



## Carole DeAnne "Dede" Melton

August 13, 1955 - April 11, 2015

Carole DeAnne "Dede" Melton passed away on April 11, 2015 surrounded by her loving family. She died of complications due to a heart attack. Dede was born in Fort Sill, OK on August 13, 1955 to Madge and Raymond Shanks. They moved to Carthage, MO in 1972 where Dede attended Carthage Senior high school, after graduation she held waitressing jobs before becoming an assistant manager at Braum's Ice Cream parlor. She married Rusty Melton on November 22, 2003. She was a lifetime member of the V.F.W ladies auxiliary. She was a member of the Potawatomi Indian tribe of Shawnee OK. Dede enjoyed bingo with mom, going to the casino with dad and spending time with her grandkids. She was a sweet, gentle soul and will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Dede is survived by her husband Rusty Melton, her father Raymond Shanks, her sons Chris Maggard (Tina) of Carthage, and Aaron Alton of Louisiana, her sisters Debbie (Jim) Chittenden of Ames, Iowa, and Donna Thomas of Carthage, her brothers Dale Shanks of Orange Texas and David Shanks of Branson, MO, eight grandchildren and three great grandchild, many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother Madge Shanks, her brother Dennis Shanks and her son Dustin Alton. Online condolences can be made at [www.ulmerfh.com](http://www.ulmerfh.com). Contributions can be made to the Wounded Warriors in care of Ulmer Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday April 15, 2015 at Park Cemetery in Carthage, MO, with a Visitation to follow at the V.F.W. Carthage, MO. Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.



# Tribute Wall



“ *DeDe was my highschool friend. We shared an apartment for a few months. Rest in Peace my friend.* ”

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**Tracy (Fenimore) Dunken** - April 17, 2015 at 04:12 PM