



Mary Irene Franks

December 4, 1938 - June 13, 2018

Pittsburg, KS – Mary Irene Franks, 79, of Pittsburg, passed away at 10:10pm Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at Freeman Hospital in Joplin, MO after a short illness.

She was born December 4, 1938 in Fort Scott, Kansas, the daughter of Charles and Hattie (Benskin) Rigensberg.

Mary graduated from Pittsburg High School. She worked as a CNA for 20 years and was certified as a Med aide. She enjoyed Bingo, playing with her grandkids, reading, bird watching and caring for her animals.

Survivors include son; Donald (Georgeanna) Franks of North Carolina, 5 daughters; Christina (Randy) Taylor of Oklahoma, Kathy (Jeff) Brooks of Missouri, Diana Haynes of Kansas, Donna Franks of Kansas, Rebecca Robertson of Kansas, brother; Donald (Virginia) Rigensberg of Kansas, sister; Lora (Jack) Selby of Missouri, 8 grandchildren; Ryan Taylor, Jamie North, Emily Brooks, Andrew Browne, Jessica Gilliland-Haynes, Christina Russell, Brandy Martinez, Anthony Smith, 11 great-grandchildren; Braxton Martinez, Izabella Martinez, Grayson Martinez, Boston Cook, Brixton Cook, Bretley Cook, Ciaran Walker, Madison Russell, Avonel Russell, and Vanessa Taylor.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents; Charles and Hattie Rigensberg and great-grandson; Kaidon Martinez.

Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 am, Monday, June 18, 2018 at Bath-Naylor Funeral Home in Pittsburg. Burial will follow in Crocker Cemetery. Memorials may be left to the Ronald McDonald House; these may be left at or mailed to the funeral home.

Condolences may be left at www.bathnaylor.com. Arrangements are by the Bath-Naylor Funeral Home & Crematory, 522 S. Broadway in Pittsburg Kansas.

Cemetery

Crocker Cemetery

Corner of Hwy 171 and NE 90th St.

Pittsburg, KS, 66762

Events

JUN **Service** 11:00AM

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Bath-Naylor Funeral Home & Crematory -
Pittsburg

522 S. Broadway, Pittsburg, KS, US, 66762

Comments



“ Mom's way of showing she loved us was to make something special for us, have a party, or take us on a "special" walk to Woolworths counter or Piggly Wiggly grocery store while walking by the Town Talk Bread Co. One day a man wolf whistled at her and she acted offended because she was an "old married lady", but she really liked it.

Mom made Christina and I matching clothes when we were little, people thought we were twins! (She did have twin girls later.) She was very good at sewing and embroidery. One of our favorites was a pink dress with white puffy sleeves and she embroidered flowers down it. She would also decorate headbands to match our outfits.

I got sick often and mom would make me scrambled eggs with sliced vienna sausages in the shape of flowers. If she had the money she would walk to Ernie's grocery store on 4th street and get me a chuck wagon sandwich. All of us loved when she bought BBQ beef sandwiches from Safeway after grocery shopping, or took us for an ice cold A&W Root Beer in frosty mugs on payday.

Most of our classmates remember the Halloween parties. Mom went all out on costumes, decorations, music, treats and of course the haunted house. Everyone had a great time. She always came up with clever treat ideas for us to take to school for holiday parties.

I can still remember the smell of homemade bread rising and baking, making and decorating Christmas cookies, and hot cocoa. They always tried to insure we got at least one present we really wanted at Christmas. My favorite gifts were my olive green easy bake oven, Cleo the white elephant with overalls, my black cowboy hat, Super Grover and Chatty Cathy (my nickname).

Besides her children and grandchildren, Mom loved Elvis! She collected his albums and movies. She cried the first time she saw our daughter, Emily.

Kathy Franks Brooks
Asbury MO

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