



Anita Louise Phillips

September 22, 1957 - February 3, 2026

Anita Phillips, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, passed away peacefully on February 3, 2026, at the age of 68.

Anita was born on September 22, 1957, in Verdun, France and grew up in the Louisburg area. She was a proud member of the last 6th grade class at Louisburg and later graduated from Buffalo High School in 1975. After completing her high school education, Anita pursued a career in health care, training as a Surgical Tech, and worked at Bothwell Hospital in Sedalia. She also trained as a Dental Hygienist at OTC, applying her passion for helping others throughout her life.

Her career was as varied and full as her personal interests. She worked many years as a Postmaster Relief at the Louisburg Post Office, retiring in 2019. A dedicated worker, Anita also spent countless hours assisting with the farm alongside her husband, Bob. Although she wasn't raised on a farm, she adapted to the challenges and rewards of farm life. She was an integral part of her family's daily life and took great pride in their shared work, from processing their own beef to canning vegetables.

Anita's hobbies and interests were as diverse as her career. A member of the Buffalo Gals, she played both the bass drum and snare, bringing rhythm and joy to local events. She was also a member of the basketball team. Anita

found deep fulfillment in her service as an adult Girl Scout leader, where she inspired the younger generation to embrace the values of teamwork and service.

Her faith was a cornerstone of her life. She was saved at Cross Timbers VBS and later baptized at Louisburg First Baptist Church. In 1991, she and her family joined Buffalo United Methodist Church, where she was an active member for many years, helping to organize events like garage sales, Easter egg hunts, Vacation Bible School, and other community activities. In later years, she attended Grace Community United Methodist Church, where she continued her ministry and enjoyed fellowship with her church family. Her commitment to her faith was evident in her joyful service to others, and she will be remembered for her warmth, kindness, and dedication to both her church and community.

Anita's family was the center of her world. In 1979, she married her soulmate, Bob, of almost 47 years, on April 29th, at her parents' home in Louisburg. They shared a beautiful life together, spending their years in Louisburg and on their farm.

Anita was proud of her daughter Alisha, whom she fondly called her "favorite daughter" in a running joke that always brought laughter. In 2018, Anita's joy grew even further when she became a grandmother to her only grandchild, Gawayn. Gawayn affectionately called her "Gram," a title Anita cherished deeply.

She is survived by her husband Bob; one daughter, Alisha; one grandchild, Gawayn; one brother, Marty & wife Susie Garrison of Bolivar; and one sister, Teresa & husband Dale Brown of Louisburg. She also leaves many nephews, nieces, cousins and many friends.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 7, 2026 in the

Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home with Pastor Linda Beebe officiating. Interment will be in the Crudgington Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Saturday at the Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Crudginton Cemetery

Crudginton Lane
Lousiburg, MO 65685

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home - Buffalo
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Funeral Service

FEB 7. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KB

“ I’m so sorry, Bob. Working with you at the power plant, I realized Bird was your joy! She jumped in and helped make Skyler’s fundraiser a success, and I enjoyed the time I got to visit with her. And I know your heart is broken, Bob. Just know you’ll see her again someday. Love you.

Karen Bryant - February 07 at 06:42 PM

PA

“ To Anita's family, she was a kind sweet lady. May God bless your family.

Paula F. Abel - February 06 at 04:42 PM

WF

“ Williams Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Anita Louise Phillips.



Williams Family - February 06 at 02:15 PM

MS

“ Marty and Susie purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Anita Louise Phillips.



Marty and Susie - February 05 at 11:39 PM

DM

“ Darla M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anita Louise Phillips.

Darla M. - February 05 at 06:04 PM

SF

“ Steve Johnston and family. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Anita Louise Phillips.



Steve Johnston and family. - February 05 at 05:33 PM

SM

“ Sarah Maynard purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Anita Louise Phillips.



Sarah Maynard - February 05 at 05:20 PM

AM

“ Andy and Kelle McConnell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anita Louise Phillips.

Andy and Kelle McConnell - February 05 at 01:15 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Anita Louise Phillips.*



February 05 at 01:15 PM



“ *Forever at peace . Condolences to the family . Fly high Anita .*

Linda Shields - February 04 at 08:57 PM



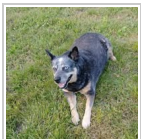
“ *I remember her and that beautiful smile she always had! We often met at the stores in Buffalo, but she always had time for a hug. We would catch up on each other's lives, hug again and then go on our way. She will be missed! I will miss her! Prayers for all the family and everyone who loves her!* 🙏🙏🙏

Pamela Walz - February 04 at 07:46 PM



I'll miss you bird even though it's been years since we've seen each other.

Johnna Vandelicht - February 07 at 03:32 PM



“ *I'll never forget her and all of the fun times at the post office. She will truly be missed by so many people.* 💜

Rebecca Skinner - February 04 at 07:25 PM



Prayers for the family. May God give you comfort. God Bless!

Janie Millspaugh - February 04 at 10:05 PM

RB

Anita and Bob and I go way back. I will always remember that beautiful smile and the times we had together. Love you Bob and Alicia.

Renee Bradford - February 05 at 09:41 PM

SS

Bob, so sorry to hear of Anita's passing. She was a sweetheart. God bless you, buddy.

Steven G Spence - February 06 at 12:00 PM