



Mary Lou Tucker

June 1, 1946 - September 16, 2025

Mary Lou Tucker, 79, of Eolia, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2025 at Progress West Hospital in O'Fallon.

Visitation will take place Friday, Oct. 3 from 4-8 p.m. at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana, MO. The funeral service will take place Saturday, Oct. 4 at 12 p.m. at Eolia United Methodist Church followed by a brief graveside service at Auburn Cemetery in Silex, MO.

Mary Lou (affectionately called Moo by some) was born June 1, 1946 to Harry and Edith Kilby in Louisiana, MO. She married her high school sweetheart, Donald Tucker, on June 17, 1967, and he survives. She is also survived by two daughters: Tammy Miller (Tom) of Columbia, MO, and Tara Humphreys (Scott) of Bastrop, TX, granddaughter, Colette Marie Miller of Columbia, brother-in-law and sister-in law David and Tina Tucker of Eolia, aunt Betty Anderson of Fort Worth, TX, aunt Dortha Cockerham of Arlington, TX, and many nephews, nieces, cousins and close friends.

Mary Lou was active in the Aeolian Club, served as a 4-H leader and was an active member of the Eolia United Methodist Church.

Mary Lou stayed home to raise Tammy and Tara until they were old enough for school and she then returned to college. Her daughters remember catching her often studying in the middle of the night after she completed her daily, 60-minute commute to Lindenwood for classes, then returning home to cook supper and have family time. While she must have been exhausted, she never complained as she earned her degree in elementary education in 1983,

fulfilling her dream of being a teacher.

She taught at Clopton Schools for her entire 27-year career, mostly teaching sixth grade, where she impacted the lives of countless students. She loved catching up with former students and always remembered details about their lives. Don will tell people he is known as Mrs. Tucker's husband, and he is very proud of that.

Tammy, Tara and Colette are grateful that Mary Lou passed on to them her love of reading, travel, music and her curiosity about the world. Mary Lou loved Cardinals baseball, shopping and lunch with friends, time with family and cooking and baking with Colette, notably their annual gingerbread house and deviled eggs for every holiday meal.

Mary Lou never met a stranger; she was the friendliest, kindest, most generous person you would ever meet. Her positivity was infectious and something her daughters strive for every day. Mary Lou had a number of health challenges in recent years, but she faced them all with courage, determination and her strong Christian faith. She was loved by many and will be missed.

Mary Lou was preceded in death by her parents, brother Sam Kilby, sister-in-law Roberta Kilby, father- and mother-in-law Earl and Erma Tucker, brother-in-law Earl Ray Tucker and sister-in-law Nancy Travis.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Shriners Hospital, St. Jude Hospital, or the Clopton Alumni Association.

Cemetery Details

Auburn Cemetery

Silex, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Collier Funeral Homes, Inc.
117 Barnard Dr
Louisiana, MO 63353
(573) 754-4800
collierfuneral@att.net

Funeral Service

OCT 4. 12:00 PM (CT)

Eolia United Methodist Church
300 N Main St
Eolia, MO 63344
(573) 324-3918

Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Tucker.*



October 02, 2025 at 07:58 PM



“ *Tommy White, Tom and Ada Lee Craig purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Mary Lou Tucker.*



Tommy White, Tom and Ada Lee Craig - October 02, 2025 at 05:00 PM



“ *Tommy White, Tom and Ada Lee Craig planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Lou Tucker.*

Tommy White, Tom and Ada Lee Craig - October 02, 2025 at 05:00 PM



“ *Dianne Boudreaux purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mary Lou Tucker.*



Dianne Boudreaux - October 02, 2025 at 01:28 PM

NH

“ Nicole & Joel Haq purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Lou Tucker.



Nicole & Joel Haq - September 30, 2025 at 02:48 PM

NH

“ Nicole & Joel Haq planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Lou Tucker.

Nicole & Joel Haq - September 30, 2025 at 02:48 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Tucker.



September 30, 2025 at 02:24 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Tucker.



September 25, 2025 at 05:33 PM



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

September 25, 2025 at 05:33 PM

EC

“ I had the privilege of being Mrs. Tucker’s student—math in fifth grade, then homeroom and other classes in sixth. She truly cared for each of us, even when discipline meant writing our names on the board and missing recess. Her kindness, dedication, and the lessons she gave us—both in and out of the classroom—live on in the hearts of every student she taught.

Erin (Parsons) Casassa - September 24, 2025 at 11:51 AM

CG

“ Mom loved teaching with Mary Lou and later having their retirement lunches together. She was a wonderful friend!

Crystal Meyer Graver - September 21, 2025 at 07:32 AM

KO

“ Kathy Orf lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Tucker



Kathy Orf - September 19, 2025 at 08:09 AM

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“ Clopton Class of 2016 purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Lou Tucker.



Clopton Class of 2016 - September 18, 2025 at 08:50 PM

DM

“ Such a sweet loving person ❤️ one of the very best teachers in the world... she was one of all of my kids favorites. Mary Lou is one 3 Clopton teachers that I model my teaching after. Always had hugs for us every time we stopped by. We’re going to miss her!! To her family, she was a treasure and will always have a special place in our hearts. We are sorry for your loss, praying for all.
Shane and DeeDee Martin and family

DeeDee Martin - September 18, 2025 at 07:23 PM

HF

“ Hagemeier Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary Lou Tucker.



Hagemeier Family - September 18, 2025 at 07:20 PM

HF

“ Hagemeier Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Lou Tucker.

Hagemeier Family - September 18, 2025 at 07:20 PM

WE

“ The lady who always had a kind word to say about everyone and as a teacher she saw value in every student, and was a cheerleader for each!

Wilma Eivins - September 18, 2025 at 06:09 PM

FE

“*Mary Lou has been such a special part of our lives for the last 25 years. From helping me sort socks to taking the girls to McDonalds and a movie, we have so many good memories. She will be deeply missed.*”

Felicia - September 18, 2025 at 01:31 PM