



# Martha Sue Dillon

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**M**artha Sue Dillon, 79, of Ormond Beach, Florida passed away peacefully on Thursday, February 1, 2024, at the Stuart F. Meyer Hospice House surrounded by family. She was born on May 11, 1944, to Lois and Ollien D. Harper in Cairo, Illinois, and grew up in Charleston, Missouri.

She and Larry Dillon were married on November 23, 1993. Martha had a huge heart and loved helping others. This led her to her career as a hairstylist and the salon manager for JCPenney's Salon from the store opening in the mall until her retirement. During her over 20 years as manager, the salon earned the title of million-dollar salon and was the largest salon between St. Louis and Memphis. Her clients and colleagues loved her and her work ethic.

Martha was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She leaves behind a legacy of dedication to her family. Her grandchildren meant everything to her and she would always be there to support them.

Survivors include her loving husband Larry Dillon; two daughters, Laura (Keith) Whitworth of Bryant, Arkansas, and Stephanie (Ryan) Ellinger of Scott City, Missouri; and stepson Brent (Sarah) Dillon of New Palestine, Indiana as well as seven Grandchildren: Kaleb and Larissa Whitworth; Cole, Aubrie, and Gracie Ellinger; and Aiden and Alex Dillon. In addition to her immediate family, she leaves behind her brother, Charles (Sandie) Harper, and sister Sharon Loomis.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Galen Harper, and sisters, Annette Robertson, Frances Mays, Dixie Corrigan, and Margaret Anderson.

Martha's absence will be deeply felt by all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her smile, loving heart, and kindness will forever be remembered and cherished.

A visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 23 at La Croix Church in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. The funeral service will start at 10:30 a.m. Following the service, she will be buried at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Charleston.



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In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.  
Heritage Funeral and Cremation Service of Bunnell, Florida is assisting with arrangements.





# Events


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## Visitation


 **Saturday**, March 23, 2024


 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM CT


 **La Croix Church**  
3102 Lexington Avenue, Cape Girardeau MO  
63701

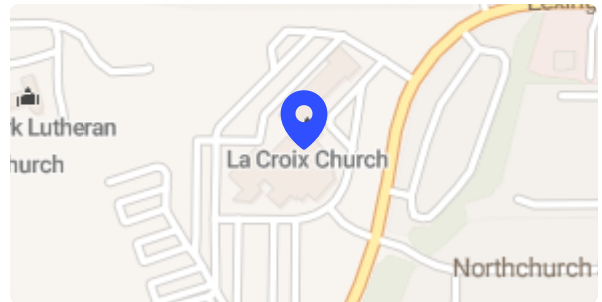


## Memorial Service

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## Tribute Wall

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**Katherine Grass Acuna** posted:

Martha was one in a million and will be missed by all of "her girls!" at JCPenney . What wonderful memories we all have,, it was a special 10 years of my life. Resting in God's loving arms now awaiting the eventual arrival of all her loved ones ,as well as rejoicing being with her family members who have previously passed. Blessings, prayers ,and my most sincere condolences to all . 🙏🙏💕

February 23 at 11:23 AM



**Lisa Holcomb Cameron** posted:

Love and prayers for Martha's family.She was my mentor and manager at JCP.She always had a good listening ear for personal or business. So very talented in doing hair and always eager to help if we needed it. She loved us all and we knew it and the feeling was mutual which made us a family. I know she is with Jesus now. Rest in peace Martha. Lisa Holcomb Cameron

February 21 at 3:09 PM



**Linda Buff** posted:

My thoughts and prayers for the family, Martha was my boss at JC Penny and a very good one. I will always remember her as a sweet hard working lady. May she Rest In Peace . Linda Buff

February 21 at 7:57 AM



**Tina Trickey** posted:

My first job right out of beauty school. 1975, Castilian Hair Fashions. WOW! I was so scared and so intimidated. All those seasoned hairstylists and me. The first person I came to was Martha Baker. She welcomed me with so much enthusiasm. I sat and watched her for weeks, learning all I could. She was my mentor, my long time friend. We shared a faith in God and helped each other through some tough days. But we still had so much fun. Jim and I are heartbroken over loosing an old friend. Rest in Peace Miss Martha. Hope to see you again someday. I'm gonna have to be extra good now!!

February 20 at 3:09 PM



**Julie Kamp** February 21 at 4:00 AM

Julie Kamp..... My deepest sympathy to Martha's whole family. I worked with her at JCPenney's, she was a wonderful boss a wonderful friend and she had a really big heart, she will be deeply missed by all. God's blessings 🙏



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