



Lorita "Lori" Ann (Staehele) Melte

October 22, 1963 - April 21, 2026

Lorita "Lori" Ann (Staehele) Melte, 62, passed away Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, MO; surrounded by her loved ones.

Lori was born on October 22, 1963, in Mexico, MO; to her parents Henry and Lois (Goff) Staehele. Lori graduated from Marceline High School in Marceline, MO; with the Class of 1982.

Lori was a loving mother and grandmother. Her kids and grandkids were her whole world. She loved her job of 30+ years at the Marceline Housing Authority in Marceline, MO. She loved working with her boss and lifetime friend Patrick Dorrell. Lori also had many, many friends, and coworkers.

Lori is survived by her kids, Kelsi & Mario Espinoza, Cindy LaVier, JC Smith, Danielle Brewer, and Sheanea Rowles; her grandkids, Christian, Aubrey, Natalia, Lola, Joseph, Kira, Zander, Jayden, Ayla, Kylie, Benson, Naeson, and Olivia; her brother, Mike Staehele; her long-term partner of 30 years, Alan McCracken; along with six step kids, Kegan McCracken, Ashley Swan, Chris McCracken, Junior McCracken, Nickie McCracken, and Stephanie Sharp; and several step grandkids, nieces, nephews, and relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Lois Staehele, two brothers, Joey and Alan Staehele, one sister, Anita Battle, one son, Kevin LaVier, one daughter, Kayla (Melte) Smith, and one granddaughter, Savannah Jo Smith.

Funeral services to celebrate Lori's life will be held at the Rhodes Funeral Home in Brookfield, MO; at 11:00 am. Thursday, April 30, 2026. Then per

Lori's wishes she will be cremated. Visitation will be held at the Rhodes Funeral Home in Brookfield, MO; Wednesday, April 29, 2026, from 5:00 pm. until 7:00 pm. with family receiving friends at this time. Arrangement are entrusted to the care and direction of Rhodes Funeral Home, Brookfield, MO. Memorial donations are to Lori's grandkids make payable to Kelsi Espinoza and can be left at or mailed to Rhodes Funeral Home, 216 Linn Street, Brookfield, MO. 64628. Online condolences can be made at www.rhodesfh.com

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **29**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Rhodes Funeral Home
216 Linn St.
Brookfield, MO 64628
(660) 258-7221

Funeral Service

APR **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Rhodes Funeral Home
216 Linn St.
Brookfield, MO 64628
(660) 258-7221

Tribute Wall

MC

“ So sorry to hear of Lori's passing...

Mary A Carpenter - April 29 at 07:56 AM

YD

“ So sorry for your loss Lori was always so nice when I would see her at the senior citizens place so I would stop and talk awhile she will be missed

yevonda dyas - April 25 at 11:07 PM

CW

“ To the Family: I'm very sorry for the lost of your Mother, Grandma, Companion, and Friend. My Sincere Condolences. Brought tears to my eyes to see Lori had passed. What a friend I had in her (My Best)! What a sunshine she was. So much love, and laughter she shared through out her life. I'll definitely MISS YOU MY FRIEND. (Scott) White My entire Family also gives their condolences as well. Linda (Scott) Heather, Allen Scott & Gary Scott



Connie White - April 23 at 06:41 PM

TA

So sorry for the loss of Lori!
She was a wonderful friend and lady!
Hugs and prayers for all involved!

Tammy Adams - April 29 at 01:32 PM

DT

“ *We are so very sorry for the families loss.
Keeping all of you in our prayers*



David and Nickie Turpin - April 23 at 06:08 PM