

## Acknowledgment

We the family of April L Forys wish to extend our sincerest appreciation to our many family members and friends for all acts of kindness shown during our moments of sorrow. The Lord has been good to us and we thank you for being there with us to make God forever bless and keep each of you in our prayer.

God looked

God looked around His garden  
And found an empty place.

HE THEN LOOKED DOWN UPON THE EARTH  
AND SAW YOUR TIRED FACE.

He put his arms around you  
AND LIFTED YOU TO REST.

God's garden must be beautiful  
HE ALWAYS TAKES THE BEST.

He saw the road was getting rough,  
And the hills were hard to climb,  
So He closed your weary eyelids,

AND WHISPERED  
"PEACE BE THINE".

It broke our hearts to lose you  
BUT YOU DIDN'T GO ALONE,

For part of us went with you  
THE DAY

God called you home



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## Celebration of Life



April L.  
FORYS

April 01, 1974~July 19, 2025

Service Held At:  
Golden Gate

2800 E. 18th St. Kansas City, MO 64127  
Tuesday, July 29, 2025 2:00 PM  
Chaplin Harvey Smelzer, Officiating

## *Life Reflections*

April L. Forys passed away at the age of 51 on Saturday, July 19, 2025. She was born on April 1, 1974, the beloved daughter of Gregory Forys and Dianna Williams.

April was a proud and devoted mother to her miracle and only child. She was a cherished daughter who loved deeply, a caring and enthusiastic older sister, and a friend to everyone she encountered no matter the circumstance. A graduate of Edwardsville High School, April was known for her intelligence and academic achievements, receiving the prestigious Presidential Award. Later in life, she earned her CNA certification, continuing her lifelong commitment to caring for others.

She was preceded in death by her father, Gregory Forys; her sister, Michelle Peters; her ex-husband, Scott Studna; her grandchild, AJ Matthews; her long-time friend turned sister, Catherine Johnston; and her grandparents, Edward and Regina Forys, along with Jonnie and Donald Williams.

April is survived by her only daughter, Grace Studna; her siblings, Tina Forys, Jerrad Forys, Danielle Peters, Donnie Peters, Brandy Bryson, and Geno Giovando; and her friend-found brother, John Johnston. She is also survived by her nieces and nephews: Makayla, Jonathan, Brandon, Rydir, Nick, Tanner, Lexi, Aidan, Carina, and Colton; her grandchildren: Kyhiem, Sierra, Brytnie, Makila, Nathan, Mckenna and Joey; and her great-grandchildren.

April's light, laughter, and unwavering love will be remembered always.

## *Order of Service*

**2:00 PM – 2:30 PM**  
**Photo Tribute & Urn Viewing**  
**Guests are invited to view cherished memories and pay their respects.**

**2:30 PM**  
**All guests are kindly asked to be seated.**

**Musical Selection**  
**"Play This When I'm Gone" by Machine Gun Kelly**

**Opening Prayer & Scripture Reading**  
**Led by Joe Anderson**

**Poem Reading**  
**"Crossing Over" — Read by Joe Anderson**

**Musical Selection**  
**"Amazing Grace" by Elvis Presley**

**Life Reflections**  
**Shared by Daughter Grace Studna and Sister Tina Forys**

**Musical Selection**  
**"See You on the Other Side" by Ozzy Osbourne**

**Reflections from the Family**  
**Family members are invited to share memories and words of love.**

**Reflections from Friends**  
**Friends are welcome to share stories, memories, and personal tributes.**

**Recessional & Balloon Release**  
**A final tribute and symbolic send-off in honor of April's life and legacy.**

*"In peace may you leave the shore, In love may you find the next, Safe passage on your travels, Until our final journey to the ground. May we meet again."*

