



Jennielou Leonard Morton

May 27, 1928 - January 1, 2021

Jennielou "Lou" Leonard Morton, daughter of the late Gilbert A. and Myrna M. (Plank) Leonard, was born in St. Louis, Missouri on May 27, 1928. While she was young the family moved to Dent County, Missouri to be near the Leonard and Plank families. They moved back to St. Louis for her father's work, where Lou attended grade school, and graduated from Maplewood High School. Lou met her husband, E.W. "Tex" Morton on a blind date with friends. He was stationed at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois for training to be a radio operator and gunner on B-17 aircraft. He served flying missions over the Balkan countries and France. After completing 51 missions he returned to the states, and Lou kept her promise to marry him (She was only 16). Returning to St. Louis, Lou finished her high school studies and worked while Tex completed his service in the Air Force. They lived in St. Louis where Tex worked with his father-in-law's construction company. Their daughter Beverly was born in St. Louis.

Lou worked various jobs, usually in a book keeping capacity. She was an expert seamstress sewing clothing for her family, and making furnishings for the home.

The family moved to Vernon, Texas where their second daughter Bobbie was born. Tex's construction skills took the family to Sherman, Wichita Falls, Irving, and Amarillo, Texas. Every house they ever lived in was either designed, built, remodeled, or upgraded with the talents of both Tex and Lou. They moved back to St. James, Missouri in 1967, here their family increased as well, as

each daughter married..

Lou retired from her work with Contel Telephone in 1988, and they began traveling. They visited all 50 states, Mexico, and Canada, meeting new people, and making new friends along the way. They celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in 2014.

Lou enjoyed photography and always had her camera handy. Family events, vacations, etc were chronicled, and she made scrapbooks of her photos to share with her family. Each daughter and grandchild received a scrapbook filled with pictures of them that she had collected. They are treasures to her family. Lou and Tex were members of the St. James Christian Church, and later at Ozark Highlands Christian Church in Rolla, Missouri, they enjoyed the fellowship they found there. Jennielou Leonard Morton is survived by her daughters, Beverly Flowers and husband Terry, of Houston, MO; and Bobbie Davis and husband Bob, of St. James, MO; grandchildren, Brian (JoAnn) Flowers, Brandt Flowers, Jenni (Scott) Dollar, Erin (Jeremy) McCurdy, and Matt (Melanie) Davis; great-grandchildren, Audra and Alex Dollar, Liesl Flowers, Macy and Blair McCurdy, and Theo and Olive Davis; aunt, Rachel Leonard; a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, cousins, and friends. In addition to her husband Tex Morton, Jennielou was preceded in death by her parents G.A. and Myrna Leonard; mother and father-in-law, E.F. and Mary Morton; sister, Ellamae Risner Bucher; sister-in-law, Mary C. Yarbrough; brothers-in-law, Jim Risner, Al Bucher, Tommy King, and Jimmy Yarbrough.

Because of Covid-19 the family is having a private graveside service.

Cemetery Details

St. James Cemetery

Tribute Wall



“ *Jennielou Leonard Morton*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *Jennielou Leonard Morton*

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *My dear Lou! I will always be grateful for your mentorship at Frank B. Powell Lumber Company—my first full-time job before beginning my career with the US Army! Godspeed, my friend!*

Colleen Barr Hills - January 03, 2021 at 02:50 AM



As neighbors in Irving, Tx, I have wonderful memories of those days.

Brenda Petty - January 03, 2021 at 08:35 AM