



## Mary Ellen Fullerton

August 28, 1927 - September 25, 2020

Mary Ellen Fullerton, the second of five children of Donald Raif “Jerry” and Grace Jane Hargis Fullerton, was born August 28, 1927 in Polk County. She passed away on Friday, September 25, 2020, at the age of 93.

Mary lived her entire life in or near Bolivar. She attended one-room schools and graduated from Bolivar High School, where she was a member of the Bolivar High School Hall of Fame.

She attended Southwest Baptist University and Missouri State University, earning a bachelor’s degree in education. She also earned a master’s degree in guidance counseling from Drury University, where she was awarded a Drury University Alumni Award for service to education. She taught in a one-room school for nine years. She then taught for 48 years in the Bolivar school system, retiring in 1993 as a guidance counselor.

For more than 60 years, she was a member of the Missouri State Teachers Association. For almost 60 years, she was a charter member of Kappa Kappa Iota, a teacher service sorority. In her later years, she was a member of the Missouri Retired Teachers Association, the Polk County Retired Teachers Association, the Matilda Polk Campbell chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Polk County Genealogical Society and CMH Auxiliary.

In 1993, Mary became the manager of Rose Park senior citizens housing and held this position until 2010 when she retired again. While serving as manager of Rose Park, Mary received the Manager of the Year Award.

At an early age, she accepted Jesus Christ as her savior. At the time of her death, she was one of the oldest members of the Mt. Gilead United Methodist Church.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, one sister, Jane Fullerton, two brothers, Robert Eugene Fullerton and his wife Marjorie Ball Fullerton, and Donald Dean Fullerton along with nephews, Clint McCallister and Roy Albin.

She is survived by one sister, Lucinda 'Cindy' Fullerton Stewart and her husband Glenn of Bolivar. She is also survived by nine nieces and nephews and several great nieces and nephews:

Bob's daughters, Marilyn Albin and their children, Marcie Kelsey and Andy of Bolivar; and Carolyn McCallister and her son Kyle and his wife Jessica of Springfield.

Cindy's sons, Jerry Dale Stewart of Bolivar; and Terry Glenn Stewart and his wife, Ronda along with daughters Addie and Emma, all of Bolivar.

Don's children, Jane Ellen, and her husband, Terry Lemons, and their children, Benjamin and Sarah and her husband, Jonathan Larios, of Bristow, Va.; Leslie and her husband, Jim Hutter, and their children, Tate, Hayes, Gibbs and Tess, of Springfield; Betsy and her husband, Stewart Eckols and their sons Blace and Trey of St. Louis, and their daughter Alexandria and her daughter Ashlar, of Texas; and Jeffrey and his wife, Tommi Fullerton, and their children, Logan, Raif, Reed, and Rhett, of Bolivar; and Jennifer and her husband, Jim Ernst, and their daughter, Carly, of Bedford, Iowa.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Missouri Retired Teachers Association Foundation Endowment, The Mt. Gilead United Methodist Church, or the Mt. Gilead Cemetery Fund in care of Butler Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Gilead Cemetery

1401 E 464th Road  
Bolivar, MO 65613

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

OCT 3. 10:30 AM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Ellen Fullerton*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Mary Ellen Fullerton*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Cindy thinking of you and family. Jewell and Marilyn*

**Marilyn L Brooks** - October 01, 2020 at 11:11 AM



“ *I took care of mary at parkview she was a sweet lady onry at times but fun I love you mary rest in heaven I have alot of memories with her*



**Jenna rogers** - September 29, 2020 at 01:33 PM

JV

“ I loved Mary when she was my teacher and I loved working with her when I became a teacher. She was always cheerful, helpful, and informative. I'm sorry her last days were as they were, but I truly believe she has gone to a much better place. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers during this time of sorrow and remembrance. May God's blessing fill you all with peace and happy memories.

*Most Sincerely,  
Jean Pufahl Vincent*

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**Jean Pufahl Vincent** - September 27, 2020 at 04:32 PM

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“ This breaks my heart such a sweet lady . Our prayers are with you all  
*Martha  
Tyler  
Nathan  
Painter*

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**Martha Painter** - September 26, 2020 at 12:33 PM