



## Mary Alice Hammond

June 7, 1941 - June 24, 2023

IN MEMORY OF:

Mary Alice Hammond

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – CAPE GIRARDEAU

829 North West End Boulevard, Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Mary Alice Hammond of Cape Girardeau passed away Saturday, June 24, 2023, at the Lutheran Home. Mary was born June 7, 1941, in Buckeye, Arizona.

She married Bob Hammond, her overseas Air Force pen pal, in 1960, a few months after he surprised her by showing up at her house to meet her in person. She didn't realize he lived in the next town over.

After a difficult childhood and never going anywhere, she told Bob she was going to travel, and he could come with her or stay home. Together they lived in California, Washington, Utah, Oregon, Nevada and Oklahoma. They traveled to Mexico, Canada, Texas, Florida and many other states.

They were preparing to move to Missouri, when Bob passed away in 2008.

After he passed, Mary drove a U-Haul to Missouri by herself to move close to their son, Patrick, who she often joked was her retirement plan.

She lived at Cape Garden Apartments the longest she'd ever lived anywhere

before begrudgingly moving into a nursing facility several months ago.

Mary worked various jobs to help support her family and her love of Bingo, including psychiatric tech, cook and apartment manager. She enjoyed playing Uno, reading, knitting and spending time with her kids and grandkids.

Mary was also preceded in death by her daughter, Sherry Deliwski.

She is survived by her daughter, Kathy Geske of Spokane, Washington; son, Patrick (Lisa) Hammond of Cape Girardeau; two grandsons, Steven and Jason Geske of Spokane; four granddaughters, Meggan Geske of Spokane and Isla, Sierra and Lindy Hammond of Cape Girardeau; and three great-grandchildren.

Mary did not wish to have a funeral service, but she can't complain about it now, so there will be a remembrance service in her honor at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 2, at LaCroix Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Teen Challenge of Mid-America.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

La Croix United Methodist Church  
3102 Lexington Ave  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

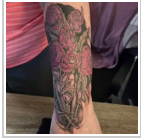
# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Alice Hammond*

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October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *My mom was fearless!! I got my fight and strength from her without a doubt. I remember one time when I was in the backyard playing while she was cleaning the house and getting ready for work, a tarantula came climbing over the embankment from our neighbor. I started freaking out and screaming (looked huge!!!). I ran to the back door because it already had blocked the way to the front yard. I am pounding and screaming and realized the vacuum cleaner was going. So I started screaming and pounding even louder. Mom opened the door and saw what was going on. She then grabbed a hammer, and dressed in her outfit for waitressing at the local army base (blouse, skirt and go-go boots), she went out and killed it just like that then went to work. FEARLESS, I tell you! All my love, Mom.*

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**Kathy Hammond Geske** - June 27, 2023 at 12:31 PM