



Mary Houston

May 21, 1931 - July 19, 2018

Mary Christine Houston, 87, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Thursday, July 19, 2018, at the Topeka VA Medical Center.

Mary was born to Gordon and Lottie Bounds Houston, May 21, 1931, in Dodge City, Kansas, “by accident” because her father just happened to be working there during the lean depression year of 1931 and her mother was with him. But “home” was Stanberry, Missouri.

Mary joined the US Air Force in 1949 completing her basic training at Lackland Air Force Base. Mary was trained as a parachute rigger among other positions and later served as a recruiter. She was honorably discharged in 1953.

Mary Houston and Jackie D. Caldwell were married from 1953 to 1970.

Mary had been employed by the Kansas Highway Patrol and the Department of Revenue eventually retiring from the State of Kansas.

She was a wonderful artist, working mostly in oils. She was fascinated with stamps and collecting them, making many friends of postal employees. In her later years, Mary enjoyed genealogy, publishing her research on the Houston line going back to the 1600s.

Grateful to have shared her life are her daughter, Annabelle Lee Yoho; her son, Carl Caldwell, both of Topeka; three grandchildren, Eli Lee Bargmann, Jeremy Caldwell Yoho and Emily Marie Yoho-Coffman; three great-grandchildren, Gideon Lucas Yoho-Lufkin, Joel Elliot Yoho and Beau Allen Coffman; and one brother, George David Houston, Stanberry MO. Mary was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Gordon Houston.

Mary's family will greet friends from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, July 26, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Her funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Topeka VA Medical Center, sent in care of the funeral home, to be used for patients' needs.

Cemetery Details

Mount Hope Cemetery

4700 SW 17th Street
Topeka, KS 66604

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 26. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
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Funeral Service

JUL 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Houston*



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - July 25, 2018 at 03:37 PM



“ *Mary Houston*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Carl, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. I'll always remember her sweet disposition; concern for our environment and in simply doing what was right. What a great woman, your mother, a truly honorable Woman of the Military and a blessed friend.*

Barb Murphree - July 25, 2018 at 06:25 PM



“ *We knew Mary for many year's, and she was a very kind & caring woman. She shared her love of stamp collecting with my son, and always sent him stamp's & postcard's! She will be missed, but we know in our heart's that she is with God in Heaven. Love, Becky Caldwell and Todd Dodson*

Becky Caldwell - July 25, 2018 at 03:17 PM

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“ Carl,
I am so saddened to see that your mom has passed. I have many, many fond memories of her. She was such a kind soul, and had a wonderful sense of humor. I will miss my friend.



Debbie Schumaker - July 25, 2018 at 12:49 PM

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“ *I worked with Mary at KDOR what an awesome lady!!!!*

Micki Martinez - July 25, 2018 at 10:29 AM

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“ *So glad to have known Mary Houston and to celebrate with her as family. She was a strong and pleasant lady, who served in the Air Force just after WWII, worked hard and raised nice kids. Bless you, Mary!*



Carol Yoho - July 25, 2018 at 09:42 AM