



Carolyn Southwick

September 18, 1960 - October 20, 2012

Carolyn Sue Southwick was born on September 18, 1960 in Kansas City, Missouri, and shortly thereafter became a part of Bill and Sue Southwick's family along with Wm. Clay, her new brother. She attended church with the family at University Christian Church in South Miami, FL. and made her confession and was baptized there. Carolyn graduated from Miami Lakes-Hialeah High School in 1978. As a teenager, and even later in years, she operated a small auto detailing business—Carol's Car Care. Carolyn fell in love with John Henry Austin, Jr. and they moved to Vero Beach, FL., where both of them worked at an auto dealership. It was there that their son, Joshua Kyle was born in 1991.

After struggling as a single mom, Carolyn and Josh moved to Muskogee to be near family. To get back into the work force, she excelled in courses at Indian Capital Vo-Tech and was hired by Walmart. She loved the job of stocking merchandise, building displays, and memorized the location and brand names of hundreds of items in the department assigned to her. Carolyn became so proficient that she trained new employees in the department.

Carolyn passed away unexpectedly on October 20, 2012. She will be remembered as an independent soul who loved music, books, camping, and the outdoors. She made friends easily and had an uncanny ability to put the best possible face on her problems. When troubled, Carolyn put her thoughts on paper in great detail. Her sentence structure, continuity, and clarity of thought were beyond that of her education. The happiness and contentment

that eluded her in recent years is now a reality thanks to God's everlasting love.

Carolyn is survived by her son, Joshua Kyle Southwick-Austin; her father and mother, Bill and Sue Southwick; her brother Wm. Clay Southwick; along with numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. If Carolyn would have written this obituary she would have made special mention about her beautiful black and white cat, Oreo; and her "adopted" aunt and uncle, Margie and Robert Todd.

The family requests, that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to your church or favorite charity.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **29**. 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Paul United Methodist Church
2130 W Okmulgee
Muskogee, OK 74401

Tribute Wall



“ *Carolyn Southwick*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *my condolences to you both, and of course to Joshua and JR. Carol was like a daughter to me in florida. She was always there for me and I hope me for her. Getting this news today has saddened me terribly. I loved her dearly and her memory will stay with me.*

donna shane marks sunny isles beach, fl

donna marks - February 22, 2013 at 12:32 PM



“ *Dear Bill, Sue and Clay,*

I cannot tell you how very sorry I am about Carolyn. I have so many wonderful childhood memories of her and all of your family! I am truly grateful for those memories and how fondly she will be remembered. I can hear her laughing even now.



As requested in her obituary, I am making a contribution to my church here in Grove in her memory.

With love and sorrow,

Peggy (Todd) Pogue

Peggy Todd Pogue - October 27, 2012 at 01:33 PM