



Mary Lee McCormick Duncan Lawton

November 17, 1942 - January 1, 2026

Mary Lee McCormick Duncan Lawton, age 83, of Henderson, KY, passed away on Thursday, January 1, 2026, at home surrounded by her loved ones under the care of St. Anthony's Hospice.

Mary Lee was born on November 17, 1942, to Calvin and Margaret Stanley McCormick. She was baptized at a young age at Bellfield Baptist Church and later joined Community Baptist Church in Henderson. Mary Lee attended Robards and Niagara schools and graduated from Henderson County High School in 1960. She was a Kentucky Colonel and was a United States House of Representatives Field Representative for Congressman Carroll Hubbard for 17 years. Mary Lee loved her family more than anything. They were her life and she was blessed for having them in her life.

In addition to her parents, Mary Lee was preceded in death by her sister Sandra K. Wilkerson and her husband Reverend Kenny Wilkerson; nephew Mark Wilkerson; and her husband and love of her life, L.B. "Gip" Lawton who passed away on October 20, 2007.

Mary Lee is survived by her daughter Deborah "Debbie" Duncan Hendricks (Richard "Rick"); son Randy Lee Duncan; grandchildren: Chelsey Wilson (Chase), Courtney Wathen, Josh Hendricks (Danielle), Zachary Wathen (Kiana), Shelby Stinson (Matt), Kody Duncan (Breanna), and Hallie Duncan;

great-grandchildren: Adalyn, Paisley, Parker, Avery, Reid, Luke, Everleigh, Arlo, and Reagan; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

The family would like to offer a special thank you to Dr. David Schultz and Dr. Leslie Brown, as well as the nurses and caregivers, and the excellent team at St. Anthony's Hospice, especially Stephany Gibson-Wright.

Relatives and friends are invited to Mary Lee's Life Celebration from 11:00 a.m. until service time on Monday, January 5, 2026, at Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home with Brother Ron Gish officiating. Burial will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Henderson, KY.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to St. Anthony's Hospice, 2410 S. Green St., Henderson, KY, 42420.

Arrangements entrusted to Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home, A Life Celebration® Home, online condolences may be made at www.bentongluntandtappfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memorial Gardens

8136 Highway 2084 S
Henderson, KY 42420
(270) 826-9623
roselawn@ccol.net
<http://www.bentonglunt.com/>

Previous Events

Life Celebration

JAN 5. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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629 S. Green St.
Henderson, KY 42420
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Funeral Service

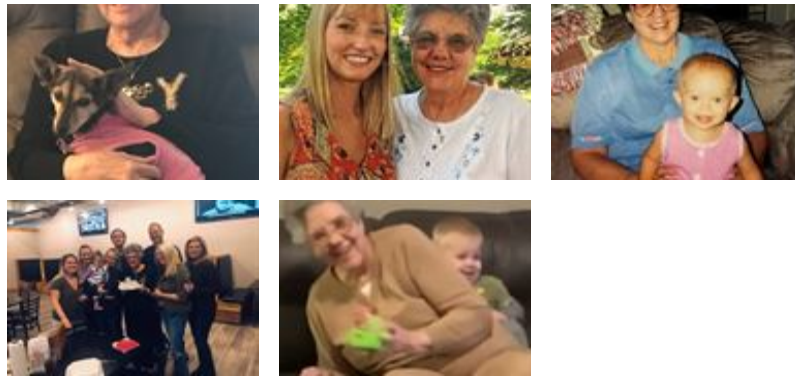
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Tribute Wall



“ 52 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Benton-Glunt Funeral Home - January 05 at 09:31 AM

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“ *Mary Lee was a wonderful friend for a new mom just moving to Henderson. She ensured I had a baby shower, helped me find a baby sitter, and kept Jason herself so I could get to work. Long talks, crazy hair dos and her can do attitude will always be a wonderful gift that I will always treasure. Heartfelt prayers to Debbie and Randy. Julie Marks Kinder*

Julie Kinder - January 03 at 06:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Lee McCormick Duncan Lawton.*



January 03 at 11:29 AM

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“ I remember back when I was a junior in high school I moved to Kentucky to live with my dad and while he was looking for a house for us to live in while he stayed at Grandma's house, Aunt Mary Lee let me live with her so I could start school and get there every day while my dad worked at his store that was in Washington Indiana. She was like a second mom to me during that time I lived with her.

Also another time was when I was getting married I had my wedding there in Kentucky so my grandma and the rest of the family could be at the wedding.

Not really helped find someone to make my wedding cake and made sure that everything was set and decorated for my wedding. She made it all run smoothly for my wedding I was so appreciative and loved that she did that for me.

Candy - January 02 at 09:35 PM

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“ Candy sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Lee McCormick Duncan Lawton



Candy - January 02 at 09:29 PM