



Chandra Lou Kirby

February 4, 1939 - November 10, 2024

Chandra Lou Kirby, 85 of Halfway, Missouri, passed away on Sunday, November 10, 2024, at Parkview Health Care Facility in Bolivar. She was born February 4, 1939 in Camdenton, MO to Timothy (Ted) Detweiler Willard and Thelma Chandler Willard. She was the youngest of 3 children. She went to school in Camdenton graduating valedictorian of the class of 1957. She attended the University of Missouri and graduated with a bachelor's in education. She later returned to Lincoln University receiving a master's degree.

She met the love of her life Samuel B. Kirby, JR. while at Mizzou. They married after graduation on August 18, 1961. They shared 63 years of marriage together. Chandra taught school at Hurrigan Deck in Sunrise Beach, Elmendorf Airforce Base, Anchorage Alaska, and Willow Springs, MO. She also taught at the MO Department of Corrections in Jefferson City MO. Upon retirement, Sam and Chandra moved to Bolivar, MO. She served on the Polk County Humane Society of 10 years. She joined the CMH Auxiliary, working at the Senior Health Center where she led water aerobics and taught tai chi. She was a member of and served on boards for numerous quilt guilds. She was an active member of Mt. Gilead Methodist Church.

Chandra enjoyed quilting, knitting, reading, and teaching water aerobics. She was also known for her love of animals and rescues.

She is survived by her husband Sam, Son's Mark (Paula) Kirby of Greenback, TN and Joe Kirby (Gwen) of Jefferson City, MO. 7 grandchildren and 12 great

grandchildren; nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents, siblings, Jim Willard and Theda Bertsch, and her daughter Beverly Ann Kirby. Chandra will always be remembered as a strong willed independent wife/mom/grandma. She was the biggest cheerleader and advocate for her family, especially Beverly who was an inspiration to us all.

Funeral services for Chandra will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, November 15, 2024, at Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar. A visitation will be held one hour prior to the service on Friday from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Greenwood Cemetery

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Polk County Humane Society, Mt. Gilead United Methodist Church or to the CMH Senior Health Center.

Services are under the care and direction of Butler Funeral Home of Bolivar.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

S. Dunnegan Ave.
Bolivar, MO 65613

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Niki Sokolik and Pamala Holt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Chandra Lou Kirby.

Niki Sokolik and Pamala Holt - November 13, 2024 at 10:59 PM

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“ Niki Sokolik and Pamala Holt purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Chandra Lou Kirby.



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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Chandra Lou Kirby.



November 13, 2024 at 04:28 PM



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RB

“ *Very sorry for your loss Sam, Ronnie & Cindy Bruce*

Ronald & Cindy Bruce - November 12, 2024 at 08:50 PM

MR

“ *Such a sweet friend our prayers and love are with you all
God Bless You*

Martha (Painter) and Michael Richey

Tyler Painter

Nathan Painter

Martha Richey - November 11, 2024 at 07:05 PM