

## MAY YOU KNOW

May you find the peace you so desperately deserve. May you know your everlasting mark has been left on all you have touched. May you know your legacy of giving, caring, sacrifice, and selflessness, will carry on for many generations to come. May you know your life lessons will continue to guide us through the good and challenging times ahead. Most importantly, may you know how much you will be missed because of how much you were loved.



*Memorial contributions are suggested to  
Taylor Chapel United Methodist Church  
in care of Heckart Funeral Home,  
903 S Ohio Ave, Sedalia, MO 65301.*

Repast following funeral service  
Commerce Building Reception Room  
230 South Ohio Avenue  
Sedalia, Missouri

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of Donna Marie Bradford would like to thank everyone who has shared their condolences, thoughts, and prayers during this difficult time. We are extremely grateful to have such great family and friends.



# THE Celebration OF LIFE FOR



## DONNA MARIE BRADFORD

Sunrise  
August 11, 1958

Sunset  
March 1, 2006

Donna Marie Bradford, 67, of Sedalia, Missouri, passed away March 1, 2026, at University Hospital in Columbia, Missouri.

Donna was born in Sedalia, Missouri, the daughter of Betty Lyles and Raymond Curd.

Donna received her education in Sedalia, where she began her schooling at C.C. Hubbard School and later graduated from Smith-Cotton High School in 1977. From a young age, Donna knew she wanted to be a nurse so she could help her family and care for others. To pursue this ambition, she completed the Licensed Practical Nursing program at State Fair Community College. Following graduation, Donna began her career with Bothwell Regional Health Center, where she spent the majority of her thirty-year career as an endoscopy nurse before retiring in 2010. In addition to her work at the hospital, Donna also served as a charge nurse at Fairview Nursing Home in Sedalia for 25 years.

On September 6, 1981, Donna was united in marriage to George Bradford, who survives of the home. Together they shared 44 years of marriage.

From early childhood, Donna was an active member of Taylor Chapel United Methodist Church. She was a very talented artist who could draw people, objects, and buildings to scale. Donna enjoyed sewing, cooking, and hosting holiday gatherings, special occasions, and family barbecues. She especially enjoyed spending Sundays watching her Kansas City Chiefs play. In her free time, she also enjoyed shopping on QVC for treasures that caught her eye.

More than anything, Donna loved her grandchildren. Before health issues limited her, she attended their birthday parties and sporting events whenever possible. Donna was a caring and giving person who made sure her home was always welcoming to family and friends. She was one of the most selfless people you could meet, always putting the needs of others before her own.

In addition to her husband, Donna is survived by her father, Raymond Curd of Knoxville, Tennessee; two sons, Ben Lyles (Beth) and Domanick Bradford (Maria); two brothers, William Gunnerson and Travis Stevens (Jennifer), all of Sedalia, Missouri; two sisters, Mary Maupins (Ricky) of Jefferson City, Missouri, and Francesca Curd-Nance of Nashville, Tennessee; nine grandchildren; one great-grandson; one great-granddaughter expected this month; and five nieces and two nephews. She was preceded in death by her beloved daughter, Rachelle Renee Styles; her mother, Betty Lyles; her grandparents, Janie and John Lyles and Vissie and Lewis Curd; stepmother, Lillian Curd; two sisters, Patricia Lyles and Velinda Sue White; and two brothers, Maurice White and Michael White; and one niece, Tierra White.

Donna will be dearly missed by all who knew her for the kind, loving, and compassionate person she was.

## Order of Service

# DONNA MARIE BRADFORD

11:00 am Saturday, March 14, 2026  
Heckart Funeral Home

### Officiant

Reverend Calvin Pritchard

Procession of Family  
Nightingale Ceremony.....Nurses Honor Guard of Mid-Mo  
Introduction of Service.....Rev. Calvin Pritchard  
Prayer (Invocation).....Rev. Dr. LaSonja Richardson  
Music Selection.....Mrs. Carla Halane  
*"Take Me to the King"*  
Scripture.....Rev. Calvin Pritchard  
1 John 3:16-18, Phillipians 2:1-7  
Acknowledgements and Cards.....Patricia Jacques  
Remarks / Time of Reflection.....2-3 minutes each  
Reading of the Obituary.....Patricia Jacques  
Music Selection.....Aretha Franklin  
*"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*  
Eulogy.....Rev. Calvin Pritchard  
Moment of Silence.....Video Tribute  
*"Tears In Heaven"* by Eric Clapton  
*"This Woman's Work"* by Maxwell  
Recessional.....Tamela Mann  
*"I Can Only Imagine"*

The family will hold a private graveside ceremony  
in Crown Hill Cemetery at a later date.