



## Kathryn Ann "Cricket" Hammer

July 17, 1943 - February 4, 2019

Kathryn "Cricket" Ann Hammer, 75, of Pittsburg, Kansas, passed away February 4, 2019 at Via Christi Hospital in Pittsburg. A light most dear has left us; the joy she sparked in the hearts of so many, falling behind her as she ascends.

Cricket was born July 17, 1943 in Springfield, Missouri, the daughter of Ernest Ray and Lottie "Rickey" Mae (Garrett) Hayes. Her tiny size led someone to exclaim that she was small as a cricket. Whether she liked it or not, the name stuck.

Cricket was a High School graduate of Field Kindley High and spent 2 years studying at Coffeyville Community College.

A fondness for dancing led Cricket to the love of her life, marrying Fred Hammer on July 14, 1990 – his "babe" 'til the end.

She worked as a Case Manager for New Hope in Pittsburg for 15 years.

Cricket and her husband traveled often. Her best-remembered trip being to Portland, Oregon, where she enjoyed all the sightseeing Portland had to offer. Their most recent trip was to Tampa, Florida to enjoy a few warm-weather weeks with their son, Keith and his wife.

Ever the optimist, Cricket loved spending time with Fred at the casino. Fred remained her only prize.

Cricket loved her family and enjoyed family get togethers.

Survivors include: husband, Fred Hammer of the home. 2 sons: Keith (Maria Pily) Marshall of Tampa, Florida; Randy (Heather) Hammer of Lake Charles, Louisiana. A daughter, Kristal (Helen "Lellie" Shore) Marshall-Shore of Providence, Rhode Island. 3 sisters: Blanche Cunningham of Coffeyville, Kansas; Lexie McCoy of Coffeyville, Kansas; Debra Brodback of Galveston Texas; and 3 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Steven Hammer; and sister, Barbara Kay Crowell.

Cricket will be greatly missed by everyone who knew and loved her.

Memorial services will be held at 2pm Saturday, February 9, 2019 at Bath-Naylor Funeral Home in Pittsburg.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family to help defer final expenses; these may be left or mailed to the funeral home.

# Events

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**FEB** **Memorial Service** 02:00PM

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Bath-Naylor Funeral Home & Crematory - Pittsburg  
522 S. Broadway, Pittsburg, KS, US, 66762

# Comments

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“ Diana Dupree lit a candle in memory of Kathryn Ann "Cricket" Hammer



Diana Dupree - February 23, 2019 at 12:56 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kathryn Ann "Cricket" Hammer.



February 08, 2019 at 10:44 PM

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“ When I think back on my earliest memories, there are very few without Kathy in them. She became my mothers best friend when I was only 4, they went through divorces together and she was like a second mother. They cried together but mostly laughed together - at each other and themselves. They used to joke that one couldn't see, the other couldn't hear so Mom would tell her what they looked like and Kathy would tell Momma what they said when they went out dancing. I will remember her laughter, her hugs, her huge heart and the sparkle in her eyes when it came to Kristal, Keith and Fred. My heart is broken for her family, but I know she will always be by their sides. Much love, Cheryl Hopson

Cheryl Hopson - February 06, 2019 at 06:51 PM