



## Patricia Lee (Patty) Tophinke

October 16, 1948 - September 26, 2017

Patricia Lee “Patty” Tophinke, age 68 of Bowling Green, passed away September 26, 2017 at the DePaul Hospital in Bridgeton.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday at the St. Clement Catholic Church in Bowling Green with Rev. Jason T. Doke, S.T.L. officiating. Burial will be held in the St. Clement Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 4:00pm until 8:00 pm on Friday at the Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green. Patty was born October 16, 1948 in Louisiana, the daughter of John Bill and Nancy Gillum Edwards. She married Mark Christopher Tophinke March 27, 1965 in St. Clement. He preceded her in death March 8, 2006.

Survivors include children Teresa (Kevin) Suan of Waialua, HI, Sharon Tophinke (Frank Kadlec) of Louisville, Chris (Cheryl) Tophinke of St. Clement, Janet (Michael) Lewis of Ashley and Julie Tophinke (Matt Mudd) of St. Clement; grandchildren Alexandra Tophinke, Matt Myers, Haley Myers, Kamalei Suan, Tyler Lewis, Morgan Anne Lewis and Nik James Tophinke; great granddaughter Alanah Tophinke; grand kitten Silly Kitty; sisters Vicki Skirvin of Bowling Green, Joyce Edwards of Bowling Green and Susie Edmond (Rick) of Frankford; special friend Veronica Brown.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and niece Christy Edmond.

Patty grew up in Louisiana, moved to Bowling Green in 1954 and graduated from Bowling Green High School. Patty married and moved to Ashley, MO where she and Mark raised their children on the family farm. She was a homemaker and later attended the University of Columbia where she graduated with her Master's Degree in Special Education and Early Childhood Education. Patty taught school locally, retiring from Lillian Schaper School. Patty also worked many years at Ruth Jensen Village, where she was currently employed.

Over the years Patty enjoyed decorating cakes for weddings and birthdays, making Christmas cookies, baking her famous coconut cream pies as well as cooking in general. Patty enjoyed her regular lunch dates with friends, especially at Bankheads.

Patty was an active member of the St. Clement Catholic Church and also the ladies sodality. In addition she donated many hours to church and school activities. Over the years she was a Girl Scout and 4-H leader, member of the DAR and enjoyed her family genealogy. She was an active member of the Pike County Democratic Club.

In her spare time Patty enjoyed visiting the local nursing homes and spending time with all of her grandchildren as well as traveling extensively since her retirement.

Serving as pallbearers will be Marty Moss, Larry Ray Orf, Charles Hopke, Johnny Pietzman, David Tepen and Frank Kadlec. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Randy Niemeyer, Jim Tepen, Bill Schuckenbrock, Allen Salfen and Jeff Kuntz.

Memorials may be made to the St. Clement School Building Fund.



# Cemetery Details

## St. Clement Cemetery

St. Clement, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **29**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's & Crematory LLC - Bowling Green  
606 West Main Street  
Bowling Green, MO 63334  
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## Mass of Christian Burial

SEP **30**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Clement Catholic Church  
21509 Hwy 161  
Bowling Green, MO 63334  
<http://www.stclementmo.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's & Crematory LLC created a Tribute Video in memory of Patricia Lee (Patty) Tophinke*



**Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's, LLC.** - September 29, 2017 at 07:08 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia Lee (Patty) Tophinke.*



October 02, 2017 at 11:03 AM



“ *Loved Patty, she never met a stranger. She had a heart of gold, song of laughter and a never ending smile. You will missed, but not forgotten. You made a mark on all our hearts.*



**Richard and Janis Worsham** - September 29, 2017 at 10:57 PM



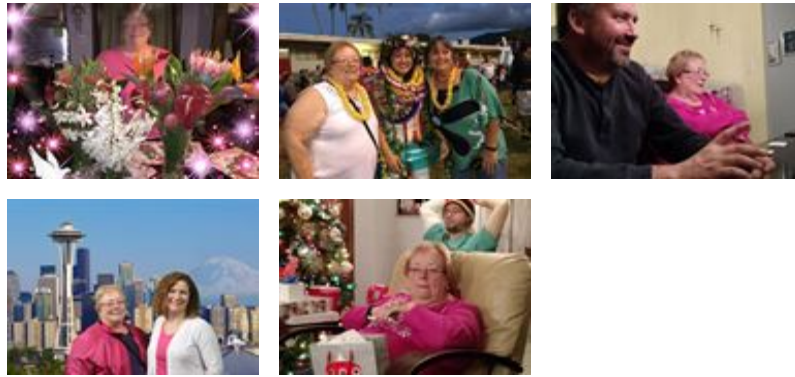
“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia Lee (Patty) Tophinke.*



September 29, 2017 at 05:45 PM



“ *100 files added to the album LifeTributes*



**Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's, LLC.** - September 29, 2017 at 12:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Patricia Lee (Patty) Tophinke.*



September 29, 2017 at 09:06 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Patricia Lee (Patty) Tophinke.*



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September 29, 2017 at 08:21 AM



“ *Theresa, Sharon, Chris, Janet Julie & families, I was very shocked and saddened to hear about you mom's passing.*

*My older memories go back to the late 70's with Mark, my Dad Frank I working together on the farm. Patty was pretty involved in the farm operation in those days Making runs for parts when untimely breakdowns happened, spending hours on a tractor if needed. Fixing a big lunch for the hay crew and bringing it to wherever we were working. Doing whatever was needed.*

*More recent memories of course are of Patty planning family functions and keeping in touch with everyone and how they were doing when it wasn't all that easy as we became more spread out geographically with different lives.*

*Take Care,*

*John Tophinke*

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**John Tophinke** - September 28, 2017 at 09:56 PM



*Thank you so much!*

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**Sharon Tophinke** - September 29, 2017 at 12:44 AM

JB

“ Am so sorry for your loss. Always loved your mom and dad as well!  
Take comfort in knowing they are together again.

Jean Buffington - September 28, 2017 at 09:51 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of  
Patricia Lee (Patty) Tophinke.



September 28, 2017 at 07:39 PM

SW

“ Shelia White lit a candle in memory of Patricia  
Lee (Patty) Tophinke



Shelia White - September 28, 2017 at 06:14 PM

DB

“ Dixie And Margie Bowen lit a candle in  
memory of Patricia Lee (Patty) Tophinke



Dixie and Margie Bowen - September 28, 2017 at 01:43 PM

DB

We were so sorry to hear about Patty....she was a very special friend  
from high school. We enjoyed sitting with her at the last reunion.  
Prayers for the family.

Dixie and Margie Bowen - September 28, 2017 at 01:45 PM

JV

“ Teresa, Sharon, Chris, Janet and Julie,  
We are so saddened to hear of your Mom's passing. She was so kind, considerate, and caring. So sorry we are unable to be with you at this time. We are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers.  
With sympathy,  
Rick and Jean (Tophinke) Volk

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**Jean & Rick Volk** - September 28, 2017 at 09:23 AM

ST

Family was most important to mom. That meant staying in touch with dad's side also. You were all so important to her.

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**Sharon Tophinke** - September 28, 2017 at 01:14 PM



“ Garden of Memories was purchased for the family of Patricia Lee (Patty) Tophinke.



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September 27, 2017 at 08:28 PM

BS

“ Brent Salfen purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Patricia Lee (Patty) Tophinke.



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**Brent Salfen** - September 27, 2017 at 07:17 PM

CT

“ *Candy Reading Thornton lit a candle in memory of Patricia Lee (Patty) Tophinke*



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**Candy Reading Thornton** - September 27, 2017 at 06:43 PM

 Cheryl Litton

“ *Cheryl Litton lit a candle in memory of Patricia Lee (Patty) Tophinke*



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**Cheryl Litton** - September 27, 2017 at 05:45 PM