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Born to Donald Brown King and Eleanor Lee King (Causey) in McAlester Oklahoma, Roberta Lee Rigazzi (King) attended McAlester High School, graduating in 1971. Voted “Most Likely to Succeed”, Roberta was an excellent student and active in the performing arts.

After receiving a degree in education from East Central State University in Ada, OK, Roberta pursued and completed a Master’s Degree in School Counseling. Her role as an Elementary School Counselor for the North Kansas City School District brought her immense satisfaction; as far as she was concerned, hearing the children chirp “Good morning, Mrs. Rigazzi” rivaled any classic Broadway showtune.

Upon retiring, Roberta relocated to Magnolia, TX where she delighted in restoring furniture, decorating her adorable apartment (from jewel tones to earth tones, it was in a state of constant redecoration), and catching every Lady Bulldogs basketball game she could (she earned the honorary title of “Bert Dog” which tickled her to no end). Her Grandma title was her favorite, however, and she beamed at the mere thought of her grandchildren: Dane

and Sophia in Texas; Lyric, Phoenix, Dani, and Hollis in Missouri; Nico and Finn in Oregon. They were her pride and great joy.

Roberta is survived by her five children – Rebecca Christiansen and her husband John Christiansen of Colleyville, TX; Philip Rigazzi and his wife Heidi Gorton-Rigazzi of Oregon City, OR; Ryan Rigazzi and his husband Alper Tunca of Mons, Belgium; Kristin Ward of Camdenton, MO; and Kyle Ward and his wife, Meagan Ward of Gladstone, MO – her husband, Steve Rigazzi of Kansas City, and her eight grandchildren. As she had a deep lifetime connection with her Scottish ancestry, her wish was to have her remains scattered across Scotland.

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“ I remember Roberta when she was 18 or 19 and was living in Durant, going to college and pregnant. She was in my Dad's music department at Southeastern and she and her husband Steve were very close friends. Like Steve, I was a senior in high school - after the baby was born, they moved back to McAlester where Steve graduated. Later I joined the same Air Force band that Steve was in and continued the friendship for two years until that band was decommissioned and we went separate ways. I'll always remember her as a lively, vivacious person and wonderful singer and performer. I've kept very distant contact as lives went various directions, but I'll always love Roberta and send condolences to her children and Steve.

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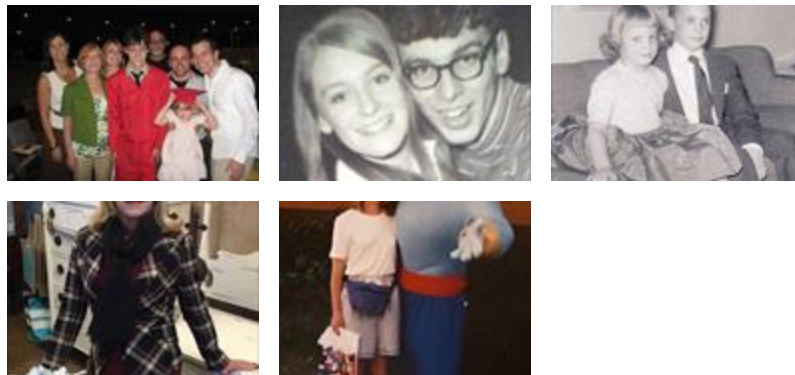
“ I am so sad to learn of Roberta's passing, but she has left a loving family to keep precious memories of her. I am sorry I did not take time to reconnect with my cousin. When I was 17, my family visited with her, Harold and Uncle Don and Aunt Eleanor on a trip to OK. They also had a short visit with us earlier on their trip to California. I always remembered her as the cute little reddish haired cousin. She accomplished much in her life.



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