



## Mary Frances (Wathen) Espeland

September 22, 1961 - October 28, 2022

Mary Frances Espeland (Maiden name Wathen) was born September 22, 1961 in Chattanooga, TN and died October 28, 2022 in Liberty, MO.

Preceded in death by a child who never made it earthside, her father Denver Wathen and her mother Ethel Martinovic (formerly Wathen).

Mary is survived by her children: Ronnie Espeland (Kathy), Nicole Bollin (Raj), and Matthew Espeland (Amanda); her grandchildren: Brynn, Logan, Mason, Everly, Bentley, Aryanah, Freyja, Lexus, and Dakota; her sister, Jody Richey (Tommy); her nieces, Brooke (Jeremiah), Sarah, and Hillary; and three great nephews.

Mary was born in Tennessee, but spent the majority of her life in the Kansas City area. She attended North Kansas City High School and went on to spend some time in cosmetology school. She gave birth to and raised three beautiful children who were the light of her life. Throughout her life she held various jobs, but the majority of her life was spent working at St Luke's Hospital. Doing what she knew how to do best, which was taking care of other people, until she left St Lukes in 2019. Mary loved her family fiercely and did not let that go unknown. Her grandkids and her children were her favorite thing to talk about, her greatest life accomplishment and her memory will live on in them forever.

A celebration of life will be held at a future date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made directly to the family to help with expenses.

# Tribute Wall

BF

“ Aunt Mary will be missed. I have many great memories and my heart goes out to everyone in our families.



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**Brooke and family** - November 10, 2022 at 12:17 AM

JR

“ Jody Richey lit a candle in memory of Mary Frances (Wathen) Espeland



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**Jody Richey** - November 08, 2022 at 06:31 AM

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“ I have so many memories of Aunt Mary I couldn't fit them all here. She would watch us in the morning so grandma could drive my mom to work and we always looked forward to her random visits with our cousins to play. When I was older I was staying at grandmas and she came over to spend the day. We went shopping and I got her a porcelain jewelry box for Mother's Day from the dollar store then we had lunch and played the board game Sorry. We laughed so hard the whole game we were gasping for air. She also once rescued us by coming into the bathroom and killing a spider by jumping on a mop pogo style to kill it. One time we were going to see my great grandpa in the hospital but it stormed so bad on the way my dad couldn't see clear to drive. So Aunt Mary stuck her head out the window and gave him directions even though she was being hit in the face with wind and water. Those are only a tiny few of the many I have. I loved her very much and miss her just as much. RIP Aunt Mary

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Sarah - November 07, 2022 at 05:43 PM