



## Mary E. Sheffer Sawyer

October 9, 1929 - August 31, 2017

Mary E. Sheffer Sawyer, age 87, of Henderson, KY, passed away Thursday, August 31, 2017, at her home in Owensboro, KY.

Mary was born in Wheatcroft, KY to Carl and Eva Mae Sheffer. She went to Audubon Elementary School and then to Barrett Manuel Training High School. She met the love of her life Starling and they married on June 30, 1951 and her family began to grow soon after. When the children were young Mary and Starling turned their playhouse into a greenhouse and the family business was born. They moved from downtown Henderson to Highway 60 E. in the mid 60's and after a few years Sawyer's Greenhouse was opened. Later, Sawyer's Produce opened where the family sold vegetables out of a log cabin on their property. After many years serving their community in that location, the family and business moved to Old Madisonville Rd.

Mary was a member of Airline Baptist Church and was actively involved. She was a member of the Henderson County Homemakers and enjoyed being involved in various craft bazaars in the community, especially the Christmas Village. Mary loved the Annual Great Ohio River Flat Boat Races and would even dress in costume down by the river during flat boat days. She was a talented woman and could crochet, knit and quilt among many other things. Mary enjoyed all these hobbies and activities with her whole family by her side.

In addition to her parents, Mary was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years Starling Sawyer.

Survivors include:

1 Son: Henry Sawyer and his wife Melanie of Henderson, KY

2 Daughters: Vivian Stuckey and her husband Tom of Evansville, IN  
Starlene Mayes and her husband Roy of Owensboro, KY

13 Grandchildren

28 Great Grandchildren

Relatives and friends are invited to Mary's Life Celebration from 4:00-7:00 PM, Monday and again on Tuesday starting at 10:00 AM at Benton-Glunt Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at Benton-Glunt with Reverend Nathan Whisnant officiating. Burial will follow at Fairmont Cemetery in Henderson, Kentucky.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Western KY Hospice of Owensboro, KY.

Arrangements entrusted to Benton-Glunt Funeral Home, A Life Celebration® Home, online condolences may be made at [www.bentonglunt.com](http://www.bentonglunt.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Fairmont Cemetery

Henderson  
KY 42420

# Previous Events

## Life Celebration

SEP 4. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home  
629 S. Green St.  
Henderson, KY 42420  
(270) 827-3535  
email@bentonglunttapp.com  
<https://www.bentongluntandtappfuneralhome.com/>

## Life Celebration

SEP 5. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Benton-Glunt Funeral Home  
629 S. Green Street  
Henderson, KY 42420

**2:00 P.M. Tuesday May 8, 2018 Funeral Service**

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SEP 5. 1:00 PM (CT)

Benton-Glunt Funeral Home  
629 S. Green Street  
Henderson, KY 42420

# Tribute Wall



“ *Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary E. Sheffer Sawyer*



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**Benton-Glunt Funeral Home** - September 06, 2017 at 10:33 AM



“ *Mary E. Sheffer Sawyer*

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November 29, 2022 at 08:01 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Your mom is out of her suffering and has entered into such a wonderful place where she has been made whole. God bless you during this difficult time. I am praying for you.*

*Mary Shultz, Hospice Spiritual Counselor*

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**Mary Shultz** - September 05, 2017 at 08:35 AM



“ 78 files added to the album Life Tributes



Benton-Glunt Funeral Home - September 02, 2017 at 04:38 PM



“ Vivian and family: I am think of you in the loss of your Mother.  
Prayers for all.  
Bernice (B)

Bernice Tolbert - September 02, 2017 at 07:03 AM



“ Starlene, Roy, Melanie and Miss Mary's whole family: Sending deepest sympathy....try to remember she is just gone from our sight but not ever gone from our hearts. Caring thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Much love!

Eddie and Angela Jackson

Angela Jackson - September 01, 2017 at 05:08 PM



Thank you so much.

Vivian Stuckey - September 01, 2017 at 11:24 PM