



Willa Dean Gaunt

July 20, 1955 - May 17, 2021

Willa Dean Gaunt, 65 of Brookfield passed way Monday, May 17, 2021 at her home in Brookfield, MO.

Visitation will be Friday, May 21, 2021 with family receiving friends from 5:00pm. to 7:00 pm. at the Rhodes Funeral Home, Brookfield, MO.

Funeral Services will begin at 10:00 am. Saturday, May 22, 2021 at the Evangelical United Methodist Church, Brookfield, MO; with Reverend Sue Lambert officiating. Burial will be in the Mount Zion Cemetery, Callao, MO. Services are under the direction of the Rhodes Funeral Home.

Memorial donations have been suggested to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and/or to The Family and can be left at or mailed to the Rhodes Funeral Home, 216 Linn Street, Brookfield, MO. 64628. Online condolences can be made at www.rhodesfh.com

Willa Dean daughter of Tracy Eaton and Loretta (Seward) Eaton was born on July 20, 1955 in Macon, MO. On February 17, 1995 she married Steve Gaunt in Brookfield, MO; he preceded her in death on September 24, 1997. Willa Dean enjoyed her job as a nurse, going to church and attended the New Life Chapel Church in Macon, watching shows that made her laugh, and napping after she ate. Willa Dean loved visiting with her sisters and spending time with her family. While fighting her own battle with cancer, her focus was always on uplifting those around her and made you forget there was anything to fear. Her faith, attitude, and humor was cherished by everyone and she will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her three children, Valerie Coke and Donald of Purdin, MO; Tracey Brammer and Zack of Gardner, KS; and Brandy Hedrick and Josh of Mexico, MO; 7 grandchildren, Sahara, Dusten, Parker, Savana, Adalynn, Tatum, and Vaeda; five great-grandchildren, Nevaeh, Haezliyn, Laela, Phoenix, and Zavien; four sisters, Dorothy Young, Mary Welch, Trayetta Eaton, and Jean Eaton; and several other nieces and nephews.

Willa Dean was preceded in death by her parents, husband Steve Gaunt, brother Bill Eaton, and sister Ada Sue McMichael.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **21**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

MAY **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Evangelical United Methodist Church
715 South Brunswick St.
Brookfield, MO 64628

Graveside Service

MAY **22** (CT)

Mount Zion Cemetery
State Highway UU
Callao , MO 63534

Tribute Wall



Ewigman Farms

“ *Jump*



Ewigman Farms - June 17, 2021 at 11:14 AM

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“ *Jan Orr lit a candle in memory of Willa Dean Gaunt*



jan orr - May 20, 2021 at 06:40 PM

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“ *She was married to my brother and a very good wife to him and always made the best of every situation with her smile and laugh and her kind heart*

jan orr - May 20, 2021 at 06:39 PM

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Willa Dean and I shared a friendship for over 35 years...I will miss her infinitely

Diana Bailey - May 21, 2021 at 03:38 PM