



Twyla Stewart

October 11, 1933 - November 28, 2017

Born October 11, 1933 in Halfway, MO, Twyla Voris Stewart passed away at Mercy Springfield on November 28, 2017.

Twyla grew up in and around Halfway and fondly remembered times when the family lived in California during WWII, she lived with a dear aunt and uncle in Kansas City, and college roommates in Springfield.

Twyla married Leland Stewart on August 15, 1954 and to the union was born four children. While raising her children, Twyla completed her Bachelor's degree to become a Medical Laboratory Technologist and was one of the first female graduates of that degree program at Southwest Missouri State College in Springfield, MO. Twyla worked in the lab at the McCraw, Koon, Kahler Clinic, Cox, and finally Citizens Memorial Hospital where she enjoyed many years of work that fulfilled her, leadership that was admired, and friendship that was and will continue to be cherished. After retirement, Twyla continued her service at CMH, volunteering at the Carrie J. Babb Cancer Center.

Twyla was a talented water skier who taught many of her nieces and nephews, children and grandchildren, and friends to ski. Twyla picked up snow skiing at the age of 50 and continued both activities well into her 70's.

Twyla enjoyed card games and fun with friends and family. Twyla's goal was

to become a Lifemaster in ACBL bridge. She had several years of friendship and fun at the Bridge Center in Springfield, regional tournaments chasing gold points, and at bridge parties in the homes of friends.

Twyla was a pillar of Halfway Baptist Church where she was a member from the age of 26 when she was gloriously saved. She was a valued Sunday School teacher, supporter of missions, and believer in the power of prayer.

Twyla traveled the United States with Leland until his death. More recently, she traveled the world with her friends and family and traveled the Midwest to bridge tournaments with her friends.

In her lifetime, Twyla was a soda jerk, Buffalo gal, backup singer for her friend Helen's Tina Turner performances, accomplished lab professional, pie crust expert, Babbette, Glam Girl, competitive card player, Beta Sigma Phi member, traveler, volunteer, church goer, lover of her great-granddogs, supporter and encourager, beloved mother, Grams, aunt, friend, and companion. She made the most of life and lived it to the fullest sharing boundless love and setting the example of a faithful Christian woman. She loved life, her friends, her family, and her church. She was loved by all who knew her. She will be greatly missed.

She is preceded in death by her husband Leland, mother Lillian McKinney Voris, father John "Mose" Voris, and brother Kenny Voris. Survivors include 4 children: Steve Stewart and wife Teresa of Lebanon, Jane Gladden and husband Wayne of Goodson, Sid Stewart and wife Trudy or Bolivar, and LR Stewart and wife Debi of Springfield. 7 grandchildren and 2 grandsons-in-law, a brother, Derrrell Voris and his wife Judy, and a special companion, Rod Smith of Springfield who brought joy, humor, and love in her later years.

A visitation will be held 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Friday, December 1, 2017 at the

funeral home.

Services for Twyla will be held 2:00 PM Saturday, December 2, 2017 at the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, Missouri.

Burial will follow services Saturday, at the Reed Cemetery, Half Way, Missouri.

Cemetery Details

Reed Cemetery

Reed Cemetery
Halfway, MO 65663

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

DEC 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Twyla Stewart*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Twyla Stewart*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Loved her wit and enthusiasm for life. I enjoyed working with her for several years, she always had a smile and kind word. She will be missed by so many. Donna DeGraffenreid*

Donna Brown DeGraffenreid - December 03, 2017 at 12:34 PM



“ *Judy (Guinn) Hougham, Leidra , Lori and Erin purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Twyla Stewart.*



Judy (Guinn) Hougham, Leidra , Lori and Erin - December 01, 2017 at 06:19 PM



“ *Twyla was such a delightful and talented coworker in my early years with CMH, Her charm, wit and intelligence always made our jobs so much better. She will be missed by many and I send my sympathy to her family for their loss. She and my sister in law were good friends through the Halfway Baptist church.*

Jan Cross - December 01, 2017 at 03:46 PM

SC

“ I loved the twinkle in her eyes like she was always in on “it”.....whatever “it” was. 😊

Susan Cohen - December 01, 2017 at 03:42 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Twyla Stewart.



December 01, 2017 at 03:08 PM

JA

“ I was so sorry to hear of the passing of your Mother. Please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Jerald Andrews

Jerald Andrews - December 01, 2017 at 09:11 AM

BP

“ We are sorry for your loss.

Bob & Laquitta Pulley - November 30, 2017 at 10:24 PM

JH

“ I have wonderful memories of Twyla, as a co-worker and friend. We would go skiing with she and Leland . We also played cards together. Always loved seeing her wonderful smile. While working with her, she always had a smile and never complained about how busy she was. I will miss her so much.

Judy (Guinn) Hougham

Judy Hougham - November 30, 2017 at 06:38 PM



“ *Twyla was such a good friend and colleague. She will be greatly missed by many. My prayers for comfort for the family.*

Sherry Welch - November 30, 2017 at 05:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Twyla Stewart.*



November 30, 2017 at 04:04 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Twyla was a good friend. Always so friendly. I will miss her at Bridge. Tom and Kay Snodgrass*

Kay Snodgrass - November 30, 2017 at 02:30 PM



“ *Steve, Jane, Sid & LR, I'm sorry to hear of the loss of your beloved Mother & great friend of mine. I will never forget the hospitality your mom & dad showed Scotty & I when we moved to Bolivar & they welcomed us to the school in Halfway. Such great parents you had. I will miss your mom. Treasure the memories you have of you mom forever. ❤️*

Carolyn Scott Cahill

carolyn cahill - November 30, 2017 at 02:08 PM

JV

“ Twyla was truly a wonderful person. I feel a deep sadness that we have lost her



Judy Voris - November 30, 2017 at 01:33 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Twyla Stewart.



November 30, 2017 at 11:10 AM

PS

“ Jane and family,
I'm so sorry for your loss. Twyla has always been a blessing to everyone that knew her. Love to all of you.
Patti

Patti Summer - November 30, 2017 at 10:31 AM

EU

“ Bob and I joined Cliff and Twyla at each other's houses for bridge and food until Cliff moved away. What a good time we had together. She was so kind when we played bridge as partners even taking the blame for my mistakes. My last memory of her was about a week before she got sick. Her and Rod came in 1st with 65% game. She was just beaming, a winner until the end. Edith Ulrich

Edith Ulrich - November 30, 2017 at 10:05 AM

AH

“ Twyla was a lady & a classy one at that in every sense of the word. She always had a kind word & a huge beautiful smile. Loved her!! Prayers & blessings!! Anita Hensley

Anita Hensley - November 29, 2017 at 09:03 PM

AD

“ This classy lady was a friend and a sister in the Lord. I will miss her smile and loving ways. Rest now my friend in the arm of Jesus.



Alexis DeGraffenreid - November 29, 2017 at 07:45 PM

DG

“ Dan Goodwin lit a candle in memory of Twyla Stewart



Dan Goodwin - November 29, 2017 at 06:30 PM

DG

“ Twyla was a very kind and sweet person, she was a very good bridge player and she will be missed greatly at our Bridge Center. My sincere sympathy to her entire family.

Dan Goodwin

Dan Goodwin - November 29, 2017 at 06:30 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Twyla's passing. I have several fond memories with this sweet lady, but the one memory I love is our time at the lake water-skiing. She was so graceful and I loved to watch her ski. The last time we talked we hoped we could do this again. What a lovely lady.

Lauretta Collins - November 29, 2017 at 06:15 PM

BT

*I worked with Twila at Spfd Med Lab and loved working with her and being friends. Visited your farm several times when the Kia were just young kids. You may never see this as I just have found her obit and am so sorry I did not know then I'm sure you all still miss her a friend
Beverly Lambeth Talburt*

Beverly Lambeth Talburt - February 24, 2022 at 09:29 PM

ES

“ Twyla will be miss by every one that knew her. She was a very caring lady.. We spent a lot of time together when our children were growing up. Prayers for comfort and peace for the family as they go through the coming days.

Estal & Bonnie Stewart - November 29, 2017 at 05:18 PM

SH

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Twyla was a sweetheart....always had a smile on her face. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Sharon - November 29, 2017 at 04:19 PM

SP

Sharon & Michael Payne

Sharon Payne - November 29, 2017 at 04:19 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Twyla Stewart.*



November 29, 2017 at 03:32 PM



“ *Sue. Voris, Tona Long, and Ali Mazza purchased the Victorian Teacup Bouquet for the family of Twyla Stewart.*



Sue. Voris, Tona Long, and Ali Mazza - November 28, 2017 at 09:24 PM



“ *I remember Twyla as a kind person to everyone. She was so patient with her family when they were younger. I never heard her raise her voice. She loved life and enjoyed it to the fullest. I will miss her kindness and comments on Facebook.*

carol voris - November 28, 2017 at 07:18 PM



“ *I always loved to go visit my family in MO. Aunt Twyla would always make me feel special and was so kind. I loved watching her water ski and of course the Ice Cream!! Love you so much. ❤️*



traci voris - November 28, 2017 at 06:31 PM

SV

“ *Twyla was always there for me when I needed her to be. She help me when Kenny was sick. I will always be greatfull to her for that time in my life*

Sue voris - November 28, 2017 at 06:05 PM

 Kendra Mills

“ *Aunt Twyla was always the sweetest person. I remember coming to visit and she would always make you feel welcome and important. She would make us delicious home made ice cream that I will never forget. I miss you and love you always!*



Kendra Mills - November 28, 2017 at 04:13 PM