



Lou Ann Minton

March 5, 1942 - August 5, 2023

Lou Ann Minton, 81, of San Jose passed away on Saturday, August 5, 2023 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria. She was born in Peoria on March 5, 1942 to Orville and Mary Francis Minton.

Lou Ann is survived by 2 daughters: Samantha (Robert) Volkening of Lincoln and Nefra (Gary) Reece of San Jose, 2 granddaughters: Courtney (Brandon) Reed and Cassidy Adams, great-granddaughter Swayze Reed and 2 sisters: Debbie (Mike) Thomas of Nevada and Melinda Minton of Washinton. She was preceded in death by her parents and great grandparents John and Grace Cunningham.

She was a 1960 graduate of San Jose High School and earned a Bachelor's degree in fine arts from Bradley University. After college she taught art at the state school and then became the first female claims adjuster for State Farm. Lou was a member of the San Jose United Methodist Church. She enjoyed all art, painting, and sculpting. She had a big love of all animals especially her cats and horses.

A funeral will be held on Thursday, August 10, 2023 at 6:00 Pm at San Jose United Methodist Church, visitation will be held from 4:00 pm till the time of service also at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the San Jose United Methodist Church. Online condolences can be left at [www,hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com). Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **10**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

San Jose United Methodist Church
600 South 1st Street
San Jose, IL 62682
(309) 247-3232

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

SH

“ My memories start when I met her at State Farm. Being a newbie, she would encourage me to "stick with it" or "things will get better" and "never give up". We became friends at work then later better friends when she introduced me to the equestrian club she belonged to. Then when my daughter, Lauren, was older, she said Sammi can babysit her for the summer. [Side note: Sammi, I'm not sure if I paid you for that summer; you'll have to let me know.] As we started to hang out more and more, she introduced me to her paintings and other art works. She gifted me one of her "prints" which is currently hanging in Lauren's home. I've missed working with her, I've missed visiting her in San Jose, I'll miss listening about the events of her life and just chatting with her on the phone. Lu, you were a friend I needed in my life and you will surely be missed by me. I love you and wish you find many more adventures await you in the next chapters of your life. Happy trails to you, until we meet again! :o)

Sheila Higginbotham - August 13, 2024 at 11:50 AM

RV

“ Robert V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lou Ann Minton.

Robert V. - May 21, 2024 at 04:30 PM

AS

“ I have many memories of Lou Ann. I spent several summers practically living at her house as Samantha is my best friend. One memory is the time we decided to go swimming in the raging flooded creek (very stupid) and Lou Ann drove down and ripped us all a new one! I can still hear her yelling at us! Another was the time, me and Samantha decided to take Lou Ann's van for a drive down the road (we were probably 14 yrs old), we saw Lou Ann coming down the road in her other car, so we sped back to the house and parked in the driveway and put the seats down so hopefully she wouldn't see us and know that we were driving. But the gig was up. She knew. And I will miss her fried doughnut holes, they were the best! There are many more memories as well. She will live on in those memories, she was a wonderful, strong woman and she will be missed!

Angie S. - August 10, 2023 at 02:41 PM

SV

Thank you Angie, you brought back some memories that I haven't thought about in awhile! Like her doughnut holes! She was a good mom, she knew that MOST of the time we were smart young ladies, probably adventuring out, and definitely not doing what we were supposed to do 😊. I'm very lucky to have you as a bff, I keep waiting for the day when the hole in my heart goes away! Love you dude!

Samantha Volkening - May 21, 2024 at 04:28 PM

LH

“ Larry And Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Lou Ann Minton



Larry and Mary Hundt - August 10, 2023 at 01:48 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Lou Ann Minton.*



August 08, 2023 at 06:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lou Ann Minton.

August 08, 2023 at 06:56 PM



“ *Becky S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lou Ann Minton.*

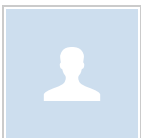
Becky S. - August 08, 2023 at 06:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lou Ann Minton.*



August 08, 2023 at 05:23 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lou Ann Minton.*



August 08, 2023 at 04:47 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Lou Ann Minton.* ”



August 08, 2023 at 03:53 PM