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**K**atherine Scheidegger, 70, of Columbia, MO. passed into eternity on Thursday, August 31, 2017 at her home. Memorial services will be held on Friday, September 8, 2017 at 4:00 PM at the H.T. May and Son Funeral Home in Columbia. Visitation will be from 3-4 PM Friday at the funeral home.

Katherine Marie (Gleeson) Scheidegger (10/28/1946- 08/31/2017) of Columbia, MO was the first born of 10 children to John M. and Katherine Gleeson. As a child, she lived on a farm in rural Missouri and went to St. Joseph in Rhineland, MO. As a graduate of St. George High School, Herman MO, Kathy graduated as Val Victorian of her class. She went on to study Social Work, graduating with a MSW (University of Missouri) 1981; BSW, College of Public and Community Services (University of Missouri) 1980; AA (East Central Junior College). She was a member of the National Association of Social Workers, NOW, Phi Theta Kappa, Dean's List every semester, and graduated Summa Cum Lade (published in the book, Who's Who, Among Students in American Universities and Colleges). She worked at the University of Missouri in the Private Agency of Social Work and Counseling for 10 years, having touched many lives as an OB Social Worker with a dedication to helping high risk youth make important life decisions. In 1967, Katherine married Kenneth M. Scheidegger (Herman, MO), together they had one daughter. Shelly went on to have one son, Derek, who married Lauren in 2013. Kathy developed Crohn's Disease in her early 20s, the impact this had on her life didn't stop her from the dedication she showed to her family, career, and animals. She never gave up, even when going through work with her IV treatments slung over her shoulder! After the many surgeries and being unable to work, she re-dedicated her life to supporting the rights of animals when her sweet little grandson rescued a little kitten, Bright Eyes. Developing this love for the animals, she went on to support animal rights as a member of several organizations: AAVS, Animal Legal Defense Fund, African Wildlife Foundation, Doris Day Animal League, EDF, Four Paws, Oceans Conservancy, National Wildlife, NAVS, NOW, PETA, Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, PIGS Animal Sanctuary, Save Them All, The Gorilla Foundation, Tiger Haven, Federation, and World Life Organization.



## Obituary

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She leaves to cherish her memory her mother Katherine Gleeson of Hermann, MO., one daughter Shelly Scheidegger of Columbia, MO., five brothers Mark Gleeson and JOe Gleeson both of Hermann, MO., Luke Gleeson and Kenny Gleeson both of Rhineland, MO., and Matt Gleeson of Holts Summit, MO., three sisters Becky Gleeson of Phoenix, MO., Barb Schaefer of Columbia, MO., and Bernadette Landrum of Oakdale, CA., and one grandson Derek (Lauren) Scheidegger of Blue Springs, MO.

She was preceded in death by her father John M. Gleeson and one brother J.P. Gleeson .

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Scheidegger Family.



# Events


**Katherine Scheidegger**

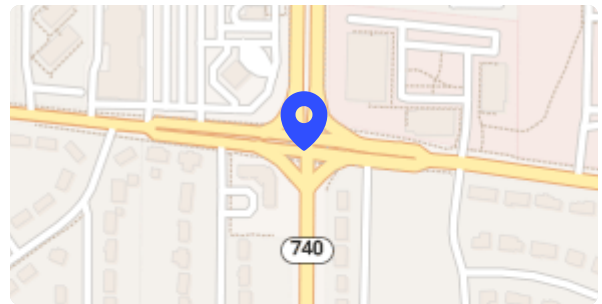
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## Visitation

 **Friday**, September 8, 2017


 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM CT


 **H.T. May & Sons Funeral Home**  
Columbia MO 65203

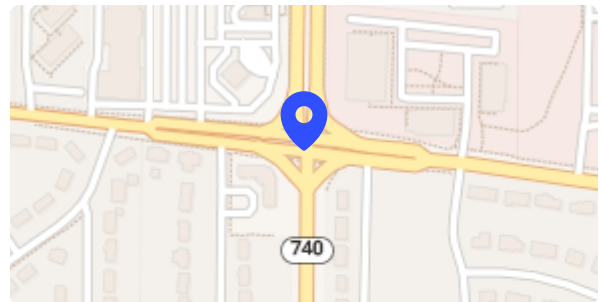


## Memorial Service

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 4:00 PM CT

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## Tribute Wall

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MB

**Marilyn Beeson** posted:

Shelly, I just happened upon your mom's obituary in the paper this evening. I wish I had seen it earlier so I could have attended the service. I am SOOOO very sorry for your loss. Your mom was an incredibly strong and wonderful person, and I have many good memories of her from working with her and socializing after work. She was always up for an adventure!

September 11 at 2:29 PM

KA

**Karen** lit a candle in honor of Katherine.



September 7 at 9:25 PM

KG

**Karen & Mark Gleeson** posted:

I remember my brother and I coning Kathy into touching the electric fence along our driveway walking home from school. I couldn't believe that each time we totally convinced her that it was safe to touch. And that we were touching it... It didn't bother us. See...We were boldly asking her to come over to see something that was cool. We were about 8 and 9 years old. We just loved to tease her. I also thought she was the prettiest older sister in the school. When I was in high school I fried hamburgers at their West End Tavern for a couple of years. Sis was a very kind and loving person. She endured much pain and suffering over the years due to her having Crones Disease. I love her very much and she will be greatly missed by anyone who knew her. Love, Mark.I've only known Kathy for 13+ years now. She loved her family dearly. One admirable thing this family is known for, is always reaching out to help the other in times of need. No matter whether you have the time to do so or not. They will ' make the time.' Kathy was a good ' Big Sister.' And she was respected for her position in the family. Kathy was also an avid animal lover. If she could have, she would have saved every stray or feral animal in the world. God Bless her with Peace & Love. Love, Karen.

September 7 at 9:21 PM

SC

**Sue Carter** posted:

Our hearts go out to you, Shelly, and your family. Kathy was a very special friend from that first meeting in high school on... She was a shining light in so many ways. We all will miss her incredible spirit but the wonderful memories will always be there. Sending love, Dan & Sue Carter

September 7 at 8:33 AM



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DC

**Dan And Sue Carter** sent a Cheeseboard Complete to the Scheidegger family.



September 7 at 8:28 AM

KB

**Kiki Kunkel Boinski** lit a candle in honor of Katherine.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you Shelly during this difficult time. Your mom was an extraordinary woman with many talents. Kiki Kunkel Boinski and girls



September 3 at 1:23 PM

LN

**Larry & Nancy** sent a Small Garden Dish to the Scheidegger family.



September 3 at 7:17 AM

JF

**Janet Finders** posted:

So many memories! Loved that gal! I will cherish our memories always! May she rest in peace! Bob & Janet Finders

September 3 at 5:18 AM

KG

**Karen Gleeson** lit a candle in honor of Katherine.



September 3 at 3:59 AM

JO

**Judy Obermeyer** posted:

The best of friends in the good old days. Good times together. So sorry for your loss. She was so good to me.

September 2 at 5:20 PM



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**Anonymous** sent a Pretty Please to the Scheidegger family.

September 2 at 9:37 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Scheidegger family.

September 2 at 8:35 AM





# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Katherine by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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