

THE CROSS IN MY POCKET

I carry a cross in my pocket,
A simple reminder to me
That I am a Christian,
No matter where I may be.

This little cross isn't magic,
Nor is it a good luck charm.
It isn't meant to protect me
From every physical harm.

It's not for identification
For all the world to see.
It's simply an understanding
Between my Savior and me.

When I put my hand in my pocket
To bring out a coin or a key,
The cross is there to remind me
Of the price He paid for me.

It reminds me too, to be thankful
For my blessings every day,
And to strive to serve Him better
In all that I do or say.

It's also a daily reminder
Of the peace and comfort I share
With all who know my Master
And give themselves to His care.

So, I carry a cross in my pocket
Reminding none but me
That Jesus Christ is Lord of my life,
If only I'll let Him be.

by Â Vera Mae Thomas

 REA FUNERAL
CHAPEL &
CREMATION SERVICES

In Loving Memory of



*Dianna Lynn
Elmlinger*

August 22, 1961

February 20, 2025



Dianna Lynn Elmlinger

Dianna Lynn Elmlinger, 63, of Sedalia, MO, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, February 20, 2025. She was born on August 22, 1961, in Sedalia, MO, the daughter of Samuel Harrison Green and Kay Lamar (Whitfield) Green, who preceded her in death.

She was a 1980 graduate of Smith-Cotton High School. She married Steven J. Phillips in 1980 (divorced 1992), who preceded her in death in December of 2022. She married Patrick C. Elmlinger in 1993, who resides in the home.

She began working at 14, washing and ironing nurse's uniforms for her sister's friends. She spent the last 35 years driving a forklift for several different companies, most recently Enersys.

Dianna's love for games, especially gin rummy and checkers, was a testament to her playful spirit. Her passion for baking desserts filled her home with warmth and sweet aromas. She and her husband, Pat, shared a love for riding motorcycles, camping, and traveling. Her fondness for ice cream, music, television, and the Kansas City Chiefs added joy to her life.

In addition to her husband, Dianna is survived by four children, Craig A. Phillips (Christi) currently residing in Europe, Melissa N. Card (Robert) of Sedalia, Wesley C. Elmlinger of Brooklyn, New York, and Britney M. Elmlinger (Dylan) of Sedalia; nine grandchildren, Austin P. Hunton (Sasha), Samuel H. Hunton, Aiden Holloman, Kai A. Phillips, Alexandra L. Phillips, Noah M. Hunton, Sara L. Elmlinger, Isaiah S. Hunton, Levi J. Hunton; three great-grandchildren, Alphonse, Jasper, and Elliot Hunton; two sisters, Alice E. Gill and Carla Davidson and many numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to her parents and first husband, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Faye Tripp and Cherly Libby.

The family will hold a Celebration of Life service at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 27, 2025, at Parkview Christian Church, Family Life Center, with Rodney Brown officiating. With a potluck style dinner, the family requests that you bring a dish.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 p.m. until the service time at the Family Life Center.

Celebration of Life Service

4:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 27, 2025

Parkview Christian Church, Family Life Center
Sedalia, MO

Officiant

Pastor Rodney Brown

Special Music

"American Pie" - Video Tribute

"Amazing Grace"

"Everything I Do"

Inurnment

St. Andrew's Cemetery - at a later date

Tipton, MO

Honorary Bearers

Sandy Hackworth, Scott McDaniel, Yesenia Rodriguez-Cook,
Ronnie Dady, Desi Boozer Sr, Bob West

Memorial Contributions

To the Family - Patrick Elmlinger