



Merilee Childers Edson

August 26, 1939 - June 7, 2022

Merilee Childers Edson, 82, of Independence, MO, joined her Lord on Tuesday, June 7, 2022. She is preceded in death by her husband of 46 years, Olin Edson; grandson, Ryan Scott; and brothers, Larry and David Childers.

She is survived by her three children, Dawn Edson, Michael Edson and Dana Hall; six grandchildren, Grant Wise, Brooke Wise, Brittany Hall, Eric Edson, Jeffrey Edson (Carina) and Andrea Edson; two great-grandchildren, Rowen and Taryn McCune; and two siblings, Carolyn Hemann (Paul) and Phillip Childers (Margaret). Merilee was a member of the Eden Heights Community of Christ Congregation and loved playing the piano/organ for worship services at the church and at Caramel Hills Nursing Home. She thoroughly enjoyed weekly Scrabble dates with her siblings and tending her beautiful flowers and lawn. Merilee devoted her life to God and family, cultivating a home filled with love, nurturing and a welcome to all.

A visitation with the family will be held at 2pm on Sunday, June 26, 2022, at Eden Heights Community of Christ Church, 1301 East Sea Avenue, Independence, MO, followed by a Memorial Service at 3pm. Contributions to Eden Heights Community of Christ Congregation can be made in lieu of flowers.

Tribute Wall



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Merilee Childers Edson.*



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“ *I will miss you Merilee. I always felt your love for me was unconditional (even though you let me know when you didn't agree with some of my choices). Your faith was unwavering and you lived your life sharing that strength to help others. When I was in the 6th grade Merilee got me my first job- working for the pastor of the Quindaro RLDS church- Ivol Schultz. He owned a small neighborhood grocery store and meat market. I cleaned the butcher table and meat saws and other odd jobs. Even at that age Merilee was trying to help me understand the Bible and its teachings. I didn't work there very long but when I received my pay I remember how pleased Merilee was when I gave it to the church as tithing. There was a time while I was attending KU that I couldn't drive. Any weekend I wanted to go home to KC Merilee would drive to Lawrence to pick me up and drive me back again. We enjoyed many meaningful conversations on those drives. Although I moved away from KC 50 years ago, each time I returned the level of love was as strong as ever as if I had never left. I expect it will be the same when we meet again.*

Phil Childers (briother) - June 22, 2022 at 09:17 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Merilee Childers Edson.*



June 17, 2022 at 12:57 PM



“ *Sisters share a special bond and the passing of my precious sister Merilee has left a huge hole in my heart and in my life. We shared a room growing up and had the usual sibling spats but we always looked out for each other. Our Mother taught us that we should always remember that we were brothers and sisters and throughout our adult lives we were all close. Merilee and I became closer in the years we cared for our brother David. Tuesdays were special as we played scrabble, Merilee, David, Paul and I. After David's passing we continued our Tuesday scrabble games with the addition of Mike. We had so much fun and laughter! She would try to sneak a word in every now and then like "snir". She said there was a "snip and a snir". We challenged her on it and then it was a running joke that every time someone came up with a questionable word we said it was a "snir," I will miss her so very much. I will love her always!*
Her loving sister
Carolyn

Carolyn (sister) - June 16, 2022 at 03:47 PM