

## Mary Louise Summerfield

April 16, 1934 - May 29, 2019

Mary Louise Summerfield, daughter of the late Ronald Lewis and Estella Almeda (Bechstein) Chamberlain, was born April 16, 1934 in Custar, Ohio. She passed away Wednesday, May 29, 2019 in the Rolla Presbyterian Manor of Rolla, Missouri having attained the age of 85 years.

Mary grew up in Custar, Ohio and graduated from Milton Township High School with the Class of 1952. She continued her education by attending St. Vincent Hospital School of Nursing in Toledo, Ohio and graduated in 1955 as a Registered Nurse.

During her working years, Mary worked as a nurse at the Buena Vista Clinic in Sierra Vista, Arizona, the Alaska Psychiatric Institute in Anchorage, Alaska, and the Pulaski County Hospital in Waynesville, Missouri. She also owned and operated House of Flowers in St. Robert, Missouri and the last 15 years before she retired in 1995, she was employed at General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

On September 14, 1957, Mary was united in marriage to James A. Watts. They shared two children, Nancy and Robert. James preceded her in death on December 7, 1981.

On September 1, 1990, Mary was united in marriage to Earl "Blu"

Summerfield. They shared over twenty-eight years of marriage together and many wonderful memories before he preceded her in death on December 4, 2018.

Mary was very involved in the St. Robert community. She was on the original board of the St. Robert Chamber of Commerce, and served on the St. Robert Park Board. She was also a former Cootie of the VFW Auxiliary and also a member of the Missouri Nurses Association. She was a very giving person and several years ago, she began making two trips a year to St. James to Boys Town to have parties for them. Mary was also a member of the Crocker Presbyterian Church of Crocker, Missouri.

In her spare time, Mary enjoyed working in her flower and vegetable gardens, dancing, traveling, and was especially talented when it came to crocheting and sewing. She loved to make items for her family and friends. She was a huge St. Louis Cardinal baseball and Lady Bears basketball fan. She looked forward to watching, listening or attending any games that she could. Most importantly, she treasured the times that she could spend with her family, especially the grandchildren.

Mary is survived by her daughter, Nancy Watts of St. Robert, MO; her son, Robert Watts (Tabatha) of Dixon, MO; five grandchildren, Christina Watts, Rollin Kelley, Curtis Kelley (Desirae), and Jessica and Jamie Farris; six great-grandchildren, Adan, Anthony, Amare "A.J.", Angel, Alexis, and Karsyn; her brother, Paul Chamberlain (Marian) of Weston, OH; a number of nieces and nephews; as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents and husbands, Mary was preceded in death by one brother and sister-in-law: David and Barbara Chamberlain; and one foster sister: Virginia Reynolds.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, June 3, 2019 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Rev. Cindy T. Dack officiating. Soloist Becky Lercher sang "He Touched Me", "Amazing Grace" and "How Great Thou Art". Several family members and friends recalled their wonderful memories of Mary. Serving as escorts were family and friends. Burial followed in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery of Waynesville.

Memorial Contributions in memory of Mary Summerfield may be may be left at the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H  
Waynesville, MO 65583

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 2. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert  
202 Historic 66 W.  
Waynesville, MO 65583  
(573) 774-6111  
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

## Service

JUN 3. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Louise Summerfield*



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - June 03, 2019 at 11:24 AM



“ *Mary Louise Summerfield*

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January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Nancy Watts, and other family members, we are thinking of all off you and remembering you in prayer. May God grant you His strength and comfort, and the peace that only he can give*

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**Martin and Georgia White** - June 02, 2019 at 07:16 PM



“ *Pulaski County Area Retired School Personnel members wish to express our sincere sympathy at the passing of Mrs. Summerfield. You are all in our thought and prayers ad you go through the difficult days ahead.*

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**Pulaski Co. Retired School Personnel** - June 02, 2019 at 07:08 PM

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“ *Linda K Perdue lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Summerfield*



Linda K Perdue - June 01, 2019 at 03:13 PM

JF

“ *Jerri Fleschute sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Louise Summerfield*



Jerri Fleschute - May 31, 2019 at 11:14 PM

JF

*Nancy and Family of Mary. I am sorry for your loss. Mary was a special person. I worked with her for many years and she was a loving and caring person, she was very passionate about her work and the people that she took care of. She will be missed by all that were blessed to have known her. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God Bless and Comfort You. Jerri Fleschute*

Jerri Fleschute - May 31, 2019 at 11:17 PM

DN

“ *Mary was like a second mom to me. I spent many Thanksgivings at her house. She was always welcoming and caring. She was and will always be one of the most caring people I have ever met.*

Doris Norman - May 31, 2019 at 09:47 PM

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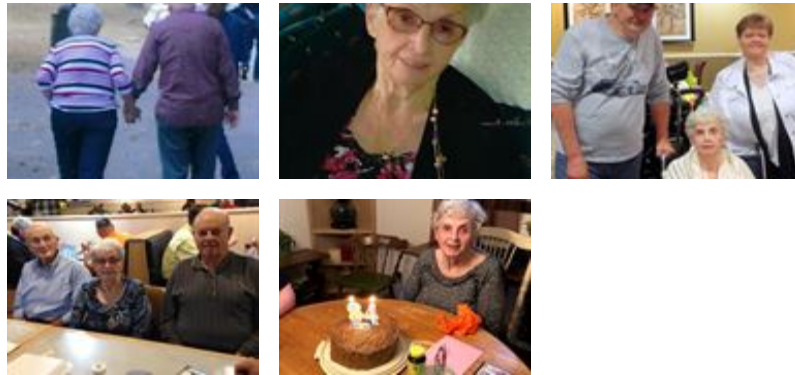
“ Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Summerfield



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - May 31, 2019 at 09:03 PM



“ 57 files added to the album Life Tributes



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - May 31, 2019 at 06:54 PM



“ What a wonderful woman! She had many accomplishments in her life but her family was always her pride and joy. My love and prayers to you Nancy. Praying that you and all your family find comfort in Gods arms. May he carry you through this time. It's not goodbye but, until we meet again. Love you.

Steve Svetz - May 31, 2019 at 04:27 PM



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**Steve Svetz** - May 31, 2019 at 03:25 PM



“ *Linda K Perdue lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Summerfield*



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**Linda K Perdue** - May 31, 2019 at 11:17 AM