



## Marian Electa Merritt

July 10, 1933 - December 21, 2024

Marian Electa Merritt, age 91, of Pierce City, MO passed away on Saturday, December 21, 2024, at Freeman Health System West in Joplin, MO. She was born in Pierce City, MO on Monday, July 10, 1933; daughter of Perry and Martha (Bounous) Miller. She was a 1951 graduate of Pierce City High School. She married Harold Merritt on Saturday, December 8, 1951, at First Baptist Church in Pierce City, MO. Marian spent many hours tending to the beautiful flowers in her yard, enjoyed having friends and family at the house, and liked eating and visiting at the Pierce City Senior Center. Marian was a member of the Pierce City First Baptist Church where she served dinners, worked with the preschoolers, and was part of the Trailblazer Bible study group, often hosting in her home. Marian was a bookkeeper for Wayne Bowen, owned businesses with her husband, Merritt's Cleaners in Pierce City and A & M bus service. Marian drove a kindergarten bus for several years. She enjoyed bowling with friends and was part of a league. She played the organ at church, for many funerals, and taught piano lessons. She will be remembered for her delicious homemade pies as well. Marian enjoyed traveling with her husband and friends. She loved her family and enjoyed her kids and grandkids. She will be missed by many.

Surviving are the following: one son, Barry (Jeanna) Merritt of Wentworth, MO; one daughter, Cindy (Aaron) Weibel of Pierce City, MO; five grandchildren, Summer (Shane) Enlow, Jordan (Victoria) Merritt, Traci (Jason) Teague,

Whitney Weibel, and Courtney (Garrett) Maxey; twelve great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and many friends.

Marian was preceded in death by her parents, Perry and Martha Miller; her husband, Harold Merritt; a son, Robert Merritt; and a sister, Carol Avondet.

The family will receive friends at Pierce City First Baptist Church on Friday, December 27, 2024, from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

Funeral Service will be at Pierce City First Baptist Church on Saturday, December 28, 2024, beginning at 10:00 AM with Pastor Greg Hagebusch & Rev. Aaron Weibel officiating. Burial will follow at Pierce City Cemetery in Pierce City, MO.

Memorials may be made, in Marian's memory, to the Pierce City Senior Center in care of the funeral home. Arrangements are under the personal care and direction of Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO.

# Cemetery Details

## Pierce City Cemetery

Pierce City, MO 65723

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 27. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
21819 Hwy 97  
Pierce City, MO 65723

## Funeral Service

DEC 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
21819 Hwy 97  
Pierce City, MO 65723

# Tribute Wall

MF

“ *Great neighbors! Always friendly and happy! Prayers for the families.*

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**Mike Cobb and the Cobb Family** - December 29, 2024 at 07:37 PM

TW

“ *My condolences to the children and grandchildren of Marion. She was certainly a wonderful lady and a good friend to Georgeanna and I am sure will be greatly missed.*

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**TOM WORMINGTON** - December 24, 2024 at 04:07 PM

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“ *My deepest sympathy for your loss. I so enjoyed knowing Marian and being in the Cox Auxililary with her. She was the sweetest lady. May God grant you comfort and peace 🙏.  
Charlotte Schoen*

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**Charlotte Schoen** - December 23, 2024 at 07:48 PM

TG

“ *Barry, Cindy and family,  
Our deepest condolence in the passing of Marion. Many wonderful memories of your Mom. May you all find great assurance and hope in the reality of salvation in Christ.  
Blessings...Tom and Susan Gripka*

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**Tom Gripka** - December 23, 2024 at 04:32 PM

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“ I've known Marian for many years and she was always nice and friendly and always asked how my family was doing. I will think of her every time I go to the Post office.

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**Tammie Tyndall** - December 23, 2024 at 04:26 PM

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“ Thank you, Marian for driving mom back and forth to Joplin. Rest In Peace.



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**Emma Ella** - December 22, 2024 at 08:37 PM