

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

In Loving Memory of



*Mary Virginia
Hockaday*

August 28, 1960

March 15, 2026

Mary Virginia Hockaday

Mary Virginia Hockaday, 65, of Sedalia, Missouri, passed away Sunday, March 15, 2026, at Bothwell Regional Health Center in Sedalia. She was born August 28, 1960, in Fort Riley, Kansas, the daughter of Levi Cook Jr. and Mary Frances (French) Cook, who both preceded her in death.

On May 3, 2023, in Sedalia, Missouri, she was united in marriage to Thomas Hockaday, who survives of the home.

Mary found joy in life's simple pleasures. She loved playing Yahtzee, Rummy, and Bingo, and could often be found enjoying Candy Crush on her tablet. She especially loved being outdoors during the warmer months and treasured watching her grandchildren play in the yard. More than anything, Mary loved her family. She cherished every opportunity to celebrate birthdays, holidays, and special occasions with those she loved most.

Christmas was her favorite time of year. She delighted in decorating, giving gifts, and making the season special for her beloved family and grandchildren. Mary had a generous heart and always found more joy in giving than receiving. Her family meant everything to her, and the love she shared with them will be remembered always.

In addition to her husband, Tom, Mary is survived by two children, Robert Cook (Samantha), of Jefferson City, Missouri, and Sheila Chastain (Kevin), of Sedalia; eighteen grandchildren, Timothy, Shawna, Bobby, Heather, Adam, Adrian, Jax, Brendon, Troy, Montana, Parker, Ryder, Riley, Bella, Falicity, Sequoia, Jeremiah, and Autumn; four great-grandchildren; two nephews; and many other extended family members.

In addition to her parents, Mary was preceded in death by a son, James Cook; and a brother, Kenneth Cook.

Celebration of Life Gathering

4:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 21, 2026

Memorial

To the Family

Call Shelia at

660-281-1623 for location details



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