members. A lot of them would send letters back if they couldn't come and we kept track of our Class of '42 that way. Call or come by any time you need to talk, I'm a good listener.- Dorothy Perry.

Dorothy Perry - November 24, 2020 at 12:52 PM

CA

Dorothy, my mom adored you and Don. I remember her talking about keeping up with her classmates. I love how the three of you remained so close thru the years. At some point I would love to get together with you and visit. Carol Rodriguez

carol - November 24, 2020 at 05:32 PM

MM

See you soon, Dorothy, this is Mary Susan

MarySusan McCrae - November 27, 2020 at 12:46 AM

MG

“ *Mr's Clement was my friend when i was a little boy, when i didn't think I had any. I see here friends of the friendless. well that speaks to me , I was 7 my father had been in Africa for along time. Mom got me a race car set. there and in the basement i learned, about AC and D-C electricity. it was great. I would walk up the Railroad tracks and ask her questions, She always told me, and was very kind. I am very sad and very sorry for your loss.*

Mark Rein Gash

mark rein gash - November 24, 2020 at 11:42 AM

CA

Mark, your story about my mom warmed my heart. I remember those race car sets well. She was a wonderful person and will be missed by all who knew here. Thanks Carol

carol - November 24, 2020 at 05:20 PM

RS

“ *My Mom worked part time at Clement's hardware store when I was in school. Occasionally I'd skip the school bus and hang out there with Mom. The Clements were always very nice to me. My condolences to the family.*

Randy Schowengerdt - November 23, 2020 at 10:37 PM

CA

Randy, your mom was a real treasure and my parents adored her.I know that both of our mom's are busy dusting the gift department in Heaven.

carol - November 24, 2020 at 05:02 PM

MM

Hi Kid, This is Mary Susan, so glad to hear from you, long time Friends. Always enjoyed your mom !

MarySusan McCrae - November 27, 2020 at 12:56 AM

DS

“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of Mary. She was so dear to mother and I imagine their reunion filled with lots of smiles and laughter. May God grant the family much peace and comfort in your loss. 🙏*



Donna Schroer - November 23, 2020 at 07:26 PM

CA

Thank you Donna that means a lot to me. I am certain they are having a party and the two of them are planning a big project together, just like they did down here. Thanks Again Carol

carol - November 23, 2020 at 08:51 PM

DS

Yes indeed. Makes me smile just thinking of them that way. Sending you much love and prayers for peace and comfort. I know how hard it is to say goodbye for now. 🙏❤️

Donna Schroer - November 24, 2020 at 09:02 AM

JJ

“ *Mary, We remember with kindness the times that we stayed with you in Mexico, and shared many meals together at Pergola, Toscana, Pedros, Juanitos, and more. Being able to be so near to the beach in Manzanillo was a real treat. We loved collecting sea glass, shells, and more. So many memories.*

Julie Jones - November 23, 2020 at 06:31 PM

CA

Julie, when COVID is over we will go to Mexico and toast Mary's memory with her favorite margaritas on the beach.

carol - November 24, 2020 at 05:41 PM

MS

“ 1 file added to the album graveside service



Marshall Stewart Sr. - November 23, 2020 at 11:38 AM