



Mary Skinner

April 14, 1964 - February 21, 2025

Mary Alice Skinner, age 60, of Buffalo, Missouri entered into rest on Friday, February 21, 2025, at her home surrounded by her beloved family.

Mary was born on April 14, 1964, in Bosie Idaho to the late Arnold Edward and Donna Lynn (Martin) Jensen. When her dad got the news that she was born, he was so excited that he accidentally rolled his blue Buick on the way to meet her, which was a story that always made her laugh every time she heard him tell it. In December of 1984, Mary met Joel Max Skinner, after writing letters to each other for quite some time. His aunts met her and liked her so much, they said she needed to start writing one of their nephews, so that she could be part of their family. She said, "I don't write boys first, but he can write me, and I'll write him back!" It worked, and they were united in marriage on June 22, 1985, in Halsey, Oregon. Gifted to this union were six children. Mary was a devoted wife and mother. She cared for all who entered her home, along with raising her children. In her later years, Mary and Joel took on the responsibility of raising their beloved nephews. Mary was a God-fearing faithful woman who loved to sing, and is well-remembered for that. She was baptized into the General Assembly and Church of the Firstborn when she was twelve years old, on May 26, 1976, by Bro. Leland Bruner, and her faith never left her, even up 'til the very end.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Arnold and Donna Jensen, sister

Christina Hays, three brothers Neil Jensen, Anthony Jensen, and Eric Jensen, one infant sister, Josie, and infant son Joshua Keith Skinner. She is survived by her husband Joel Skinner, children Kara Joy Britton and husband Heath, Alyssa Kate Skinner, Anna Lynne Skinner, Joseph Max Skinner, and Benjamin Edward Skinner, two nephews Jack Dean Elliott and Jacob Lee Elliott, one sister Sara Elliott, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and beloved friends.

Visitation will be at Cantlon, Otterness, and Viets funeral home in Buffalo, MO on Thursday, February 27, from 5-7 p.m.. Graveside services are scheduled for 2 pm on Friday, February 28, 2025, at Stoddard Cemetery at 3347 S 225th Rd Goodson, Missouri 65659 with Brother Marvin Blackburn officiating.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home, Buffalo.

Cemetery Details

Stoddard Cemetery

Louisburg, MO 65685

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **27**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

FEB **28**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Stoddard Cemetery

3347 S. 225th Rd

Goodson, MO 65659

Tribute Wall

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“ *Your Friends at Davis Paint purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Skinner.*



Your Friends at Davis Paint - February 26, 2025 at 10:33 AM

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“ *Donald Skinner & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Skinner.*

Donald Skinner & Family - February 25, 2025 at 08:35 PM

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“ *Donald Skinner & Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Skinner.*



Donald Skinner & Family - February 25, 2025 at 08:35 PM

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“ *Praying for family and friends. Sis. Mary was a wonderful woman and will be missed. May God bless. -Sis. Janette and Bro. Mark Kumming, Pea Ridge, AR.*



Mark Kumming - February 25, 2025 at 05:42 PM

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“ One of my favorite memories of Aunt Mary is hearing her sing by my bedside when I was down with my leg. How i loved to hear her sing guide me lord. And so many other songs. She will always have a special place in my heart.

Charity Wittma - February 22, 2025 at 11:43 PM