



Tonya Annette Smith

September 18, 1976 - October 17, 2024

It was a beautiful day on Sept. 18th, 1976, when Tonya (Kessler) Smith was born to Russell and Sue (Shipman) Kessler. She had 4 older brothers, Troy, Terry, Toby and Teddy as well as a sister-in-law Teresa. Tonya made their home complete.

She attended Pleasant Hope School. She had one job throughout her life delivering newspapers, and helping her dad. With her work, she made many life-long friends and met Andy Smith (Fred Andrew Smith) who later would be her Husband. She liked to make gift baskets, write poetry, collect recipes, go to the casinos and gardening. She left this life at Citizens Memorial Hospital on Thursday, Oct. 17th, 2024, due to Lung cancer. She is preceded in death by her brothers Troy and Toby.

She is survived by Andy, her husband 2 sons, Colten and Gavin and 1 daughter Harper all of the home: parents, Russell and Sue Kessler, brothers Terry and Teddy, all of Brighton as well as aunts and uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. Also, a very special aunt, Rose Ashley of Pleasant Hope. as well as many friends that she has made throughout her life.

Visitation will be held at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar. Graveside services will be held at 2:30 PM on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at Brighton Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **23**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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

Graveside

OCT **23**. 2:30 PM (CT)

Brighton Cemetery
1618 MO-215
Brighton, MO 65617-7128
(417) 376-2463

Tribute Wall

MA

“ I am so saddened to hear about Tonya's passing. She was a special lady!

Monica Andrews - October 23, 2024 at 03:34 PM

TG

“ Tim Glendenning purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Tonya Annette Smith.



Tim Glendenning - October 22, 2024 at 12:02 PM

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“ Tim Glendenning planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tonya Annette Smith.

Tim Glendenning - October 22, 2024 at 12:02 PM

DW

“ Tonya was my cousin. She will be deeply missed by her parents (Russell and Sue) sons (Colten and Gavin) her daughter(Harper) . By her husband (Andrew) as well. Tonya was a hard worker, dependable and reliable and loved by family and friends alike.



Diana (Keller) Weist - October 20, 2024 at 08:36 AM