



Mary Baumgartner

November 9, 1939 - April 27, 2025

Mary Ellen Baumgartner, 85, of Hillsboro died April 27, 2025, surrounded by her family, at Mercy Hospital Jefferson in Crystal City. Born November 9, 1939, in St. Louis, she was the daughter of the late Thurman and Ruth (Sherman) Reames. Mary was a retired in-home babysitter and an active member of the Hillsboro United Methodist Church. After retirement, she cared for her great-aunt, mother, and husband until their passing. Mary was also a member of Beta Sigma Phi (Gamma Beta Master Chapter), a MaryKay consultant, and served on the board and volunteered at the Hillsboro Food Pantry. She and her late husband, Nick, also worked for Sunnyhill, Inc. in Cedar Hill, where Nick drove a transport and Mary assisted with special needs adults on multi-state excursions. The two got to be so popular with the residents that their trips were quickly sold out! When they were not busy working, Mary and Nick loved to attend the many sports events, dance and piano recitals, and theater performances of their grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mary, also lovingly known as Aunt Mary, Gramma B, MawMaw B, MiMi, and BumbleBee, will be remembered for her selfless giving and caring, contagious spirit, wit, and beauty that was inside and out. She touched the lives of so many and will never be forgotten.

Mary is survived by four children: Kathy (Terry) Pigg of Blackwell, Cyndy (Jimmy Miller) Bradley of DeSoto, Tina (Chris) Thebeau of Hillsboro, and Mike (Sheila) Baumgartner of Hillsboro; fourteen grandchildren: Jaime (Dave) Lammert, Preston (Mickey) Pigg, Dustin (Angela) Farrar, Lindsay (TJ Passet)

Pigg, Brad (Christina) Gravagna, Jeff Gravagna, Stephanie (TJ) Drummond, David (Amy) Gravagna, Corinne (Mike) Tullis, Christina (Todd) Oberlin, Jacob Thebeau, Joe (Leila Awad) Baumgartner, Nick Baumgartner, and Christopher Baumgartner; twenty-four great grandchildren, three great, great grandchildren, and three of her siblings: Rena (the late Richard) Ballard, Bonnie (Brad) Billings, and Susan (the late Bill) Saifer; her dear friend Clark Shay and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Thurman and Ruth Reames; her beloved husband: Jules (Nick) Baumgartner; four siblings: Patty (the late Earl) Hillmeyer, Bob (June) Reames, Ruth (the late Dave) Tweedy, and Woody Reames.

A Celebration of Life is scheduled for Sunday, June 8th, at the Hillsboro United Methodist Church in Hillsboro. Visitation is 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM, with a service at 12:00 PM. Memorials may be made to the HUMC Christmas Food and Gift Basket fund or the Hillsboro Food Pantry. Arrangements are under the direction of Chapel Hill Mortuary, Robert Brown Chapel, Hillsboro.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 8. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Hillsboro United Methodist Church
4810 State Rd B
Hillsboro, MO 63050

Memorial Service

JUN 8. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I love you so much wish u were back

Pieper - February 21 at 09:06 AM

MM

“ Prayers to all my Cousins in the loss of a beautiful Mom who looked as pretty as she did when I remember our childhood cousin visits & camping at Sam A Baker State park.. love and comfort to Kathy, Cindy, Tina & Mike and your Families..

Mary Moss

Mary Moss - June 09, 2025 at 10:42 PM

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“ On several occasions Mary would ask myself and my friend to play music for the dinners provided by the ladies of the Hillsboro United Methodist Church. We played music each time we were asked because the food was excellent, the desserts were scrumptious, and, I don't believe there was anyone who could say "no" to Mary, she was so charming.

Joseph Polette - May 07, 2025 at 03:04 PM

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Mimi was the best babysitter anyone could ever wish for in caring our two little girls many years ago. She always had a smile and loved our kids like they were her own. While working with her daughter, Kathy, it was obvious throughout the years that Mary and Nick had raised a wonderful daughter along with their other children. May GOD'S comfort and peace remain with her family and all the other people whose lives she touched throughout her precious years.

Doug Wagner - June 05, 2025 at 06:40 PM