



Tanya Elaine (Ruark) Spurgeon

November 15, 1952 - December 5, 2013

Tanya Elaine Spurgeon, 61, passed away December 5, 2013 at Mercy Hospital Joplin, MO. Tanya was born November 15, 1952 in Carthage, MO to Wayne Ruark and Lilly Colleen "Aborgast" Ruark both preceded her in death. She was a lifetime Carthage resident, Tanya was a homemaker and she worked at Schreiber's Foods and Fast Trip in Carthage. She was an avid Bingo player. Tanya married the love of her life Tom Spurgeon October 17, 1968 in Carthage, MO. He survives. Tanya is the mother of two daughters Tarenda Sikes and husband Jere of Webb City and Tammy Spurgeon of Joplin, eleven grandchildren Telicia Spurgeon, Donavon Spurgeon, Tacobi Bruce, Cameron Fraser, Jagger Fraser, Tarin Bruce, Neikko Spurgeon, Jasmine Sikes, Sebastian Sikes, Trevyn Spurgeon, Trentleigh Lewellen, two great grandchildren, six brothers Dennis Ruark and wife Mary Jane of Joplin, Gary Ruark and wife Debbie of Carthage, Bart Wilson and wife Judi of Avilla, Kevin Ruark of Carthage, Darroll Ruark of Carthage, and George Ray Ruark of Diamond, and one sister Cindy Mitchell and Husband Claude of Avilla. Tanya is preceded in death by her parents, three grandchildren Tristan Bruce, Garrett Dietz and Xander Sikes, one Nephew Denny Ruark Jr., and one sister Theresa Ruark. Visitation will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday December 9, 2013 at the Ulmer Funeral Home Chapel. The body will be taken for cremation after the visitation and a Memorial service will be held at a later date. Online condolences can be made at www.ulmerfh.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

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“ *I hadn't checked your blog in a few days, so I had no idea - my cnelodonces, Chef John. I remember watching [and loving] when he slapped you away from the bowl in arancini video. Again, sorry for you and your family's loss.*

Tau - January 05, 2014 at 09:00 PM

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“ *Tanya will always and forever remain in our hearts and thoughts .
With much love flowarom Iowa*

Darroll Ruark - December 08, 2013 at 01:14 PM

DB

“ *Much loved and so many great memories*

Debbora Ruark Buckhorn - December 07, 2013 at 03:52 PM