

Gayle (DeFries) Olson was born on December 29, 1955 in Breckenridge, MN to parents Merlyn DeFries and Shirley (King) DeFries. She spent her childhood years and grew up in Foxhome, MN, where she attended elementary and middle school, through eighth grade. Foxhome kids were bused to Breckenridge, MN for high school and she graduated from Breckenridge High School in 1974.

She lived in Chicago, IL, Beeville, TX, and McAllen, TX, before moving to Foxhome, and finally to Breckenridge, MN. Gayle married Jeffery S. McCuistian on October 9, 1988, they divorced on December 28, 1995.

Gayle was baptized and confirmed at Foxhome Lutheran Church. She had the surprise of her life when she went to the doctor with abdominal pain and came home with a baby!! Gayle's only child, daughter, Amanda Shirley DeFries, was born March 10, 1980.

Gayle worked at the US Naval Air Station in Beeville, TX – she refueled one of the US President's airplanes! She also worked for several years at Minn-Dak Farmer's Cooperative, St. Francis Nursing Home, St. Catherine's Living Center, and Red River Human Services Foundation.

She married Bruce Olson on March 12, 1999. They had been married 20 years, nearly 21 years, when Bruce died January 15, 2020 at Sanford Hospital in Fargo, of a stroke, after a fairly routine surgical procedure.

Gayle loved to spend time with her friends at Grumpy's in Breckenridge, MN, where she loved to sip on her favorite, a Bacardi Limon and Diet Coke. She loved spending time at the casino and cooking for people, especially during the holidays. She enjoyed listening to music. Her favorite car she owned was a 1969 or early 70s black Mustang Mach I. She always said she wanted to own another Mustang or Jeep before she died.

Gayle was preceded in death by her husband, Bruce Allen Olson; her father, Merlyn Dennis DeFries; her mother, Shirley Ann (King) Willemsen; stepfather, Donald Lee Willemsen; sister, Shiralyn "Kate" Kay (DeFries) Subish; sister, Patty Ann (DeFries) Muller; niece, JaCinda Kaye Muller; niece, Rhonda Michelle (Muller) Stroup; and step-sister, Katherine (Muller) Wagner.

Gayle is survived by her daughter, Amanda Kimbel (Travis Mikkelson), Wahpeton, ND; granddaughter, Morgan Miller (Sam Kurth), Davenport, ND; grandsons: Peyton, Ashton, Braxton Mikkelson, Wahpeton, ND; adopted great-grandchildren: Javion, Kaliyah, Myiesha, Kamani, Kamari; sisters, Diane (Lester) Haugen, Fergus Falls, MN; Sherry (Glen) Mills, Battle Lake, MN; Cindy DeFries (Rick Burhans), Breckenridge, MN; Connie (Jim) Deal, Doran, MN; Jody Hanson, Tempe, AZ; Shawn (Dwight) Steele, Jamestown, ND; brothers, Dennis DeFries, Breckenridge, MN; Gary (Paula) DeFries, Foxhome, MN; Jeff DeFries, Pelican Rapids, MN; step siblings: Jim (Sonia) Muller, Foxhome, MN; Roger Muller, Foxhome, MN; Ken Muller (Shari Johnson), Foxhome, MN; Les Muller, Foxhome, MN; Carol (Curt) Klemm, Rosholt, SD; Gary (Sally) Muller, Fergus Falls, MN; stepchildren: Melissa Raska, Wisconsin; and David Olson, Fairmont, MN; sister-in-law: Sharon Olson, Breckenridge, MN; brother-in-law: Lynn Nelson, Fairmount, ND; many nieces, nephews, and cousins; and special friends: Lynn Deal, Chris Bosen, Shane Miller, Milo Korbel; and her cat: Smokey.

In Loving Memory of



Gayle Marie Olson
1955 - 2020





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Born

December 29, 1955 - Breckenridge, Minnesota

Passed Away

December 4, 2020 - Breckenridge, Minnesota

Age

64 Years 11 Months 6 Days

Memorial Service

7:00 PM

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

Vertin-Munson Funeral Home - Wahpeton, North Dakota

Officiant

Pastor John Andrews

Hymns

“Why Me Lord” by Kris Kristofferson

“Dancing In The Sky” by Dani & Lizzy

“Supermarket Flowers” by Ed Sheeran

Honorary Pallbearers

All of Gayle’s Family and Friends

Interment

Foxhome Township Cemetery - Foxhome, Minnesota

God saw she was getting tired
and a cure was not to be,
So He put His arms around her,
And whispered, “Come with Me.”

With tearful eyes we watched her suffer
And saw her fade away, although we loved her dearly
We could not make her stay. A golden heart stopped
beating, hard working hands to rest,
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.