



## Martha Sue (Springman) Schafer

August 31, 1939 - September 19, 2022

Martha Sue (Springman) Schafer was born August 31, 1939, in Salem, Missouri to John Henry and Laura (Moses) Springman. She was from a large family, being one of ten children, and grew up in Salem. She graduated with the class of 1957 from Salem High School.

Martha was united in marriage to the love of her life, Carroll Eugene Schafer, in September of 1957, and this union blessed her with five children: Karel, Steven, Barb, David, and Sara. For a time, they lived in St. Louis, Missouri where Carroll was working, before they decided to make Salem their home and raise their family.

Martha was a devoted wife and loving mother; she took great pride in being a dedicated homemaker and raising her family. Martha later worked beside Carroll for many years in the family business, 72 Farm Center, taking care of the bookkeeping. Martha and Carroll were blessed to share forty-one years of laughter and memories before his passing in 1998.

In her spare time, Martha enjoyed crocheting, embroidering, crafting, and scrapbooking. She enjoyed attending and setting up at the Farmers Market selling her baked goods and jewelry.

Martha was a kind and gentle woman filled with love and compassion. She

was a faithful member of Anutt Community Church where she served as treasurer for forty years. Her sweet spirit and generosity were a blessing to many.

Most important to her was spending time making memories with her family. She loved big family gatherings and watching her grandchildren and great-grandchildren grow.

Martha entered into eternal rest September 19, 2022, in Republic, Missouri at the age of eighty-three years. She leaves behind to cherish her memory, loving children: Karel Benowitz and husband Rob of Salem, MO, Steven Schafer of North Carolina, Barb Armstrong and husband John of Bourbon, MO, David Schafer and wife Tressa of Salem, MO, and Sara Fonseca and husband Joel of Republic, MO; brother: Ervin Springman; grandchildren: Nathan Kitchen and wife Ciara, Megan Weiskopf and husband Kyle, Jake Armstrong, Alan Benowitz and wife Alexis, Laura Benowitz, and Alyssa, Noah, and Savannah Fonseca; great-grandchildren: Tucker, Graham, Theo, and Baby Karsyn on the way; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and dear friends.

Preceding her in death, her husband: Carroll Schafer; parents: John and Laura Springman; and siblings: Paul, Lucille, Dale, Grace, Roy, Edna, Clara Bell, and an infant sibling.

Martha was sharp as a tack, witty, and full of spunk. Her beautiful smile and contagious laugh will be forever remembered by those who loved her most.

Funeral Services for Martha Sue (Springman) Schafer were held Thursday, September 22, 2022 in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel with Pastor Noah Schlag officiating. Special Music played was "Heaven Song" and "I Can Only Imagine". Serving as Pallbearers were Rob Benowitz, John Armstrong, Alan

Benowitz, Jake Armstrong, Noah Fonseca, Joel Fonseca, Alyssa Fonseca, and Laura Benowitz. Honorary Pallbearers were Kyle Weiskopf and Nathan Kitchen. Burial was in the North Lawn Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

Online condolences may be entered at [www.wilsonmortuary.com](http://www.wilsonmortuary.com)

# Cemetery Details

## North Lawn Cemetery

Salem, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **22**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Mortuary - Salem  
1000 West Scenic Rivers Blvd.  
Post Office Box 45  
Salem, MO 65560  
(573) 729-5555  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

DC

“ *Martha was a wonderful lady. I know she will be greatly missed. Her and Carol were always some of my mom and dad's favorite people. You are all in my prayers. I'm so sorry for your loss. I have been out of town and didn't hear about this until tonight. Darlene Crocker*

**Darlene Crocker** - September 23, 2022 at 08:05 PM



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**Wilson Mortuary** - September 22, 2022 at 02:42 PM

SF

“ *Sending so much love to you all during this difficult time. We will always remember Martha's kindness and generosity. May the beautiful memories you have with her bring warmth and comfort always. We love you.*

*Victor, Shannon, Tori & Cruz*

**Shannon Fonseca** - September 22, 2022 at 11:04 AM

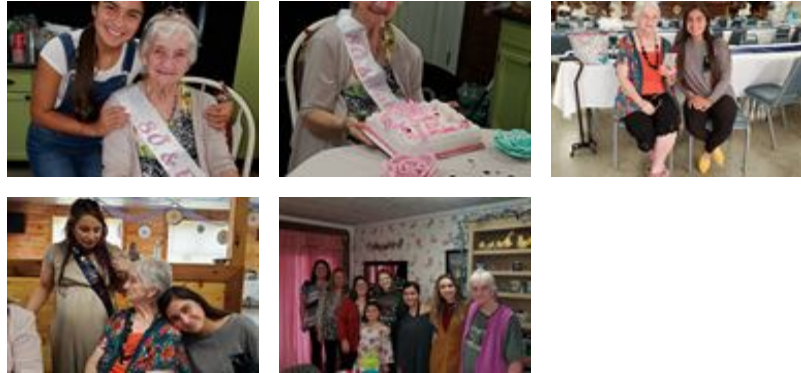


“ *<a href="/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518" target="\_blank">Memorial Trees</a> was purchased for the family of Martha Sue (Springman) Schafer.*

September 22, 2022 at 10:54 AM



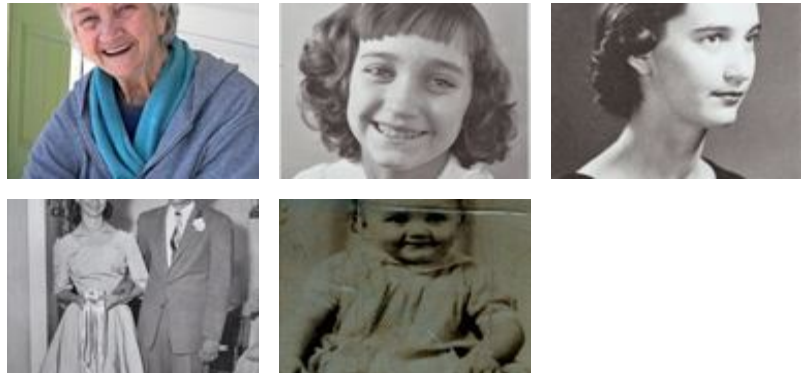
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Wilson Mortuary - September 22, 2022 at 09:27 AM



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Wilson Mortuary - September 21, 2022 at 07:44 PM



“ *I'm so sorry about your mother's death. I am praying for comfort for you all. Blessings, Gigi Jordan Hunter*

Gigi Jordan Hunter - September 21, 2022 at 04:52 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Martha Sue (Springman) Schafer.*



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September 21, 2022 at 04:41 PM



“ *Ricky & Deborah Land lit a candle in memory of Martha Sue (Springman) Schafer*



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**Ricky & Deborah Land** - September 21, 2022 at 10:57 AM



“ *Sorry to hear of Martha's passing I spent several hours with her checking in things at the Dent County Fair she was always so fun to be around !! Bobby Lou Camden*

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**Bobby Lou Camden** - September 21, 2022 at 08:12 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Martha Sue (Springman) Schafer.*



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September 21, 2022 at 07:40 AM

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“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Martha was a jewel to be around and her kind spoken spirit definitely made a difference in my life. It was a privilege and an honor to call her and Carol, my friends.*

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**Mark Main** - September 20, 2022 at 10:40 PM

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“ *Our deepest condolences Dave and Tressa and the whole Springman/Schafer families as you all deal with this loss and grief. Our prayers and hearts are with you all..!  
Clay and the Lindsay Family*



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**Clay Lindsay** - September 20, 2022 at 09:57 PM