



## Mary Langston

February 28, 1954 - June 20, 2021

Mary Langston, 67, of Cape Girardeau died Sunday, June 20, 2021 surrounded by family at her home.

She was born February 28, 1954 in Poplar Bluff, Missouri to Fenton Howard and Genevia Doublin Langston.

Mary was raised in Puxico, Missouri and graduated from Puxico High School in 1972. She then attended Southeast Missouri State University where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education in 1975.

She and Don Beard were married in 1979 in Cape Girardeau, and they had 2 sons Jason and Jeffrey Beard. Mary was a devoted mother and anyone around her knew how much she loved her boys. The bond that she shared with them was something so sacred and special to her.

In 2017 Mary retired as the Coordinator of Acquisitions at Kent Library at Southeast Missouri State University where she worked for 41 years.

Mary was an expert gardener and was often the go to person among family and friends for flower advice. She was also an avid reader and enjoyed learning about all things history. Her biggest passion though was her kids and her family, no matter what was going on in her life she was always taking care

of everyone around her.

Those that were lucky enough to have known Mary would tell you she was one of the strongest, kindest and most selfless people they'd ever met. Her smile, laugh and homemade banana cake could always light up a room!

Survivors include two sons, Jason Beard and Jeff (Charlsie Hethershaw) Beard of Cape Girardeau; brother, Howard (Debbie) Langston of De Soto, Missouri; three sisters, Linda (Vernon) Wamsley of St. Louis, Judy Richard of Puxico, Penny (Mike) Morrow of Wappapello, Missouri; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Gale Howard; and brother-in-law, Bill Richard.

Per Mary's request a traditional funeral service will not be held but Memorial contributions may be given to The Kidney Cancer Association or The Cape Girardeau Public Library.

The family will hold a memorial service at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *What a wonderful person. I worked in the same building (Kent Library) as Mary did for 12 years. I remember banging into her car in the parking lot. There were a few scratches to her car. She just laughed it off, got the work done and I reimbursed her for it. We had many laughs over this.*



Patricia Ryan - June 26, 2021 at 11:29 PM



“ *Condolence Snacks was purchased for the family of Mary Langston.*



June 26, 2021 at 12:23 PM

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“ *Mary was always so pleasant and kind, so sorry fir your loss. Patty & Danny Holloway*

Patty and Danny Holloway - June 25, 2021 at 07:43 AM

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“ *I am so sad to read about Mary's passing. We worked together at Kent Library for over 12 years in the Collections Management department. She was a great colleague and I can't believe she is gone. My deepest condolences and my prayers go out to her sons and other members of her family. I know how much she loved her sons. She talked about them all the time.*

Lisa Speer - June 24, 2021 at 05:58 PM