



## Wanita Lyons

October 27, 1935 - October 14, 2021

Wanita Faye Lyons (Shepherd), 85 of Melbourne, Florida formerly of Holden, MO passed away on Thursday, October 14, 2021, at Vitas Hospice in Melbourne, Florida.

She was born Sunday, October 27, 1935, in Mt. Zion, Missouri, and was the daughter of the late Leander Shepherd and the late Annis (Bray) Shepherd. She was the wife of the late Bill Lyons.

Wanita grew up in Clinton, MO and graduated from Clinton high School. She moved to Holden, MO in 1955 and had five sons with her first husband, Wayne Carter. She worked as a nurse and had a long career working for the Holden Manor Care Center as well as Western Missouri Medical Center in Warrensburg.

Wanita was an active mother caring for 5 sons. She never missed a sporting or school event. She enjoyed large family gatherings and big family dinners. She always maintained a garden reaping the harvests of her hard work and loved canning her bounty of vegetables.

In 2001 she married Bill Lyons after meeting at a local dance. She and Bill enjoyed attending local dances and loved caring for their farm animals. After Bill's death Wanita relocated to Florida for warmer weather. Wanita was a member of the Rebekah Lodge 297 and a member of the Calhoun United Methodist Church.

Surviving are four sons, Claude (Victoria) Carter of Melbourne, FL, James (Monica) Carter of Holden, John (Juanita) Carter of Pleasant Hill, MO, Neil (Sally) Carter of Holden; one sister, Virginia Marshall of Columbia, MO; 7 grandchildren, Dexter, Jolie, Jasper, Jessie, David, Doug, Jaramia; and 7 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Bill; son, Robert Carter, three sisters, Roberta Williams, Elda Johnson, and Thelma Phillips.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM on Friday, October 22, 2021, with Rev. Margie Briggs officiating at Campbell-Cast Funeral Home located at 407 S. Pine St. Holden, Missouri 64040. A visitation will be held one hour prior to the funeral. Interment will follow in the Holden Cemetery.

Casket bearers: James Carter, John Carter, Neil Carter, David Carter, Jasper Carter, Dennis Corkran.

Honorary bearers: Dexter Carter, Doug Carter.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

# Cemetery Details

## Holden Cemetery

West 10th Street  
Holden, MO 64040

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **22**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Campbell-Cast Funeral Home  
407 S. Pine St.  
Holden  
Holden, MO 64040  
<http://www.castfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

OCT **22**. 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

PM

“ I am Patsy (Houts) Miller. I was sorry to hear of your mother/grandmother's passing.  
My grandfather (Ray Houts) & father (Raymond Houts) managed the Booth Poultry Farm in Clinton. My family was friends with the Shepherd Family, since Leander used to work at the Booth Hatchery.  
I used to eat lunch with Wanita when we were in high school.  
In 2016, my daughter was in Boone Hospital in Columbia, and we became friends with Jessie.  
I live in Fayette and would like to get in touch with her sister Virginia, if at all possible.  
660-537-6308, rlpmlr@att.net  
Love & Prayers to you All, Pat Miller

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**Patsy Miller** - November 20, 2021 at 05:25 PM

MS

“ 1 file added to the album Wanita's funeral



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**Marshall Stewart Sr.** - October 27, 2021 at 05:39 PM

EE

“ With all my Love and wishes to the family. I am sorry I can't make it as I have Pneumonia. Wanita will be greatly missed and I loved her dearly. I will miss my friend to no end.  
Sincerely,  
Aleene Ellis

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**EUNICE A ELLIS** - October 19, 2021 at 06:25 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wanita Lyons.



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October 19, 2021 at 05:50 PM

LB

“ Love, Randy and Terri Bray purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Wanita Lyons.



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**Love, Randy and Terri Bray** - October 19, 2021 at 01:06 PM

JG

“ James, John, Neil, and families sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. Thoughts and prayers to your families.

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**Jim Garten** - October 19, 2021 at 08:12 AM

MJ

“ Thoughts n prayers to the family. So sorry for your loss



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**Monica Gunn Jones** - October 19, 2021 at 07:21 AM