

Gone Too Soon

We weren't prepared for you to go
You were too full of life to be
Taken away from us so soon
It's still hard to believe

How much we'll miss your smile
And your laughter in our ears
Your absence leaves a hole in us
We're filling with our tears

You taught us how to be our best
To in the moment live
To never hold a grudge for long
And loyal friendship give

Your presence was a light and a joy
We never realized would someday end
Just like the brilliant falling star
That curved 'round heaven's bend
And though we cannot understand
The reasons God took you now
We'll do our best to accept this loss
To carry on somehow...

Focusing on you and your joy in heaven
More than mourning in distress
Smiling through our falling tears
Counting our time with you quite blessed

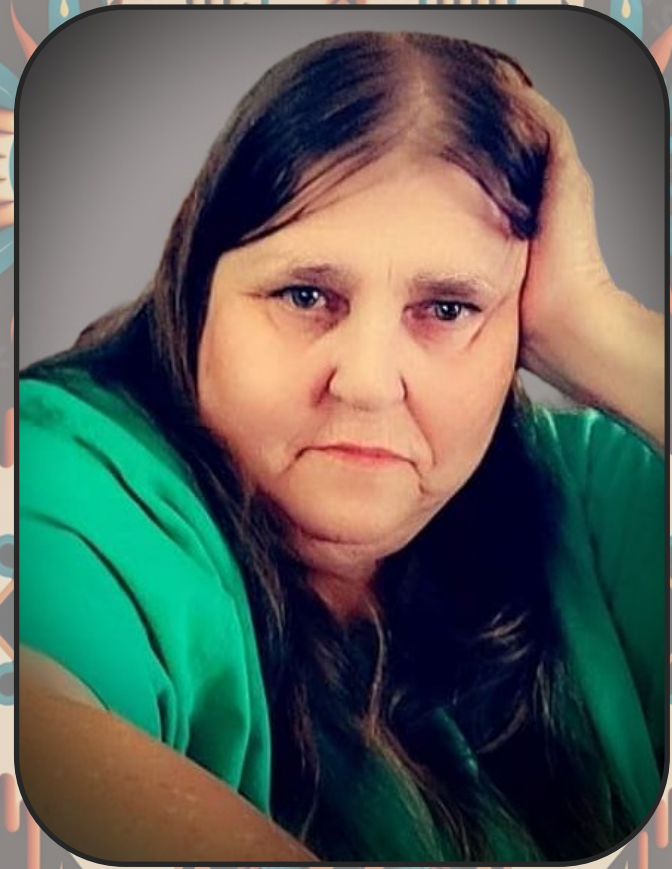
We will remember you forever
For you, our hearts will always have room
We loved you more than you will ever know
You left us far too soon!

~Author Unknown



While processing to the cemetery, please be
sure to turn on your lights and hazards!

In Loving Memory of



*Mary Frances
Alkire*

August 24, 1960

November 2, 2024

Mary Frances Alkire

Mary Frances Alkire, 64, of Sedalia, MO, passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 2, 2024, in Sedalia. She was born on August 24, 1960, in Leavenworth, KS, to Irvin Fredrick Thompson and Margaret A. (Welch) Thompson, who both preceded her in death.

On April 6, 2019, Mary was united in marriage to Billy Ray Alkire, who survives her at their home in Sedalia.

Mary graduated from Leavenworth High School in 1979. She went on to earn her certification as a Medical Technician and spent many years providing compassionate care as an in-home healthcare provider. Mary's nurturing spirit extended beyond her professional life—she had a deep love for her family and cherished the time spent with her children and grandchildren.

A talented seamstress, cook, and outdoors enthusiast, Mary enjoyed many simple pleasures, especially fishing with her husband, Ray. Her Native American heritage was a source of great pride, and she loved visiting Oklahoma to see the buffalo and attend Indian Pow-Wows. Above all, she treasured her family and the memories they created together.

Mary is survived by her loving husband, Billy Ray Alkire, and six children: Justin Taber (Cristina) of Pensacola, FL; Angie Brusca (Scott) of Sedalia, MO; Shaun Taber (Melissa) of Smithton, MO; Samuel Taber of Sedalia, MO; Brandon Alkire of Pawhuska, OK; and Jeffrey Alkire (Tina) of Denton, NC. She also leaves behind nine grandchildren: Cameron, Aiden, Lizbeth, Cristina, Ashton, Devon, Christopher, Cailey, and Alanah; as well as four great-grandchildren: Paislee, Raelyne, Zayne, and Willow Alkire.

Mary is also survived by two brothers, Gary Thompson and Larry Thompson, both of Leavenworth, KS; two sisters, Ellen Dotson (Jerry) of Leavenworth, KS, and Barbara Vandergriff (Eric) of Chalmette, LA; along with numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family members.

In addition to her parents, Mary was preceded in death by her brother, James Thompson, and her maternal grandparents, Mary and Frank Welch.

Funeral Service

10:00 a.m.

Friday, November 8, 2024

Rea Funeral Chapel

Sedalia, MO

Officiant

Pastor Rusty Thomas

Special Music

"I'll Fly Away"

"Dancing In The Sky"

"See You Again" - Video Tribute

Interment

Crown Hill Cemetery

Sedalia, MO

Pallbearers

Shaun Taber, Justin Taber, Samuel Taber,

Cameron Taber, Aiden Taber, Scott Gier

Memorial Contributions

American Cancer Society

