



## Mary Lou Cotner

September 26, 1927 - March 2, 2017

Mary Lou Cotner of Salem, Missouri passed away in her home surrounded by her loving family on March 2, 2017. She was born on September 26, 1927 in Salem, Missouri to the late Ray Wofford and Julia (McRoberts) Wofford.

Mary Lou was united in marriage to Clark Emerson Cotner on April 6, 1946 and to this union five children were born. Mary Lou was an exceptional person who was witty and smart. She enjoyed every minute that she got to spend with her family and friends. She was an amazing homemaker and an excellent cook. She loved to read and also enjoyed gardening and attending auctions.

Mary Lou was a straightforward person; she shot it to you just like it was. She was loved by many and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Mary Lou is survived by her children, Clark Emerson Cotner II and wife Shirley of Dallas, Texas; Becky Cotner and husband Charlie Eldridge of Salem, Missouri; Jane Cotner and life-partner Grace Cummins of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Jimmy Cotner and husband Gary Cotner of Salem, Missouri; sister, Shirley Howard of Salem, Missouri; grandchildren, Katy Winthrop, Kelly Powers, Cathy Rios, Tres Cotner; great-grandchildren, Sean, Jacob, Hailey, America, Julie, Izzy, Trista, and Megan; a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. In addition to her parents, Ray and Julia Wofford, Mary Lou was preceded in death by her husband, Clark; son, Marty Cotner; sister, Kathleen Smith; brothers, Allen Wofford, Ed Wofford, Tuck Wofford, Bud Wofford and Jim Wofford.

A memorial service for Mary Lou Cotner will be held 11:00AM Friday, March

10, 2017 at the Salem Chapel of the James & Gahr Mortuary. A visitation for family and friends will be held prior to services from 9:00AM until services at 11:00AM. Interment will be held in the Cedar Grove Cemetery in Salem, Missouri at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to one of Mary Lou's favorite places - The Salem Public Library.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Salem  
103 West Center  
Salem, MO 65560  
(573) 729-3117  
jgsalemmo@hotmail.com  
<https://www.jamesgahrmortuary.com/>

## Visitation

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Lou Cotner*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *Mary Lou Cotner*

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *Love to you all .....Diane Cotner purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Lou Cotner.*



**Love to you all .....Diane Cotner** - March 08, 2017 at 10:13 PM



“ *Jimmy, sorry for your loss!*

*Jack and Joan Haskins*

**Jack and Joan Haskins** - March 07, 2017 at 10:38 AM



*I am so very sorry for your loss.*

*Sincerely,  
Mary Reinhardt*

**Mary Reinhardt** - March 09, 2017 at 12:25 AM