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Alice Ledbetter, lovingly known by all as Sammy, age 80, of Independence, Missouri, passed away peacefully at her home on Monday, August 25, 2025, surrounded by her daughters and grandson.

Sammy was born on April 27, 1945 in Baltimore, Maryland, where she grew up before beginning a journey that took her across the country. She first lived in Hutchison, Kansas, where she welcomed her first child, Kelly. She later spent time in Anaheim, California before returning to the Midwest and settling in Independence, Missouri where her three sons were born. Eventually, Sammy made her home in Sugar Creek, Missouri where her youngest daughter, Elizabeth, was born.

A devoted mother, Sammy worked hard to provide for her family. She was employed in a nursing home, tended bar worked at General Motors and eventually achieved her dream job as the first woman hired at Standard Oil Company in 1973. At just 31 years old, she broke barriers as a Refinery Operator blazing a trail for women in the industry. During her time there she heroically saved a woman's life. With a freight train bearing down the tracks, Sammy pulled the woman out of her car that had become stuck on the track,

as the train demolished it only seconds later. For this act of bravery, she was honored with the "Heroism Award" from Post 21 American Legion. She also was awarded a Proclamation from the Missouri House of Representatives detailing her bravery and Heroism for her act of courage that day.

Sammy was known for her fiery spirit, generosity, and humor. She had a gift for making people laugh and always carried a beautiful smile. She loved to cook, and her skills at the pool table and bowling alley earned her a reputation as a local champion. Above all, she was a strong, loving, and funny woman who touched the lives of everyone around her.

She was preceded in death by her beloved son, Michael Joe, who passed away as an infant. Sammy is survived by her children Kelly Greene, Marc (Stephanie) Hall, David (Candi) Hall and Elizabeth (Kurt) Pycior.

Her grandchildren, Aaron Greene, Stephanie (Glenn) Kay, Leslie (Jerry) Mowels, Kloe Hall, Haley Hall, Wade Hall. Her great-grandchildren, Ethan Mowels, Packard Mowels, Rebecca Kay, Emily Kay as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be announced on her Facebook page in the coming weeks, where family and friends are welcome to gather and share memories.

Above all, Sammy will be remembered for the love she gave to her family and friends. She remained strong until her final breath, never wanting anyone to worry about her. The Lord has gained a new angel, and she will be deeply missed.

"I love you to the moon and back."

Flowers may be sent to "Ledbetter Family" at 302 NE Douglas Street, Lee's Summit, MO 64063.



# Tribute Wall



“ I miss you so much mom. I'm so proud to be your daughter and to be there to hold your hand like you always did mine when I was sick or sad. We have so many fun memories. I love you To the moon and back.

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