



Pollyanna Grafner

January 26, 1927 - February 15, 2018

Pollyanna Grafner passed away peacefully at Ratliff Care Center with her family by her side, Thursday, February 15, 2018, at the age of 91.

She was born January 26, 1927 in Osceola, Arkansas to Rufus Addison and Floy Mabel Ramsey.

She married the love of her life, Oscar Anton Grafner June 20, 1951 in Cape Girardeau. He preceded her in death December 3, 1965.

Polly was a graduate of Cape Central High School, where she proudly reminisced about her days as a cheerleader. She continued to cheer her kids and grandkids on in all their endeavors. She also remained active on the class reunion planning committee.

She had jobs from Communications Workers of America, Southwestern Bell, Lambert Fabrics, then retiring from Saint Francis Medical Center in 1988 as the switchboard supervisor.

Polly was a charter member of LaCroix United Methodist Church, where she volunteered on several ministries, but especially loved Pastor Ron and her Monday morning small group.

Polly's main calling was devoting her life to loving and raising her four daughters, Toni (Les Bottoms) Grafner of Houston, Texas, Sylvia (Bob) Ray of Saint Louis, Missouri, Barbara "Bipi" (Frank) McGinty and Lisa (Doug) Friese both of Cape Girardeau. Also dedicated to loving and being active to eleven grandchildren, Lisa Peterson, Frank McGinty Jr., Foster (Chelsea) McGinty, Eric Ray, Allie (Brett) Israelson, Max (Jen Mouser) Friese, Molly (Brett Crain) Ray, Shelby (Aaron) Taffet, Vince (Lisa Gruwell) Friese, Sydney (Matt) Delagi and Fletcher McGinty; and eight great-grandchildren, Franklin McGinty III, Ramsey McGinty, Ellen Israelson, Sydney Israelson, Lyric Pollyanna "Juliet" McGinty, Lukas Peterson, Jack Peterson and Tyler Peterson.

She is survived by her daughters, grandchildren and sister, Kathryn Rose Riddle of Cape Girardeau.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and two sisters, Beatrice Rydstrom and Floy Allie Sample.

Friends may call 10:00 am to 11:00 am on Monday, February 19, 2018 at LaCroix United Methodist Church in Cape Girardeau.

Memorial service will follow at 11:00 am with the Rev. Ron Watts officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to LaCroix United Methodist Church or Legacy Hospice.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **19**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

LaCroix United Methodist Church
3102 Lexington
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Memorial Service

FEB **19**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SG

“ We were so sorry to hear about Polly's passing. Lezlie and I have some wonderful memories of Polly and her sisters. She made us God boxes that I will forever cherish. She was a dear friend. You are all in our thoughts and prayers and will continue to be. with love, Stacie and Lezlie. (Hobby Lobby)

Stacie Gills - February 20, 2018 at 02:43 PM

LM

“ Dear Grafner Family,

So very sorry for the loss of your sweet mother. Prayers of comfort and strength to her precious family, through this very difficulty time. Polly holds a very special place in all our hearts, she was a friend to all.

Lori Gessert Meador.
Houston, TX

Lori Gessert Meador - February 20, 2018 at 08:13 AM

AW

“ I hate to hear that Miss Polly has passed,will always think of her and her sisters coming to Hobby Lobby,we always called them “ Polly Molly and Dolly”,Polly passed on a lot of wisdom my way when I talked to her.so very sorry for your loss.Alice Whittaker



Alice whittaker - February 20, 2018 at 06:57 AM

EH

“ Our deepest sympathy to Polly's family and especially to her grandchildren who I was blessed to have taught. What a joyful and supportive person was your mother and grandmother. May God give you comfort as you remember special memories of this dear lady. With our love and prayers, Esther and Bob Hartmann

Esther Hartmann - February 19, 2018 at 04:23 PM

BL

“ Dear Toni, Syl, Lisa & Bipi,
How sad I am to hear of the loss of your precious Momma. What wonderful memories I have of her as we were growing up! She sure “got” us better than most and we were so silly to think we were pulling a single thing over her! But she loved us and always welcomed us anyway!! What a Lady!!❤️
I sure wish I was there today with you...my heart and prayers sure are. Big hugs...Barb Kuster Larkin🤗

Barb Kuster Larkin - February 19, 2018 at 03:24 PM

LW

“ Bibi and family: So sorry for your loss. I only met your mother once. When we were Louis J. Schultz Middle School majorettes, we practiced at your house. I was the only black girl, and she treated me no differently than she did everyone else. She was gracious and beautiful then, and I know you will miss her how. God be with you as you remember your mom.

LaDonna Slaughter White - February 19, 2018 at 12:36 PM

DG

“ We are so sorry for the loss of your sweet mother. She made the room a happier place by her sweet smile and happy demeanor. What a beautiful legacy she left...her precious family. She will be missed. Debbie Griffith

Debbie Griffith - February 19, 2018 at 09:59 AM

Cindy
Moskovitz

“ Oh Grafner girls and your families... Your mom was my very favorite of all my Cape friend's moms. Always an open house and heart to all. Sending love and loving memories to everyone. XOXO

Cindy Moskovitz - February 18, 2018 at 09:36 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Pollyanna Grafner.



February 18, 2018 at 08:36 PM

PD

“ Grafner Girls...I am SO SORRY to hear of Polly's passing. I Loved her SO Much and I'm keeping You All in My Prayers! I am Hoping to get there tomorrow for the Visitation. Love You All ❤️
Patti Davis

Patti Davis - February 18, 2018 at 08:34 PM

MS

“ Our deepest condolences on the passing of your mother. We have many wonderful memories of her. We sympathize with the heartbreak you are feeling and know her passing will leave a void in your life. We are certain you will deeply miss her but hope you can take comfort in the years you had with her and the knowledge that she is in a magnificent place. May your fond memories of her replace your current sadness. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.
With much sympathy and God's blessings,
Mike & Joann Sample

Mike Sample - February 18, 2018 at 01:48 PM

SC

“ Oh, so many wonderful memories of your mom when she worked at St. Francis on the switchboard. All of us who worked in the emergency room loved her as a mother and she took good care of us. Those were the good old days and we were a family.
So sorry for your loss.
Sandy Campbell

Sandy Campbell - February 18, 2018 at 11:58 AM

SO

“ Toni, Sylvia, Bipi and Lisa,

I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. I will keep all of you in my prayers for comfort during this difficult time.



Susie Pickett O'Connell - February 17, 2018 at 11:42 PM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Pollyanna Grafner.*



February 17, 2018 at 04:53 PM



“ *Only the fondest memories of Polly. Great lady, who did a wonderful job raising her 4 girls. I remember on Briarwood the day you gals got the GTO and the Firebird convertible. I was so, so jealous!! I got to drive both of them, which just made me even more jealous!! There was never a dull moment at the house on Briarwood! Glad to say she was my friend...
Scott Shivelbine*

Scott Shivelbine - February 17, 2018 at 01:06 PM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Pollyanna Grafner.*



February 16, 2018 at 04:42 PM