



Martha Black

February 14, 1928 - December 23, 2021

Martha Pauline Black, age 93, passed on the evening of December 23, 2021 at her home in Springfield, Missouri. Her daughter, Deborah J Lower and son-in-law Stanley Herman were at her side.

She was the widow of Richard Lower who passed away February 13, 1971. They were married 22 years at the time of Dick's death.

Martha was born in Williamsville, Missouri on February 14, 1928 to Burt and Gladys Mitchell. She spent her early years in the foster care of Chris and Dottie Sias.

She was a member of the first Christian Church of Bolivar, Missouri where Chris Sias was the minister.

Martha enjoyed regularly playing bingo at VFW Post 3404. She also regularly won!

Martha was universally known for her kind, giving, and gentile nature. She was always willing to help others.

She was preceded in death by both her parents Bert and Gladys Mitchell, her brother Vernon Mitchell, husband Richard E. (Dick) Lower, and son Michael Ray Lower. She was also preceded by her husband William Black.

Martha is survived by her daughter Deborah J. Lower and son-in law Stanley Herman both of Colorado Springs, Colorado and brother Raymond Sias of Fair Grove, Missouri. Other close family includes Randi and Mike Hesslink, Stacy and Jared Hanafin and their sons Kenneth, Maverick, and Gus all of Springfield, Mo.

Funeral services for Martha will be at 10:00 AM on Thursday, December 30, 2021, at Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, Missouri.

Interment will be held at Greenwood Cemetery in Bolivar.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC **30**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar
407 E. Broadway
Bolivar, MO 65613
(417) 326-5233
<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

Interment

DEC **30** (CT)

Greenwood Cemetery
S. Dunnegan Ave.
Bolivar, MO 65613

Tribute Wall



“ *Martha Black*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Martha Black*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM

JA

“ Hi Debbie,

I just read of your Mother's passing. Was so sorry to hear of her death. I have wondered about her from time to time over the last few years. Can't believe she was 93! The years have passed so quickly. I lost my Mother in July of 2018. She thought the world of both your Dad and Mom. Although she had a wonderful career with Empire District Electric following your Dad leaving office, the position never matched her enjoyment of working for your Dad in the Court House.

Both of your parents had a significant influence on my life. Your Dad was a source of encouragement. I have told various people over the years that my working in the County Clerk's office on election nights was my first entry into politics and stimulated my interest in public office and service. Your Mother included me in several social outings such as Cardinals baseball games when I was a young boy. I would never have enjoyed those experiences without her taking me.

I am stepping down as CEO of the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame at the end of July after leading the organization for over 27 years. Not quite sure what I will do next but I plan to stay active as long as my mind and body allow.

Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers at this time of losing your Mother.

Jerald Andrews

Jerald Andrews - January 02, 2022 at 06:10 PM

TB

“ *Terri Brown lit a candle in memory of Martha Black*



Terri Brown - December 30, 2021 at 03:03 PM



“ *She was very nice lady and will be greatly missed in the blue from at the vfw Post 3404 I was one of the workers*

Debra Roush - December 30, 2021 at 12:14 PM

HC

“ *Helen Ann (Strack) Childress lit a candle in memory of Martha Black*



Helen Ann (Strack) Childress - December 29, 2021 at 08:23 AM

MB

“ *Mike, Randi, Stacy, Jared and the boys. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Martha Black.*



Mike, Randi, Stacy, Jared and the boys. - December 28, 2021 at 07:37 PM

KD

“ *Debbie: Oh how I would love to see you and so sorry about your mother. If you have a second give me a call. Karolyn Degraffenreid.
417-208-0750*

Karolyn Degraffenreid - December 28, 2021 at 04:33 PM