



Wanda Earlene Clifford

November 10, 1948 - July 29, 2025

Wanda Earlene Clifford was born on November 10th, 1948 in California and relocated with her family to Kansas City as a child. She later moved to Gladstone, Missouri when she married the love of her life, John Clifford. They eventually took up a second residence, and later retired, at The Lake of the Ozarks. Wanda entered heaven on July 29, 2025.

But, while Wanda was here on Earth, she lived a life full of passion, love and laughter. Family was always the most important thing to her. She and her husband loved to host family gatherings to keep the family connected. These gatherings consisted of enormous amounts of food and an even larger helping of love and laughter. She loved to sing at these family gatherings with her mom, sister and daughter, all of which have greeted her unto heaven. No doubt, they are all together now singing Bette Midler's "The Rose".

In addition to having the voice of an angel she had the heart of an angel. She was active in supporting her community wherever she lived and was a proud member of The Lady Elks. She always had a soft spot for animals and was blessed with many furry companions in her lifetime. She loved to make people smile and was such a gentle warm soul. She was Treasurer and Secretary for 10 years of Longacres Association where she lived.

Wanda was greeted in heaven by those that preceded her death including, her

father Roger Dyer, mother Doris Galey, sister Linda Runions, and daughter Tina Yoksh, as well as John's mother and father.

Although heaven is richly blessed upon her arrival, those she leaves behind will miss her dearly. This includes her husband John Clifford, son Roger Yoksh, step daughters Michelle Clifford Foster (Dan), Stacey Merando (David) and Cristi McCormack (JB), brother Larry Dyer, brother in-law Pat Runions, Nephew, David Housh (Dawn), nine grandchildren: Brittney, Derrick, Taylor, Hunter, Amanda, Justin, Jacob, Mikayli, and Josie and two great grandchildren Eva and Leo as well as, many other family and friends. She was loved by all who knew her and her legacy of love will live on through them.

A celebration of life will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, September 13th, at the Elks Lodge #2705 in Laurie, Missouri. There will be a Lunch provided following the celebration at 12:00p.m.

Arrangements are under the care of Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **13**. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Osage Community Elks Lodge #2705
174 Elks Road
Laurie, MO 65038

Tribute Wall

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“ Wanda and her husband John were a family fixture at the Laurie Elks Lodge #2705. Wanda did many Holiday Pot Dinners for Lady Elks and was a honored member of Lady Elk Auxiliary. Her faithfulness to the Elks and long standing with dedication will be missed. Grace and Love to the family. Lady Elk Auxiliary.

Pamela Folker - August 01, 2025 at 02:44 PM



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John Clifford - August 01, 2025 at 08:00 AM

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Wanda was a giving, lovely soul. Accepting of others without judgement. She and John contributed to the efforts of the Elks community service. A swift journey to heaven is deserved for this loving soul

Linda Havel - August 01, 2025 at 10:24 AM

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John, I am having trouble coming up with words to express my sympathy to you and the family. Wanda was such a kind and gentle soul and I, along with everyone who knew her, will miss her smiles and helping hands with many of the Lodge functions. Rest at the feet of our Father dear lady, you deserve it! Pepsi

Preston Moore - August 24, 2025 at 09:53 PM