



## Ella Faye Windeknecht

January 26, 1941 - March 17, 2026

Ella Faye Windeknecht, daughter of the late Marvin and Earl F. (Heider) Steen, was born on January 26, 1941, in Chaffee, MO and departed this life on March 17, 2026, at her home near Cross Timbers, MO. At the time of her passing she was 85 years, one month, and 20 days of age.

Ella was raised and attended school in Oak Ridge, MO. She was united in marriage to Galen Windeknecht on June 14, 1963, in Jackson, MO and to this union four children were born, all of whom survive her. Ella enjoyed reading, watching game shows, doing puzzles, working crossword puzzles, and cooking for her family. She was a member of Preston Bible Baptist Church and had a strong love for her Lord.

Ella was preceded in death by her parents and four siblings. She is survived by her husband, Galen; her children, Julie & husband Jim Climer, Laurie & husband Jeff Neumeyer, Amy & husband Dave Vaught, and Tom & wife Laurie Windeknecht; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She also leaves other family members and many friends who will all truly miss her. Cremation rites were accorded under the care and direction of the Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Aunt Faye was the kindest and most pleasant person. Always had a beautiful smile and laugh, never heard her say a mean word about anyone. She will be remembered for her deep faith and kindness that she lived out day by day.

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**Sarah Goss** - March 24 at 07:09 PM

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Most of the time I saw Aunt Faye, it was in a houseful of Windeknechts when we went to Grandpa and Grandma's on Sundays. She was always sweet and always smiling. Her whole face smiled. I loved the sound of her voice. You could hear the joy in it. All of this was a reflection of her deep faith. She carried a peace that passes all understanding. She passed on that legacy to her family. I can hear her through her girls.

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**Rachel Finch** - March 24 at 08:11 PM