



## Josephine Mitchell

July 27, 1962 - February 3, 2024

Josephine C. Mitchell 61 passed away on February 3rd, 2024, at Mercy Hospital Springfield after a difficult illness.

Josie was born in Olongapo, Zambales, Philippines on July 27th, 1962, to Teresita Delas LLagas and later joined by her stepfather Kenneth Hayes in 1964 when he married her mother and brought them both to the USA.

She met her spouse James G. Mitchell in Adak, Alaska. They were married in December 1984, sharing 39 years of marriage and even more memories.

While James was on active duty in the Navy, Josie was successful in many different avenues of employment while raising and supporting her family. Multiple relocations and personal loss did not sway the love and loyalty she instilled in her family and friends. Ultimately settling in Southwest Missouri in 1996, her proudest accomplishment was that of being a fantastic grandmother, doing anything and everything she could for her grandchildren. Aside from her biological family she also openly welcomed many bonus “children” and “grandchildren” over the years.

Josie loved to have people around her whether it be playing bingo, having game nights with family and friends, or holiday get togethers. You could always count on Josie being the life of the party wherever she was. She was

thoughtful, welcoming, and loyal to all those who played a part in her life. Josie also had a passion for animals, rescuing and sheltering many over her lifetime. It is with a heavy heart that we must say goodbye to such a loving woman.

Josie is preceded in death by her parents and two infant sons John and Willard

Josie is survived by her husband James, daughter Tina Milan and husband Erik, grandchildren Lyric, Forte, and Cadence Payton, siblings Julia Palermo, Willie Delas Llagas, Ricky Delas Llagas, Lynn Murphy, and David Hayes and nieces and nephews and bonus children and grandchildren Sami Vastine, mother of Gavin Stiles and Nikki Bonner, mother of Rhapsody Stiles and Chance Stiles

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM on Monday, February 12, 2024, at Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar.

A visitation will be held one hour prior to the service, from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM on Monday, February 12, 2024, at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Sentinel Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Sentinel Cemetery

E 320th Road  
Bolivar, MO 65613

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar  
407 E. Broadway  
Bolivar, MO 65613  
(417) 326-5233  
<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

FEB 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I knew Josephine from CMH. She was a ray of sunshine and such a sweet lady. I enjoyed our conversations when checking in for clinic and will always remember the joy she brought to those around her. Prayers for comfort, Rebekah C

Rebekah C - February 12, 2024 at 11:38 AM

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Tina Milan - February 10, 2024 at 01:22 PM

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“ Love you forever ♥



Tina Milan - February 10, 2024 at 01:20 PM

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“ Rest now Mama ♥



Tina Milan - February 10, 2024 at 01:18 PM