



Roberta Ann Drummond

April 12, 1931 - August 9, 2023

Roberta Ann Drummond (McKay), 92, of Aullville, Missouri passed on Wednesday, August 9, 2023, in Lexington.

She was born Sunday, April 12, 1931 in Aullville, to Lester McKay and Martha (Anson) McKay.

She was an attractive and vibrant child. Her mother and aunts sewed fine clothes for her. She was a model for Harzfeld's Department Store in Kansas City. Roberta graduated from Higginsville High School - class of 1949.

She met her husband Bill Drummond, of Odessa, while they were in their high school marching bands. They married and quickly had 5 children. After Bill's military service, they moved to Columbia, where Bill studied chemical engineering and law at the University of Missouri. In addition to being a full-time mom, Roberta worked in clothing stores and as a home health provider. Bill's legal career caused the family to locate to Chicago, Independence, Kansas City, and finally Phoenix Arizona.

In the '60s Roberta divorced Bill and moved back to Missouri. A close friend suggested that as a single parent family they could live economically and enjoy a cosmopolitan world culture by moving to Barcelona, Spain. Roberta made the decision to move; and Grandmother McKay and the kids packed up and took a steamship to Europe. She cherished her experiences traveling vowing, "Travel is Broadening!" During her children's teenage years, they lived in Barcelona, Spain and for a time in Galway, Ireland.

Roberta's Aullville merchant roots allowed her to become economically

independent while creating adventure and a lively quality of life. In 1979 while on a road trip in Florida, she stopped at the Homestead Farmers Market to buy produce, and this led to her becoming a self-employed produce vendor on the Florida Keys. She continued to be "The Backyard Fruit Inspector" for the State of Florida for over 20 years. She was the owner of the Aullville Grocery Store for many years.

Roberta was an animal lover, having numerous cats, bunnies, chickens, and ducks over the years. Roberta was a faithful Christian. She was most proud of her children always on the sidelines cheering them on. Roberta loved life and will always be remembered for her honest, generous, adventurous, and nurturing nature. She will be missed by so many friends and family that loved her so much.

Surviving are two sons, Bill Drummond of Kansas City, MO and Jack Drummond of Tempe, AZ; two daughters, Susan Drummond of Boonville, MO and Jamie Drummond of Eldon, MO; six grandchildren, Martha Davis, Joseph Davis, Jameson (Sarah) Ritter, Damien Bozych, Rachel (Mike) Aycock, Will Drummond; six great-grandchildren, Sam Davis, Clayton Wankum, Soraya Pallanes, Tristan Pallanes, Kiera Pallanes, Sidney Aycock.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Bob Drummond; one brother, Ray McKay.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, October 7, 2023 from 11:00am to 11:45am at the Corder Baptist Church located at 301 North Main St. Corder, Missouri. Interment will follow at the Anson family plot in the City Cemetery, Higginsville, Missouri.

After the burial a church dinner for all friends and family to enjoy fellowship in celebrating Roberta's life will be held at the Corder Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to the church are suggested. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Stewart-Hoefer Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

City Cemetery

2275-2491 Lipper Ave.
Higginsville, MO 64037

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 7. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

Corder Baptist Church
301 N. Main St.
Corder, MO 64021

Interment

OCT 7. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (CT)

City Cemetery
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Higginsville, MO 64037

Tribute Wall



“ *Roberta Ann Drummond*

October 22, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ *Roberta Ann Drummond*

October 07, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ *Bill shared an amazing story about where Roberta's urn came from. I felt I needed to share pictures. She purchased the vase while traveling in the southwest in Native American country. The piece is hand made pottery by a Native American named, Mana. He was with the Native American Church of North America and made pottery to sell to help support the church. It's signed, "Mana 1948" on the bottom with a second date of, "1966 and Denver, Victory". Native Americans would store peyote in these vases for their ceremonies. The art work on the outside symbolizes peyote in the green and a spirit bird in the pink. Native Americans would see visions while partaking peyote during ceremonies and believe their journey during these visions traveled as a spirit bird through the vision. A beautiful vase with a beautiful story.*



Marshall Stewart Sr. - October 06, 2023 at 07:06 PM



“ *Roberta Ann Drummond*

October 06, 2023 at 07:00 AM



“ *Mom wanted her many friends and relatives to enjoy a cool memorial and gathering at the Corder Baptist Church. Her church family is hosting a large old-fashioned church dinner occuring after mom's internment in the Higginville Cemetery. As mom said, a church dinner is the best place for happy remembrances and reunions. Bring a side dish or desert; but please come for this afternoon fellowship!*



Bill Drummond - September 07, 2023 at 04:50 PM