



## Mary Louise Hilton

November 1, 1934 - February 10, 2018

Mary Louise Hilton, 83, passed away February 10, 2018 at Mercy Hospital in Joplin. Mary was born November 1, 1934 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma to John T. Shirley, Jr. and LaVassa L. "LaPrade" Shirley. She was a resident of Southwest Missouri since 1952. Mary was a homemaker and was employed by S.H. Kress for ten years and Fox Deluxe Foods for eight years.

Mary was united in marriage to Thurman Doyle Hilton on April 17, 1955 in Ava, Missouri; he preceded her in death May 23, 2016. They were active members of the VFW in Carthage.

Mary is survived by her son, Steve Hilton (Krista) of Milton, Florida; two daughters, Nancy Day (Steve) of Red Oak, Texas and Linda Hammond (Jim) of Carthage; one sister, Margaret Gerard of Carthage; one brother, John Shirley III of Tahlequah, Oklahoma; 10 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren and one great-great grandson.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one brother, Robert Shirley, and one sister, Connie Sanders.

Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, February 16, 2018 at Ulmer Funeral Home, with a visitation to follow from 10:30 a.m. to noon. A private burial will be held at Park Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the VFW Post #2590 Auxiliary in care of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made at [www.ulmerfh.com](http://www.ulmerfh.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB **16**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Ulmer Funeral Home  
1208 S. Garrison  
Carthage, MO 64836  
(417) 358-2222  
ulmerfh@gmail.com  
<https://www.ulmerfh.com/>

## Visitation

FEB **16**. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

LC

“ Nancy, Linda and family....

*Just wanted you to know that you have been in our thoughts and prayers through this difficult time.....know that you have many wonderful memories of your lives together..always difficult to lose our parents. With our deepest sympathy.*

*Larry and Karen Catron*

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**Larry Catron** - February 15, 2018 at 09:45 PM

LG

“ *Our hearts are heavy with the news we just received. I am happy she is with Thurman our Mr Mouse. You girls did great taking her on trips I would read on Facebook...She loved all her kids unconditionally. Quite a fun loving lady and she will be missed. Hugs to all*  
*Jerry and Lura Gordon*

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**lura gordon** - February 14, 2018 at 07:22 PM

LH

“ *So many, many memories of an absolutely wonderful lady! She raised the best family, and is much loved for being a special mother. Her children continue her legacy. Her beautiful marriage to her love, Thurman, is now eternal, together forever.*

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**Lyn Hall** - February 12, 2018 at 11:32 AM

IR

“ *That beautiful, sparkling smile and love that sparkled from her eyes. The true definition of a LADY.*

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**irene** - February 12, 2018 at 10:52 AM