



Traci Lee Nielsen

June 11, 1955 - May 14, 2020

Traci Lee Nielsen, age 64 of Peoria, passed away on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at home surrounded by her family.

Traci was born on June 11, 1955 in Pekin to Norman L. and Betty Jane Smith. She married Gary Nielsen on November 20, 1993.

Surviving are her three daughters, Karyn (Russell) Palmer of Peoria, Jennifer (Jimmy) Dutcher of Davenport, FL, and Kristy Nielsen of Peoria; and two sons, Kyle Nielsen of Schertz, TX, and Luke Nielsen of Peoria. Also surviving are her sister Mary Beth (Jeff) Smith; nephew, Corey (Jodi) Stone; and niece Jodi Brown. Traci leaves behind her beloved grandchildren, Laurence Henderson, Morgan Dutcher, Anthony "A.J." Jenkins, Taylor Palmer, Devyn Palmer, and Olivya Palmer.

She was preceded in death by her husband Gary Nielsen; parents, Norman and Betty Smith; granddaughter, Kaylan Teague; and father-in-law, Paul Nielsen.

Traci graduated from Forman High School in Manito in 1973. She worked many years for State Farm and retired in May 2005.

Cremation rites have been accorded and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation or Gift of Hope.

Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be left at www.GaryDeitersFH.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Traci Lee Nielsen*

October 08, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ *Mary Beth and Karyn. We loved Traci any your family. WE noticed her passing was on her Mom's and our oldest son Alan's birthday We have such good Smith family memories. You have our sympathies. She is now at rest.*

Don and Eleanor Cordell

Don Cordell - May 21, 2020 at 11:26 AM



“ *Traci will be deeply missed. Even when she was living in TX I always felt close to her. Loved all of her faith quotes and all of her posts. Will never forget her infectious smile that she had. She'll be missed by all. God bless Jan and Tim*

Janet Anderson - May 18, 2020 at 06:57 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss...*

Janet Ward - May 17, 2020 at 05:04 PM

SS

“ Steve And Kim Singley lit a candle in memory of Traci Lee Nielsen



Steve and Kim Singley - May 16, 2020 at 10:55 PM

DH

“ We will miss her smile, we will miss her laugh, we will miss her hugs, but now she's dancing with the angels! Fly high, sweet Slim! We will meet again.

Sincere sympathy to Traci's family, with love... Deb & John Hulet

Deb Hulet - May 16, 2020 at 08:04 AM

BP

“ Mary Beth I'm so sorry to hear of Trai passing. We had so many good memories she made Mom laugh a lot. Spunky and determined is how I think of her. May she be at peace and happy and healthy now. Merry and Becky Peplow

Becky Peplow - May 16, 2020 at 08:00 AM

MF

“ I love you Traci.see you again some day.

mark friedrich - May 16, 2020 at 07:56 AM