



## Theresa Kay Dill

March 11, 1959 - February 10, 2021

Theresa Kay (Crowe) Dill was born in Prosser, Washington on March 11, 1959, to William Frederick Crowe, Sr. and Betty Jane (Jackman) Crowe. Theresa was raised by her maternal grandparents, James Clifford Jackman and Eunice Bernice Jackman near Fristoe, Missouri. She grew up on what she lovingly referred to as “The Farm”. She loved her grandparents very much and often remarked that she couldn’t have had more loving parents. Her grand-dad kept a pint of whiskey under the truck seat and they’d have a little nip on cold days. On hot days, the farm equipment would breakdown and they’d go to Dairy Queen for parts. Legend has it that she was spoiled and she didn’t disagree. Theresa was an avid horse rider. She “would take off on her horse and be gone all day.” She was also a barrel racer. She loved farming with her grand-dad, chasing cows, milking, and pulling pranks on visiting city slickers. Her nickname was “Meanie Kay”. She also had aunts, uncles, cousins, and her brother and sister, Bill Crowe and Jo Ann (Crowe) Cox around to play with and harass.

She graduated from Warsaw High School in 1977 and went to work at Rival Manufacturing in Clinton, Missouri. It was while working there that she met Jack Dill and, once he was house broken, taught to wear clothes, and use a fork, married him on May 16, 1981. They moved to Enid, Oklahoma where she worked at various jobs and had their first child, Amanda Bernice Dill in 1982. They moved to Selmore, Missouri in 1985 where Travis Lee Dill was born. They bought a little house on a couple of acres in Long Lane, Missouri

in 1987 and Tyler Ross Dill completed the family in 1988. She got to have her own little farm with cows, ducks, cats, dogs, and even a pony. In 1990, she went to college and nursing school, graduating in June 1995, from Burge School of Nursing.

She began her nursing career at Meadowbrook Manor which became Colonial Springs, a skilled nursing facility, in Buffalo, Missouri. She quickly worked her way from night shift to day shift. She was Board Certified as a Gerontological Nurse in 1998. She served as the Assistant Director of Nursing from 1998 to 2000. She was promoted to Director of Nursing in 2000, and her nursing department was deficiency free for seven years. She earned her Nursing Home Administrators License in 2003 and became the administrator of Colonial Springs in 2008. During her tenure as administrator, she achieved a five star rating by the Centers for Medicaid/Medicare Service for two straight years. She was awarded Administrator of the Year in 2009 by the Missouri Health Care Association, District IV. The entire facility was deficiency free for the last three years of her time there. Other awards were, Outstanding Achievement in Safety, Customer Satisfaction Award, and Facility Leadership Award. She retired in 2018 but it didn't last. In January 2019, she went to work for Ozarks Community Health Center until February 2020, when illness forced her to leave. She loved taking care of the residents at Colonial Springs. She knew each one of them by name, knew their medical conditions, medicines, family members, and personalities. She would often help feed them at meal times. She made lifelong friends with her co-workers and staff. She will be remembered for her grit, iron will, and determination for excellence as well as her wisdom and capacity for caring about others.

Theresa passed away on February 10, 2021, from heart failure.

Theresa was preceded in death by her parents, grandparents, and her sister, Jo Ann Cox.

She is survived by her husband, Jack L. Dill of Buffalo, Mo, her daughter Amanda (Dill) Kennedy of Pleasant Hope, her son Travis Dill and his wife Tiffany of Buffalo, her son Tyler Dill and fiancé Melissa McCord of Fair Grove,

Mo, her grandchildren, Rylee Dill, Sydney Kennedy, Andrew Kennedy, and Natalie Kennedy, her brother Bill Crowe and wife Kathy of Edwards, Mo and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 between 6-8 pm. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 pm. on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 in the Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home, Buffalo, Mo.

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Lawn Cemetery

North Hwy 65  
Buffalo, MO 65622

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **16**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home - Buffalo  
931 W. Main St.  
P.O. Box 993  
Buffalo, MO 65622  
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## Service

FEB **17**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Theresa Kay Dill

October 09, 2023 at 12:27 PM



“ Theresa Kay Dill

October 09, 2023 at 04:09 AM



“ Theresa Kay Dill

October 05, 2023 at 11:14 PM



“ Theresa Kay Dill

October 05, 2023 at 05:41 PM

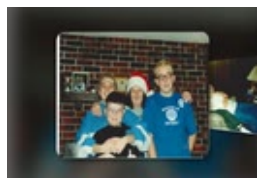


“ Theresa Kay Dill

December 20, 2022 at 10:20 AM



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Jack Dill - February 23, 2021 at 06:29 PM

MS

“ Jack - I am so sorry for your loss. Theresa sounds like a wonderful, fun, caring person. God bless you and your family and comfort you with happy memories.

Mary Lilly Smith

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**Mary Lilly Smith** - February 18, 2021 at 09:10 PM

LT

“ Oh my, how shocked and disheartened we are to read of Theresa's passing, today. Jack, if we'd known in time, we would've attempted the trip to Buffalo. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. I believe we only met Theresa once, but we loved hearing funny stories about her, that you, no doubt, good-naturedly exaggerated for effect (or maybe not??). There was never a doubt how much you loved and adored her, as you rarely failed to bring her name into conversations. Somehow she put up with you and your wildly interesting tales for all these years. She must be a saint for that reason and for others listed in memories shared by co-workers on this page. We look forward to knowing her in Heaven someday. 'Til then, we'll thank God for bestowing on her the MANY REWARDS she's earned, including complete healing and eternal peace. We thank Him for putting the two of you together and for the beautiful family He blessed you both with. We'll ask Him for strength and comfort for you, your kids, and grandkids. In sympathy and friendship, hugs from The Todd Family in Ozark.

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**Loyd & Connie Todd** - February 18, 2021 at 03:07 PM

SJ

“ I want to send my condolence to Jack and the family. So sorry for your loss and it's been a very tough road for Theresa, You and your family. But, you went the extra mile to make everything for Theresa comforting and joyful even when it was very difficult times for the both of you. Jack you are the Best!! Theresa kindness will be always appreciate for the many years the both of You gave us Christmas gifts at work. Thanks  
Your Buddy at work.

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**Shirley Johnson** - February 16, 2021 at 06:07 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Theresa Kay Dill.



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February 16, 2021 at 12:54 PM

DG

“ Dill family and Bill .  
I am so sorry to hear about Teresa. She was a person that you could depend on. She will be missed greatly by all. Our prayers are with you at this time. May God give you peace and comfort.

*Maurice and Doris Gemes Lincoln, MO*

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**Doris Gemes** - February 16, 2021 at 08:40 AM

KA

*I didn't know the family of Theresa but I knew Theresa well from working at CMH for many years. She truly was one of a kind and though I never worked directly under Theresa she was very well respected by the staff that did. She was one of the hardest working people that I have ever had the pleasure to work with and I don't think I ever met anyone that knew everything there was to know about not her staff but the Residents that lived there. I am so very sorry for your loss she was truly an amazing person that I was so grateful to have know.*

**Kathy** - February 16, 2021 at 08:42 PM

BB

*The Dill family I am so sorry to hear about Theresa. I worked under her she was a great boss. She lived by me in long lane mo. When I worked under her I would stop my her office and she had picture of her kids and grandkids and we would sit and talk about our grandkids she talk highly of all her grandkids and kids she lived for them. I did not know she was so sick til her husband come in woods and talk to me . Jack loved her so much. I am so sorry .I will always think of Theresa she help me alot at work I could not ask for a better boss to work with. I use to call her my second momma she just laugh. She will be missed by everyone that new her.*

**Brenda Bennett** - February 17, 2021 at 09:14 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Theresa Kay Dill.*



February 16, 2021 at 05:53 AM

SM

“ Sorry to hear this. Theresa was a student of mine at Warsaw High School. Although I had not known of her successful career I would if expected nothing less from her. She was a delight to have in class. Prayers for her family.



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**shawn Miller** - February 15, 2021 at 10:11 PM

PH

“ Deepest sympathy to Jack and family. I have a lot of memories staying at the farm on sleepovers, riding the bus to school and as we grew up having alot of fun times together. Theresa is a dear friend who will be sadly missed. Patricia "Pete" Hallack

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**Patricia "Pete" Hallack** - February 15, 2021 at 01:25 PM

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*So many of her stories began with "Me and Pete..."* ❤️

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**Amanda Kennedy** - February 15, 2021 at 09:37 PM