



## Rosa "Louise" Hunter

May 5, 1941 - May 6, 2026

Louise Mason Hunter, 85, of Bowling Green, Missouri, departed her loving family at her daughter's home on May 6, 2026.

Louise was born May 5, 1941, in Kirksville, Missouri to Luey and Rosy (Heincy) Walker, Louise was a graduate of Knox City High School and Truman State University.

She was united in marriage to Don Hunter October 28, 2006, who survives of the home. Immediate survivors include her daughter, Lesa Smith and husband, Bradley; grandsons, Nathan Smith and Joshua (Katie) Smith; great-grandchildren, Solomon and Maria Smith, all of Center, Missouri; brother, Larry (Marilyn) Walker of Knox City, Missouri; along with other relatives and dear friends.

Louise spent her entire life devoted to education. Her first teaching experience was at the age of 20 at Musser Rural School in Knox County, Missouri. After completing college, she began teaching which was followed by becoming building principal at La Belle, Missouri. In 1984 she moved to Bowling Green, Missouri to accept a principal position at Curryville and Frankford, Missouri. Later she accepted the same position at Bowling Green Elementary until her retirement in 2000. Although some may have perceived her as being stern, she always held a deep compassion to provide an effective learning

environment and foster professional development. Following public school service, she worked as an adjunct faculty member for graduate classes of Hannibal La Grange College and William Woods University. She felt a strong desire to promote the profession of Elementary Principal.

Louise was very active and a member of Northeast Missouri Association Elementary School Principals, Missouri Association Elementary School Principals, National Association Elementary School Principals, Missouri Association School Administrators, and was awarded Distinguished Principal.

Community organizations and affiliations were B.P.W., Bowling Green Lions, Hannibal Regional Hospital Auxiliary, Hope Center, Pike County Retired Teachers, Bowling Green R-1 School Board Member, and a member of Edgewood Baptist Church.

Louise's wishes were to be cremated. A private family Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory in Bowling Green are in charge of arrangements.

The family requests that any memorials be made to the Louise Mason Hunter Elementary Education Scholarship Fund (Community State Bank) and mailed in care of Bibb-Veach Funeral Home. This gesture would honor her love for elementary education.

# Tribute Wall

HS

“ Don and Family, My deepest condolences to you all during this difficult time. You all are in my prayers. I first knew Louise as my principal at Bowling Green Elementary. She was stern, but I knew she deeply cared for us all. I'm sure I bring a little bit of her sternness into my own elementary classroom. Later, I got to know her when she married Don. She will be missed by all her knew her.

Heather Spegal-Ritchey - Yesterday at 08:57 PM

MC

“ Mark Cohea sent a virtual gift in memory of Rosa "Louise" Hunter



Mark Cohea - May 10 at 12:29 AM

CM

“ Carla Mills sent a virtual gift in memory of Rosa "Louise" Hunter



Carla Mills - May 10 at 12:29 AM

DH

“ In August of 1970, I started my first year of teaching at LaBelle Elementary. I was the third teacher hired for fourth grade. Louise n Carolyn Morgret were the other two teachers. I will always love those teachers who worked with me. I had a great year! I moved to second grade the next year n Louise n Carolyn stayed in fourth grade. Then Louise moved into the principal's office. I still have all the teacher evaluations she wrote! I went on to teach in Knox Co. n lost touch with her. Lesa, I am sorry for loss. Your mom will always remain in my heart ! Deborah Hagerla

Deborah Hagerla - May 08 at 09:01 PM

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“ Elenora (Traynor)Lobb lit a candle in memory of Rosa "Louise" Hunter



Elenora (Traynor)Lobb - May 08 at 08:16 PM

HH

“ Don, Lesa and Family, I am so sorry. I enjoyed getting to know Louise and working with her on our various “projects” at EBC. How she loved all of you and Spot. Prayers for all.

HETTIE M. HALL - May 08 at 08:06 AM

EG

“ So sorryfor your loss, very sweet lady.

Ernestine Grimmatt - May 08 at 12:03 AM

DE

“ So sorry for your loss. Louise was a wonderful person. I enjoyed working with her at school.



Deanie Ebers - May 07 at 04:49 PM

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“ Ellen Orf lit a candle in memory of Rosa "Louise" Hunter



Ellen Orf - May 07 at 03:46 PM

JS

“ Hugs and prayers for Louise's family. Louise was one special lady and a dear friend.💕💕

JoEllen Storch - May 07 at 02:39 PM



“ Lori Luebbers-Cohea lit a candle in memory of Rosa "Louise" Hunter



Lori Luebbers-Cohea - May 07 at 02:05 PM