



Mary Frances Betts

August 4, 1929 - June 7, 2024

Mary Frances Betts, 94, of Clarksville, MO, passed away on Friday, June 7, 2024 at the Maple Grove Lodge in Louisiana, MO after a short illness. A visitation celebrating Mary Frances' life will be on Thursday, June 13th from 11:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. at the Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana, MO.

Services will follow the visitation officiated by the Rev. Dan Page.

Mary Frances was born on August 4, 1929 in Pike County, MO to Nathaniel Augustus Wamsley and Frances Cash Wamsley.

She worked on the farm and milked cows, along with her mother, after her father died when she was only 17. She graduated from Louisiana High School in 1947. She worked at the Pike County Hospital for over 50 years. She started out as a nurses aid, became a respiratory therapist, then an EMT. She lived all but the first 4 years of her life on the family farm in the Clarksville area. She was a member of the Calumet Presbyterian Church, a 50+ year member of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 370, and a member of the Elkettes Lodge #791. During her life she belonged and volunteered with many organizations. She liked people and going places. She enjoyed old friends and making new ones. In her younger days she was an avid horse lover and raised all her children around horses, as well as many other farm animals. She was always trying to help someone she thought was in need.

In 1951, she married Robert A. Kleisner. To this union 2 girls were born. In 1961 she married Emmerson L. Betts. They were blessed with one son.

She is survived by her children, Brenda Kleisner, Roberta (Clark) Pointer, and

Allan (Barbara) Betts, 2 grandchildren, Brenton (Jessie) Stark and Dayton (Miranda) Betts, 5 great grandchildren, a step-daughter, Doris Dragon, and a special friend, J. B. Grothaus.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband, Emmerson Betts.

Burial will be at the Greenwood Cemetery in Clarksville, MO. Pallbearers will be Wayne Baker, Joe Cloninger, Mike Love, David Meyers, Willard Wamsley, and Chris Wheeler.

Memorials may be made to the Calumet Presbyterian Church in care of the funeral home. Online condolences may be sent at collierfuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

Pike 235
Clarksville, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 13. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Collier Funeral Homes, Inc.
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Louisiana, MO 63353
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Funeral Service

JUN 13. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DM

“ Dorothy McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Mary Frances Betts



Dorothy McDaniel - August 05, 2024 at 07:47 PM

CM

“ Carla Mills lit a candle in memory of Mary Frances Betts



Carla Mills - July 15, 2024 at 09:08 PM

ES

“ Erin Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mary Frances Betts



Erin Stewart - June 19, 2024 at 02:14 AM

CB

“ CHERYL BRADSHAW lit a candle in memory of Mary Frances Betts



CHERYL BRADSHAW - June 13, 2024 at 10:08 PM

LL

“ Lorraine L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Frances Betts.

Lorraine L. - June 13, 2024 at 12:07 PM

RO

“ MF. Will ALWAYS hold a special place in my heart. One of the most giving people I have ever met. I have so many fond, funny, crazy memories with her that I am forever thankful for.

Robyn - June 13, 2024 at 11:39 AM

AE

“ All of us at Young Enterprises purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Frances Betts.



All of us at Young Enterprises - June 12, 2024 at 11:56 PM

AE

“ All of us at Young Enterprises planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Frances Betts.

All of us at Young Enterprises - June 12, 2024 at 11:56 PM

LR

“ Oh my the memories I have. From working with her at the hospital to her and my mom working the door at the VFW on dance night. Mary Francis help me stay up and make my wedding cake she was just a good hearted person. She was from that breed she would tell you what she thought and that was that. She will be missed. Prayers go out to the family.



les rousan - June 12, 2024 at 08:29 AM

SG

“ I will always hold her close in my heart. Our families shared many good times together. She and I share the same birthday day. I spent lots of good times with Brenda and Roberta on the farm. Allan the age of my middle brother. My thoughts and love to Brenda, Roberta and Allan. Love, Sue Starman Griffith.

sue starman griffith - June 11, 2024 at 11:14 PM

LW

“ I will always remember Mary Frances with a smile in her face and a good word for whoever she is talking to. She will be miss terribly.



Lawanda J Willis - June 11, 2024 at 09:29 PM

BG

“ *Bruce A Griffith lit a candle in memory of Mary Frances Betts*



Bruce A Griffith - June 11, 2024 at 11:33 AM

SV

“ *Condolences from Jr & Sharon VanHooser and family .*



Scott VanHooser - June 11, 2024 at 11:29 AM

WH

“ *Wanda Hunter lit a candle in memory of Mary Frances Betts*



Wanda Hunter - June 11, 2024 at 10:31 AM

TF

“ *The Griffith Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Frances Betts.*



The Griffith Family - June 11, 2024 at 09:16 AM

TF

“ *The Griffith Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Frances Betts.*

The Griffith Family - June 11, 2024 at 09:16 AM



“ *Donna Korte Wiss lit a candle in memory of Mary Frances Betts*



Donna Korte Wiss - June 10, 2024 at 09:11 PM

GT

“ *Golda Turner lit a candle in memory of Mary Frances Betts*



Golda Turner - June 10, 2024 at 07:31 PM

GT

Mary Francis was a very sweet lady she will be missed by all her knew her. Brenda and Roberta sending you my sympathy and keeping you both in my prayers, may God keep his loving arms around you both. Love to you both and God Bless. Golda Turner

Golda Turner - June 10, 2024 at 07:37 PM

TA

Sweetest lady you would ever want to meet. Rest in Peace Mary Frances .

Tammy - June 11, 2024 at 09:47 AM

CB

“ *CHERYL BRADSHAW lit a candle in memory of Mary Frances Betts*



CHERYL BRADSHAW - June 10, 2024 at 06:33 PM

DW

“ *Debbie White lit a candle in memory of Mary Frances Betts*



Debbie White - June 10, 2024 at 04:22 PM

RE

“ *Rita Elder lit a candle in memory of Mary Frances Betts*



Rita Elder - June 10, 2024 at 03:11 PM

JS

“ *Jim, Lila Stone lit a candle in memory of Mary Frances Betts*



jim, lila stone - June 10, 2024 at 02:35 PM

PP

“ *Peggy Perkins lit a candle in memory of Mary Frances Betts*



Peggy Perkins - June 10, 2024 at 02:00 PM

DS

“ *A great women! Wonderful friend! Great supervisor! She will be missed.*



Deb Skirvin - June 10, 2024 at 01:32 PM

DL

“ *Doris Bryce Love lit a candle in memory of Mary Frances Betts*



Doris Bryce Love - June 10, 2024 at 12:32 PM

CB

“ *Candy Burnett lit a candle in memory of Mary Frances Betts*



Candy Burnett - June 10, 2024 at 12:25 PM

CO

“ *Cindy Poyser Osborne lit a candle in memory of Mary Frances Betts*



Cindy Poyser Osborne - June 10, 2024 at 11:52 AM

SM

Very sad to hear very nice lady sure going to miss her prayers for your family

Sammy meyers - June 10, 2024 at 06:03 PM

LW

Mary Frances was a wonderful lady and worker always smiling and friendly.. She will be missed. Lona Wallace

Lona Wallace - June 10, 2024 at 08:16 PM