



## Mary Lou Anson

September 20, 1924 - August 27, 2020

Mary Lou Anson, 95, of Higginsville, Missouri met her Heavenly Father on Thursday, August 27, 2020, at her home in Higginsville.

She was born Saturday, September 20, 1924 in Kansas City, Missouri and was the daughter of the late James Ownby and the late Ethel Jean Ownby (Robertson).

Mary Lou graduated high school from Kansas City Southwest High School in 1941. She attended William Woods College in Fulton, MO earning a two-year degree before continuing her education in Columbia, MO at the University of Missouri where she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority.

In 1944 she married Marion Leslie "ML" Anson and from this union four children were born. ML and Mary Lou spent 55 wonderful years together until his passing on, June 18, 1999.

Mary Lou worked in clerical for Harvard University while ML took Naval officer training classes, but her true calling was caring for her children and husband. Mary Lou grew up in Kansas City just a few blocks from the Plaza and loved this area. She would take her children and grandchildren to the Plaza often throughout their lives to shop and eat out. She enjoyed bringing her family while she cared for her parents and showed them where she grew up. While Mary Lou loved the Plaza, she grew to love Higginsville just as much. She and ML moved to Higginsville in 1950 and shortly after she joined her husband in the family Implement dealership. She was co-owner of Smith-Anson Implement Company in Odessa, MO and later co-owner of Anson Implement

Inc. in Higginsville.

She loved taking family trips and traveling. She enjoyed reading and was an excellent bridge player. She belonged to several bridge clubs. In her later years she really enjoyed going on walks and feeding the birds. Mary Lou enjoyed attending her high school reunions and Theta gatherings at MU. She was also very active in Higginsville. She was a fifty-year plus member of Daughters of the American Revolution, Chapter EK - P.E.O. Sisterhood, and the American Legion Auxiliary.

She was active in the Red Hat Society, a member of Harvey Higgins Historical Society, Confederate Memorial Friends Association, and the Missouri Alumni Association. She and ML were charter members of the Higginsville Country Club, Chamber of Commerce, Beta Sigma Phi Social Society, and an active member of Central Christian Church. She was involved in church circles and many other church activities.

Mary Lou loved her family. She dedicated herself to being a mother, wife, and a homemaker. Her church and her faith, along with her family, were top priorities in her life.

Those left to celebrate her memory are: one son, Joe Anson (Richard Sharp) of Kansas City, MO; three daughters, Jan Weycker of De Pere, WI, Jennifer (Keith) Gockel of Dallas, TX and Jill (Ray) Sutherland of Higginsville; seven grandchildren, David Arndt Jr., Timothy (Megan) Arndt, Janna Arndt, Sarah (Todd) Lindley, Erin Gockel (Rustin Johnson), Megan (Tim) Trigg, Anson (Melissa) Sutherland; and eleven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband ML Anson, and one son-in-law, Byron Weycker.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM on Friday, September 4, 2020 at Central Christian Church with the Rev. Jerry Basye officiating. Interment will follow in the City Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Thursday, September 3, 2020, at Central Christian Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Central Christian Church - Window

Fund.

Casket bearers: David Arndt, Tim Arndt, Mark Buxton, Ted Draper, David Fulkerson, Anson Sutherland, Tim Trigg, Tom Wegener.

Honorary casket bearers: Janna Arndt, Megan Arndt, Malcolm Buxton, Bosh Bruening, Henry Fulkerson, Erin Gockel, Keith Gockel, Rustin Johnson, Sarah Lindley, Todd Lindley, Rich Sharp, Melissa Sutherland, Ray Sutherland, Megan Trigg, Bill Wegener.

# Cemetery Details

## City Cemetery

2275-2491 Lipper Ave.  
Higginsville, MO 64037

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Central Christian Church  
16 W 20th St.  
Higginsville, MO 64037  
central@centralhigginsville.org  
<http://centralhigginsville.org>

## Funeral Service

SEP 4. 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (CT)

Central Christian Church  
16 W 20th St.  
Higginsville, MO 64037  
central@centralhigginsville.org  
<http://centralhigginsville.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Lou Anson*

October 22, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ *Mary Lou Anson*

October 07, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ *Mary Lou Anson*

October 06, 2023 at 07:00 AM



“ *Mary Lou Anson*

January 31, 2023 at 02:49 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Mary Lou Funeral Service*



**Marshall Stewart Sr.** - September 05, 2020 at 04:55 PM



*Thanks for providing this service for us, who were unable to attend Mary Lou's funeral service. We send our deepest sympathy to the family.*

**Robin Eaton** - September 08, 2020 at 10:07 AM

VR

“ *My condolences to all of you. I have many many fond memories of times our families spent together over the years.*

*Vance*

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**vance rabius** - September 05, 2020 at 09:03 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Anson.*



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September 04, 2020 at 10:12 AM

SG

“ *Jon and I are so sorry. Mary Lou was very special as were Aunt Ethel and Uncle Jim. I hope Mother and Mary Lou are having a real gab fest. Sorry we can't be with you, but our thoughts and prayers are. Love, Jon &*

*Susan, also Sandra & Bob*

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**Susan Genisio** - September 03, 2020 at 07:29 PM

JM

“ When Mary Lou, my first cousin, and ML were married, I thought their wedding photo revealed them to be the most beautiful, handsomest couple my age 12 eyes had ever seen. And they remained so throughout their lives. Uncle Jimmy and auntie Ethel Jean were among my favorite relatives--who wouldn't be, who lived in the heart of the Big City ! When I was 10 years old, uncle Jimmy took me up to the top of the Power and Light building, into the lantern at the very peak. What a thrill at that age, while Mary Lou was happily socializing at Southwest Hi, a bit beyond my reach, considering our 7 year age difference.

*Au Revoir, Cherie*

*John Patrick Robertson, M.D.*

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**John Patrick Robertson, M.D.** - September 03, 2020 at 06:58 PM

RB

“ We send our sympathy. Pray for God's peace for your family.

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**Rev. Mary L Biesemeyer** - September 03, 2020 at 05:23 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Anson.



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September 02, 2020 at 09:38 AM

RE

“ We send our deepest sympathy to your family in the passing of Mary Lou. We will keep your family in our thoughts and prayers. Mary Lou was a beautiful lady, wonderful mother and wife. My parents, especially my mom and her were in PEO and played bridge. They were very good friends. We thought alot of Mary Lou and could see how she truly loved her family, children and grandchildren. We may not make it down for the funeral, but send our love. Cherish all the wonderful memories of her.



Robin Eaton - September 02, 2020 at 07:24 AM

KH

“ You have our sympathy and our prayers be with you Kevin and Brenda Hemme

Kevin Hemme - September 01, 2020 at 10:51 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Anson.



September 01, 2020 at 10:29 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Anson.



August 31, 2020 at 03:54 PM

ST

“ Steve Foster & Mike Tarwater purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Lou Anson.



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**Steve Foster & Mike Tarwater** - August 31, 2020 at 03:42 PM

LS

“ I remember playing in the back yard of the Anson's and Mary Lou barbecuing burgers on the grill for cousin Jill and I. She was kind and gentle and staying at the Anson's was one of the the few places I didn't get homesick when I was so little. That's because of her....

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**Leslie Smith** - August 31, 2020 at 03:32 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Anson.



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August 31, 2020 at 10:38 AM