



## Kathy L. Kesler

August 10, 1960 - April 21, 2015

Katheren Lizbet (Westcott) Kesler-Strawsma was born on August 10, 1960 in Springfield, Illinois, the daughter of Loren & Evelyn Westcott. She passed away on April 21, 2015 at the age of 54, at Cox South Hospital in Springfield, Missouri after battling liver failure. She was married to the love of her life, Bill Strawsma, in July 2010. She was employed as the Executive Director of the Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce. While there she was able to follow her passion of promoting the people and businesses of Dallas County. She truly loved her job and enjoyed each and every person she came into contact with. She spent a lot of her time volunteering. The only thing she loved more than helping plan, and being involved in, community events was spending time with her grandkids. Her grandkids will miss Gramma Kathy! She will forever be known for her infectious laughter, her roast beef at family reunions, and the awesome hugs she gave to others when they were down. Kathy is preceded in death by: Her husband, her parents, and her siblings Ian Westcott & Mike Westcott. She is survived by her children Jeremy Young & Anahi' Gonzalez, of Cuautit la'n Izcalli, Mexico and Joanna Kramer & husband Brian, of Buffalo; Her grandchildren Caleb, Ethan, 'Tillie, Michael, and Randy; Her siblings Debby Westcott, Chris Westcott, Robert & wife Sharon Westcott, Daniel Westcott, and Eric & wife Sebrena Westcott. She is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family, friends, and colleagues. Cremation rites have been accorded by the Montgomery-Viets Funeral Home of Buffalo, Missouri. A celebration of life is planned for May 30, 2015 at 6:30pm at

William's Ford river access, Windyville, Missouri.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kathy L. Kesler*

October 09, 2023 at 12:27 PM



“ *Kathy L. Kesler*

October 09, 2023 at 04:09 AM



“ *Kathy L. Kesler*

October 05, 2023 at 11:14 PM



“ *Kathy L. Kesler*

October 05, 2023 at 05:41 PM



“ *Kathy L. Kesler*

December 20, 2022 at 10:20 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to your family. Loosing a mother at such a young age is very hard. I have many fond memories of Kathy and I planning and working the Celtic Festival. Many memories to cherish forever. My prayers for you and your family.*

**Gloria Wolfgang** - May 01, 2015 at 09:20 AM

FF

“ You will be greatly missed and shared so much love for our community. Sending prayers.

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**Floyd & Beth white & family** - May 01, 2015 at 12:24 AM

RP

“ So sorry for your loss, you are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Robert, Jackie & Ranae Poole

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**Robert, Jackie & Ranae Poole** - April 29, 2015 at 10:31 PM

SC

“ Kathy was my life line and my best friend. So many funny stories. Kathy reached life goals that inspired others. May her memory always bring a smile and strength to overcome life's obstacles.

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**susan cantrell** - April 29, 2015 at 08:19 PM

BW

“ This community lost a wonderful lady.I am grateful that I had the honor of knowing Kathy! She became a close friend of mine So quickly. I would just stop in a visit for no reason, if I was feeling down She was always there to bring a smile to my face! I will forever love this wonderful, loving women. I will miss her dearly.

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**Beth White** - April 29, 2015 at 02:07 PM

MC

“ We are truly sorry for the family's loss. We love you, Marge and Carl

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**Marjorie C Connors** - April 29, 2015 at 11:39 AM

SK

“ *Kathy will be greatly missed. May her infectious laughter and smile b in your hearts and minds during this most difficult time.*

Sandy and David kramer - April 29, 2015 at 07:33 AM

RN

“ *Kathy L. Kesler*

Robert and Sharon and Nikki - April 28, 2015 at 08:54 PM

SS

“ *I have been very blessed to have known Kathy, and to call her friend. My prayers go out to her family. Love to all of you.*

Sue Sumner - April 28, 2015 at 08:50 PM

BB

“ *Heaven gained another angel...you are greatly missed. Love ya....give Mom and Grandma B a big hug for me.....*

Billy Boner - April 28, 2015 at 08:48 PM

MH

“ *There are no words that can make the pain less, only stories of how she touched so many to make your hearts feel just a little lighter. I may not have known her for as long as I would have liked, but the few short years I did were a blessing. She was truly a delightful woman who loved and cared for so many and it showed in her smile, her laugh, and her hugs. She will forever be in my heart and memory. My thought, love, and prayers are with each of you as you go through not only the rough times at the present, but as you remember and miss her through the coming years.*

Mandi Harvey - April 28, 2015 at 08:44 PM