



## Mary E. Lyon

March 14, 1952 - January 2, 2019

Mary E. Lyon, 66, passed away Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at Mercy Hospital in Joplin. Mary was born March 14, 1952 in Fort Scott, Kansas to Harlan E. and Marguerite “Lovell” Lyon.

Mary received her degree in education at MSSU. She taught in many schools throughout her long career in Southwest Missouri. She retired from her position at Jefferson Elementary in Joplin. Mary studied vocal music all her life. She studied with a variety of teachers including Margaret Thunaman at Pitt State University and her mother, Marguerite. She continued her love of music by participating in the hand-bell choir and leading the children's choir the United Methodist Church. But her greatest joy was spending time with her daughter and grandchildren watching Disney movies, playing and reading stories.

Mary is survived by her daughter, Lucy Forcum and husband Eric Peterson of Carthage; one brother, Joseph E. Lyon and wife Mariann; one sister, Ruth “Elaine” Lenz and husband Bill; and two grandchildren, Lily and Lexy; nieces and nephews, Connor and Hadley Lyon, Ron and Laura (Lenz) Radtke and their daughter Sydney, Christian Lenz and his wife Miranda their daughter Camden, Melissa Forcum and her children Lorelai and Xander, Sara Fortin and her son Griffin.

Mary was preceded in death by her father, Harlan E. Lyon.

Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at the First United Methodist Church in Carthage.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church in care of Ulmer Funeral Home. Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

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

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# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
Carthage, MO

# Tribute Wall

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“ We would like to send our love and sympathy to the entire Lyon family. We got acquainted with Mary a little bit at the Wesleyan S.S. class, but not enough to know her well. For Joe and Marianne, Marguerite and all the rest of the family, we just want you to know we care deeply about your loss.

Jacqueline Potter - January 12, 2019 at 12:44 PM

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“ Andrea Lenz lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Lyon



Andrea Lenz - January 04, 2019 at 04:26 PM

BG

“ My fave memory is that she directed me in my first play when I was 8. She started me on my path to getting my theatre degree as well as becoming a make up artist . She always told me I was special and could do anything .

Brandi Graber

Brandi Graber - January 04, 2019 at 03:09 PM

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“ Some of my best memories of Paris was with you and Lucy! I was feeling homesick and you turned what could have been a sad lonely night into one of my best memories! Thank you Lucy for sharing your amazing Mom with me when I needed it! I love you both! 💜

Ashley - January 04, 2019 at 02:41 PM