



## Martha Ellen House

August 20, 1942 - March 13, 2026

Martha Ellen (Evers) House was welcomed to Heaven on Friday, March 13, 2026. Her loving husband, Kenneth House, was at her side in their home to say goodbye. Martha Ellen was born on August 20, 1942, to Harry Owen and Ruth Evelyn (David) in Mound City, Illinois. Her earthly life was filled with faithfully using her spiritual gifts for teaching, encouraging and service.

After graduating high school from Mound City, she completed her Bachelors at Southern Illinois University Carbondale and a Masters at Southeast Missouri State University, both in Elementary Education. She began teaching in the Meridian Community School District 101 in 1964 and retired from there in 1994.

She was a longtime member at Shiloh Baptist Church in Villa Ridge, Illinois, in early adulthood and in 1999 joined Lynwood Baptist Church in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Her dedication to the Church meant she served faithfully in many different roles.

Martha Ellen married Kenneth House on December 26, 1981. She became a Mom and MaMa to his four children, their spouses and the grandchildren and great grandchildren who came along over time. She gave them all the love she had to give, which was an extraordinary blessing. Their home was always a welcoming place to family, with numerous family gatherings held there over

the years.

Martha Ellen was a tremendous friend to so many! She encouraged them with cards, notes, phone calls and visits throughout her life.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her father and mother-in-law, John Benjamin and Ruby Cassandra (Culbertson) House, her brothers Harry Owen Jr., Charles David and George Edward "Bo" Evers, her brother-in-law LeeVan Robertson, her sister-in-law Faye Evers, her son Gregory Neal House, her son-in-law Kurt Houglund, her grandson Phillip Okoro and nephew Daniel Evers.

Surviving family members include her husband Ken House, sisters-in-law Betty Jo Evers and Mary Nell Robertson, daughters Sheri House (Scott Hines) and Donna Jo "DJ" (Jim) Spantgos, and son David House. Grandchildren Nick (Amie), Derrick (Paige), Lexi (Danny), CJ (Katie), Kristi, Jackie, Lindsey (Nathan), Landon (Rachel), Ashlee (Tyler), Ashley and Haylee (Trent). Great grandchildren Harmony, Drayke, Myla Jo, Kolton, Bradlee, Brayden, Lucan, Hayden, Lena Ruth, Symphony, Bryce, Lainey and Quinn. Cousin Kathy. Nieces and nephews Lynette, Keith, Scott, Kelly, Kim, Harry Owen, David, Jeremy and Nikki.

Visitation will be held from Noon-2 p.m., on Saturday, March 21, at Lynwood Baptist Church in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral services follow immediately at 2 p.m. at the Church with the Rev. Mark Anderson officiating.

Entombment will be at Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum in Cape Girardeau.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com)

Ford and Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to any of the following at Martha Ellen's request.

Missouri Huntington's Disease Society of America  
983 Morgan Street  
Jackson, MO 63755

Include In Memory of Martha Ellen in memo line, if donating via check.

Online at [hdsa.org/thwsoutheastmo](http://hdsa.org/thwsoutheastmo) and click on Friends and Family of Kurt Hougland to make a donation. All donations made to the team this year will be in memory of Martha Ellen.

All donations will be credited, as memorials to Martha Ellen, to this years Huntington's Disease Walk for Hope this April in Jackson. Martha Ellen generously supported this Walk, since its 2022 beginning, as her daughter's (Sheri) then husband, Kurt, battled this rare disease. It took his life in 2023.

American Cancer Society-St. Louis  
PO Box 28566  
St. Louis, MO 63146

Include In Memory of Martha Ellen in memo line, if donating via check.

Online at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org). Choose donate button and there is a place to dedicate your gift.

Cancer claimed Martha Ellen's life, as well as disrupted her life several years ago. Her father died due to cancer, a brother in law and a son. She supported the House Family team in the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life events for more than a decade.

Lynwood Christian Academy

2935 Lynwood Hills Dr.

Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Include In Memory of Martha Ellen in memo line, if donating via check.

Online at [www.lynwood.academy](http://www.lynwood.academy)

Choose the three lines at top right and then donate option at bottom of the pop up screen. Choose General Fund. At checkout, a note may be added that gift is in memory of Martha Ellen House.

As a former school teacher, Martha Ellen was, from the start, in support of Lynwood Baptist Church's decision to include the Academy as one of its important community offerings

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

501 St. Jude Place

Memphis, TN 38105

Include In Memory of Martha Ellen in memo line, if donating via check.

Online at [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org). Choose donate now. At first screen, check the box that says dedicate your gift in honor or memory which will allow notation regarding this is a Martha Ellen House memorial.

# Cemetery Details

## Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum

2315 Highway 61 N  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 21. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Lynwood Baptist Church  
2935 Lynwood Hills Drive  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Funeral Service

MAR 21. 2:00 PM (CT)

Lynwood Baptist Church  
2935 Lynwood Hills Drive  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Tribute Wall

CB

“ I was so blessed to know Maratha Ellen. I did not get to see her often but she sent me cards when I was sick and we exchanged Christmas cards. I enjoyed her family letter and her poems so much. She was very special and an extra special Christian. Lexi, I know she was special to you. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Cathy Bollinger** - March 20 at 12:29 PM

SH

*Thank you for sharing.*

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**sheri house** - April 21 at 12:22 AM

SF

“ My husband and I became close friends to Ken and Martha Ellen soon after they joined Lynwood. From sharing meals, card games and various holidays together, we knew their friendship would last a lifetime. Although Martha Ellen will be missed, memories we made together will never be forgotten. We send thoughts and prayers to Ken and the House family. Elmer and Sherry Ford

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**sherry Ford** - March 18 at 04:23 PM

SH

*Thank you, Sherry and Elmer.*

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**sheri house** - April 21 at 12:24 AM

LM

“ *Martha Ellen was one of the best people I ever knew; so kind, compassionate, encouraging and cheerful. It was a pleasure to teach with her at Meridian. Sympathy and prayers to Ken and all the family.* ”



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**Lisa Miller** - March 18 at 01:11 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Martha Ellen House.* ”



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March 18 at 01:01 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Martha Ellen House.* ”

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March 18 at 01:01 PM

DP

“ *Dave Petermichel lit a candle in memory of Martha Ellen House* ”



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**Dave Petermichel** - March 18 at 12:04 AM

CB

“ I can say without a doubt that Martha Ellen was the most kind, gracious, and godly person I have ever known. She was an encourager and a prayer warrior, and this world will not be the same without her. I was so incredibly blessed by her friendship and look forward to seeing her again someday. Ken, Lexi, and family - My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Christy Bollinger - March 17 at 08:40 PM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martha Ellen House.



March 17 at 04:54 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Martha Ellen House.

March 17 at 04:54 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Martha Ellen House.



March 17 at 04:17 PM

MC

“ Dear Ken and family,  
Our loss is heaven's gain truly fits this moment in time. Everything mentioned in Martha Ellen's tribute couldn't be more true than a straight line. She delightfully impacted so many in so many ways with her Godly presence. What an amazing legacy she leaves with us. We're sending prayers for comfort and strength to all.

Marlene Cloude - March 17 at 04:08 PM

KB

“ To Donna Jo and family—I'm so sorry for your loss and difficult time. May you soon know peace through many good memories and the love of God. May he comfort you always. Kim B.

Kim Bedwell - March 17 at 03:40 PM

DS

Thank you Kim ❤️

DJ Spantgos - March 20 at 10:40 PM

PE

“ PBRMC- Nurse Externs purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Martha Ellen House.



PBRMC- Nurse Externs - March 17 at 12:28 PM

DW

“ I have so many memories of Martha Ellen, too many to mention, abut they will never be forgotten. I had many adventures with Martha Ellen and Brenda along with many laughs! She was the kindest person I have ever known, a blessing in my life. I am so thankful that Melissa and i got to spend some quality time with her before Christmas. We talked, laughed, and reminisced about our good times on Bucher Road!!! Days never to be forgotten. God bless you all! Love you, Martha Ellen and we will see each other again!

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**Donna Washam** - March 17 at 09:15 AM

PM

“ Dear Ken, Sheri, DJ, David and family,

*I know Martha Ellen was a very special part of your lives. Most people are lucky to have one lovely Mum; you in the younger generation here had two!*

*I'd never seen a photo of ME when young. What a beautiful picture you chose. I love her smile.*

*I know she will hold a special place in each of your hearts forever.*

*Hugs,  
Patricia & Milt*

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**Patricia Morton** - March 17 at 05:46 AM

SH

*Thank you, Patricia and Milt....love you and hugs, back:)*

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**Sheri** - March 17 at 04:22 PM

DS

*Thank you*

DJ Spantgos - March 20 at 10:41 PM

GB

“ *Such a wonderful couple who lived next door to my Mother-in-law Mary Malley in Mounds, Illinois and was a huge influence in my oldest daughter Mandy Browning! Prayers for Ken and family! Rest in Peace Martha Ellen!*

Glen Browning - March 16 at 09:34 PM

PR

“ *I use to be her SIL... we called her Mimi Ellen sometimes... what a beautiful and kind gal she was.. always so considerate.. she and her bestie Brenda were always on the go.. I know she will be missed... Rip Martha Ellen.....Patti Reeves*

Patti Reeves - March 16 at 07:51 PM

KB

“ *Martha Ellen and my Aunt Brenda were best of friends, so Martha Ellen was my Aunt also. Love you*



K M Bagbey - March 16 at 07:04 PM

KB

*Martha Ellen and my Aunt Brenda were the best of friends, so she was my Aunt too ❤️*

K M Bagbey - March 16 at 07:06 PM

SH

*Kris....thank you for sharing. They were the best of buddies!*

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**Sheri** - March 17 at 04:25 PM

JE

*I do not have a vocabulary large enough to adequately express how much Martha Ellen meant to me. Those of us to got to know her are truly fortunate. She and Ken ae the best! Sending prayers for all her family.*

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**Jewel & Fred Eggle**y - March 20 at 04:07 PM