



Mary Lou Standridge

August 14, 1932 - October 26, 2025

Mary Lou Swinford Standridge, of Bartlesville, was born on August 14, 1932 in Hominy, Oklahoma to parents Sidney Lee Swinford and Beulah Lucille Swinford (Phillips) and passed away on October 26, 2025 at 10:32 pm in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, she was 93 years old.

Her father, Sidney Swinford, passed away in 1935 due to a train/automobile wreck outside of Hominy and left his wife and children ages 2 1/2 (Iva Jean), 4 (Mary Lou) and 6 (Sidney) as survivors. Her mother, Beulah Lucille Phillips Swinford, was left a widow with three children under 6 and survived on her own by making and sewing clothes for the Osage women for approximately 8 years before marrying Elmer Formby. Elmer was a clothing salesman and part time preacher with 3 kids of his own from a previous marriage, Ruth, Buddy and Roy Formby. From this marriage their youngest son, Stan Formby, was born in 1944.

Mary Lou married Autie Odell Standridge from Mounds Valley in 1948 and he started working at Reda Pump Company that same year in Bartlesville, traveling from Hominy for work each day. They had two boys born in Hominy, Roger and Phil, before moving to Bartlesville and having two more boys, Rick and Randy. She was raised in the Assembly of God denomination, going to church at a very young age with her family and her grandma Swinford in Hominy. Upon moving to Bartlesville, she became a member of the First Assembly of God on Frank Phillips Boulevard and Virginia Avenue, where her parents also attended. She has been a member of First Assembly and now called Spirit Church for over 75 years.

Mary Lou, after Randy was 5 years old, then started going to Beauty School to become a hairdresser before starting her career as a licensed beautician for approximately 55 years. Her four boys grew up in church and eventually they all served in the military after high school graduation with Roger joining the Marines and serving in Viet Nam, Phil served in the Army Reserve while working at Reda Pump, Rick served in the U.S. Army at Fort Hood and Fort Sill while Randy also served in the U.S. Army in Germany. She always took

pride in their service to their country and with three of them completing college degrees, the first ever in the Standridge family, she was even prouder.

Mary Lou loved to cook, sew and quilt. She was very good at all three of these, but cooking is where she really stood out, especially the fried chicken and chocolate pie. But her greatest love was watching her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She loved having them spend the night with her and their Uncle Rog and they loved going to grandma's house.

Mary Lou is survived by three sons and their wives - Phil and Connie Standridge, Rick and his wife Susan Treece, Randy and Connie Standridge as well as 16 Grandchildren, 33 Great grandchildren, and 3 Great great-grandchildren. She also is survived by one sister, Ivan Jean Ballard, two brothers in Roy Formby and Reverend Stan Formby (Gail); one sister-in-law Eunice Ford and one brother-in-law Ray Standridge and numerous nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her husband Odell Standridge, son Roger Standridge, and grandson Randy Standridge.

Mary Lou's family will receive friends on Sunday, November 2nd from 4-6 p.m. at the Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory-Walker Brown Chapel, 918-333-7665, 4201 Nowata Road, Bartlesville, OK. Visitation will also be held on Sunday from 1-6 p.m.

Services will be held on Monday, November 3rd at 10 a.m., at Spirit Church, 2121 S. Madison Blvd, Bartlesville, OK 74006. Interment will follow in the A.J. Powell Memorial Cemetery in Hominy, OK. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

A. J. Powell Memorial Cemetery

Hominy, OK 74035

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 2. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory - Walker Brown Chapel
4201 Nowata Rd
Bartlesville, OK 74006
(918) 333-7665
davisfamilyfuneralhome@gmail.com

Family and Friends Gathering

NOV 2. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory - Walker Brown Chapel
4201 Nowata Rd
Bartlesville, OK 74006
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Funeral Service

NOV 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Spirit Church
2121 S Madison Ave
Bartlesville, OK 74006

Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Lou Standridge*



Davis Family Funeral Home - October 31, 2025 at 04:07 PM

JF

We will miss her so so much, but know we will see her again in heaven! Love you Aunt Mary Lou!

John Formby - November 01, 2025 at 03:12 AM

KD

“ *Kimberly Henshall Dyer lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Standridge*



Kimberly Henshall Dyer - November 02, 2025 at 01:35 PM

BB

“Where do I begin writing about my Aunt Mary Lou? Saying she is an amazing woman does not begin to describe her. She is a blessing to me and mine, all her family, and those who know her.

My memories begin very early as we made frequent visits to her home for holidays and family gatherings. Love, laughter, and incredibly delicious food always abounded whenever Aunt Mary entertained. Her laughter was infectious and came from deep within her sense of loving joy while serving as the consummate hostess. She would laugh while cooking, eating, or sitting at the table after the meal because someone said something hilarious or slightly irreverent. I've seen her laugh so hard she would dab her eyes from the humor. Her grandchildren said you could tell when Aunt Mary was winning at table games because she was laughing. While the dinner table would be a blur of serious discussions that sometimes got heated, Aunt Mary was always up on current events and offered input. Ultimately though, the talk turned to humor because someone would break the tension with an off-the-wall remark. Her family loves this country and opinions are varied and strong, but Aunt Mary Lou's life lessons on family love always trumped any differences.

I've witnessed my mom (her sister) and Aunt Mary Lou stay up until the wee hours of the morning as they sat by the fire catching up on family activities or reminiscing about their childhood. They say there is nothing like a sister's bond and this is especially true as "Jeannie and Mary Lou" (as they called one another) were so close in age. When they were in the kitchen together, I knew the meal would be unhealthy but oh so good. Yes, Aunt Mary is know for her chocolate pie (it must be a Swinford thing), but she also makes an unbelievable coconut cream pie. She knew it was my favorite (which chocolate ain't) so inevitably there would be a coconut pie when I visited for a meal. That's just the kind of consideration Aunt Mary possesses...make it about the food, the enjoyment, and the experience.

I could recount so many incredible experiences but I really want to say; thank you Aunt Mary Lou for making me feel like one of your boys and for making my kids feel like your grandkids. You are an incredible loving lady, so full of class and grace. Heaven gained an earth angel when you arrived. I love you.

Brad Ballard - November 01, 2025 at 11:50 AM

JS

“Jeanne Foreman Shepherd lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Standridge



Jeanne Foreman Shepherd - October 29, 2025 at 09:32 PM

JB

“ Joan Baughman lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Standridge



Joan Baughman - October 29, 2025 at 05:58 PM

SM

“ Randy, Connie and Family, my sincere condolences in the passing of Mary Lou! She was the sweetest and always brought a smile to my heart. God bless you during this difficult time. Prays and hugs -
Sally Sise Moreland



Sally Sise Moreland - October 29, 2025 at 01:52 PM

FO

“ From Jim & Wendy Dunn on behalf of OKWU purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Lou Standridge.



From Jim & Wendy Dunn on behalf of OKWU - October 29, 2025 at 10:35 AM

FO

“ From Jim & Wendy Dunn on behalf of OKWU planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Lou Standridge.

From Jim & Wendy Dunn on behalf of OKWU - October 29, 2025 at 10:35 AM

PJ

“ Mary Lou was a long time friend of mine. We enjoyed going to Quilting meetings, church functions and getting together to visit. Although we haven't gotten to do those things in recent years, she will be missed.

phyllis johnson - October 28, 2025 at 09:59 PM