

The LORD is my *Shepherd;*
I shall not want.

He maketh me
lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters,
He restoreth my
soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake. Yea though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death.

*I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me;*
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies
Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over
Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house
of the LORD *forever.*
- Psalm 23

In Loving
Memory Of



Rita S. Middleton

March 27, 1950 - March 21, 2026

Rita Sue Middleton, 75, of Sedalia, passed away Saturday, March 21, 2026, at Boone Hospital in Columbia.

She was born March 27, 1950, in Tipton, the daughter of James and Elsie (Porter) Hohman.

On July 28, 1973, in Kansas City, she married Lynn R. Middleton. Together they shared 52 years of marriage and were blessed with two children.

Rita attended school in Kansas City and later studied at State Fair Community College and Central Missouri State University. She taught second and third grade at Lincoln Elementary School for 19 years and was affectionately known as “The Butterfly Teacher,” as she shared the life cycle of Monarch butterflies with her students, colleagues, family and friends.

Rita was especially devoted to her faith. She read her Bible, a special gift from her husband, daily and spent many years studying it closely, with a special interest in the Rapture in recent years. She was a member of Parkview Christian Church.

She was thrifty and enjoyed bargain shopping and couponing. She was an avid sports fan and enjoyed following the Chiefs, Royals, and Mizzou. More than anything, she valued time with her family and looked forward to daily conversations with her sisters and cousin.

Rita will be remembered as strong-willed, decisive, and full of humor. She enjoyed laughing and expressed her creativity through her artistic side.

Survivors include her husband, Lynn Middleton, of the home; two children, Heidi Maxwell, of Ballwin, and Seth Middleton (Ryan), of Chicago; two grandchildren, Cade and Ashlyn Maxwell; two sisters, Janice Phelps, of Columbia, and Peggy Davis, of Omaha; a brother, James Hohman, of Russellville; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Jeff Hohman.

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Funeral Service

11 am Saturday, March 28, 2026

Parkview Christian Church

Sedalia, Missouri

Officiating

Rev. Rodney Brown

MUSIC

“If We Fall, We Will Fly”

“I’ll Fly Away”

Pallbearers

Travis Phelps	Luca Perdomo
Cade Maxwell	Justin Hohman
Rick Morrison	Steven Menefee

Interment

Pleasant Hill Cemetery

Memorial contributions are suggested to
Parkview Christian Church