

Mar Anne Ryder  
Spirit of St. Louis Award

Mari Anne Ryder was born and raised in our area, graduated from Alma High School and spent her entire working career here. After working for five years at Total Petroleum she was a stay-at-home mom for seven years spending her time raising her children.

In 1997 she began part time at City Hall in St. Louis, working in the office and helping take care of citizens at the front counter. In 1998 she became full-time as the Administrative Secretary to City Manager Dennis Collison.

Because of her fine work, Mari Anne became the City Clerk in St. Louis in 2012 and held that position until her retirement in January, 2023.

In her 25 years working for the City, in addition to her regular duties, Mari Anne was always the first one to volunteer to help with any extra tasks that would improve things here.

You could find her almost daily taking photos of City projects, development projects, new businesses, activities and events and making sure that they were publicized on social media.

Mari Anne has been extremely organized, helpful and always willing to give of her time. Over the years she interacted with and helped out virtually every group or organization that had any contact with the City.

Finally, Mari Anne was always someone who could be counted on to do a job thoroughly and successfully. She knew the ins & outs of every single event and volunteered at every golf outing, cruise-in and fundraiser held by the Middle of the Mitten Association for 25 years.

Her efforts truly went far beyond her job duties to help make St. Louis a better place.