



## Mary Catherine (Ponzer) Gingles

December 22, 1990 - February 16, 2025

Mary Catherine (Ponzer) Gingles, age 34, of Tamarac, Florida, passed away on February 16, 2025. Born in Mountain View, California, on December 22, 1990, Mary lived a vibrant and full life defined by adventure, dedication, and love.

Mary was the beloved daughter of the late David and Faith Ponzer and the cherished sister of Elizabeth Miller. She grew up in Missouri and graduated from Rolla High School in 2009. Mary went on to earn her Bachelor's degree in Ceramic Engineering from Missouri University of Science and Technology in 2016.

Mary proudly served her country in the United States Army. Her time in the military took her across the globe, including residencies in South Korea and Germany. During her college years, she participated in ROTC and developed a passion for exploration. She was a certified scuba diver, a member of a spelunking club, and an avid runner. Her early years were filled with gymnastics and cheerleading, showcasing her energy and spirit.

Of all her roles in life, Mary found the greatest joy in being a mother. She was a devoted and loving parent to her daughter, Seraphine Gingles, who was the light of her life.

A memorial service to celebrate Mary's life will be held on Saturday, May 31, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, with a service beginning at 12:00 PM. Following the service, she will be laid to rest with military honors at Lake Springs Cemetery.

Mary will be remembered for her courage, adventurous heart, and unwavering love for her daughter. Her memory will live on in the lives of those who knew and loved her.

# Cemetery Details

## Lake Spring Cemetery

Lake Spring, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 31.** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Rolla  
1651 E. Hwy 72  
Rolla, MO 65401  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

AM

“ Ana M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Catherine (Ponzer) Gingles.

Ana M. - May 30, 2025 at 06:23 PM

EV

“ Mary and I met when we joined the army and have been friends ever since. When I think about Mary, I remember how smart, strong, courageous, and funny she was. She will be truly missed. May happy memories give you peace during this difficult time.

Elizabeth Vaughn - May 30, 2025 at 06:26 AM

EV

“ Elizabeth V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Catherine (Ponzer) Gingles.

Elizabeth V. - May 30, 2025 at 06:15 AM

RF

“ Robert Armstrong and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Catherine (Ponzer) Gingles.

Robert Armstrong and Family - May 29, 2025 at 06:02 PM

RF

“ Robert Armstrong and Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mary Catherine (Ponzer) Gingles.



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Robert Armstrong and Family - May 29, 2025 at 06:02 PM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Mary Catherine (Ponzer) Gingles.



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May 27, 2025 at 02:56 PM

SH

“ Mary was more than just a co-worker, she was a friend. She was a pure, kind and gentle soul who always had a smile on her face. She brought nothing but joy to our office. She will forever be missed and never forgotten.

- Stefani Hunter

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Stefani Hunter - May 27, 2025 at 12:44 PM

PR

“ Paige and Stefani - Rissman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Catherine (Ponzer) Gingles.

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Paige and Stefani - Rissman - May 27, 2025 at 12:23 PM

PR

“ Paige and Stefani - Rissman purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Mary Catherine (Ponzer) Gingles.



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Paige and Stefani - Rissman - May 27, 2025 at 12:23 PM

BF

“ In the short period that Mary worked with us, she brought so much happiness and light to our IT team and always made a point to say GOOD MORNING in all caps to the team. She will forever be missed and we will never forget her.

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Brandon Ferrell - May 27, 2025 at 11:19 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Catherine (Ponzer) Gingles.

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May 27, 2025 at 11:17 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Catherine (Ponzer) Gingles.



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May 26, 2025 at 05:39 PM



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Catherine (Ponzer) Gingles.

May 26, 2025 at 05:06 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Catherine (Ponzer) Gingles.



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“ Frank and Sheryl Ponzer purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Mary Catherine (Ponzer) Gingles.



Frank and Sheryl Ponzer - May 24, 2025 at 11:49 PM