



Linda "Kay" Akers

September 3, 1942 - April 19, 2023

Linda "Kay" Akers, 80, of Muskogee, Oklahoma passed away on Wednesday, April 19, 2023. She was born on September 3, 1942 in Pittsburg, Kansas to Wayne Gray Gillenwater and Cyrilla Genevieve (Robinson) Gillenwater. Growing up on a farm in Kansas, Kay enjoyed hunting and fishing with her dad and their dog, Lassie. Always the caretaker, she would take care of the animals on the farm, making warm cozy spots for them to sleep on cold winter nights. Her memory was amazing. She could tell stories from her childhood as if they happened yesterday.

Kay married the love of her life, Herbert Leo Akers, on February 1, 1959 in Columbus, Kansas. They shared many years of life, marriage and family together.

She worked at the Beckman Company as an insurance agent until her retirement in 1997. Kay was a faithful member of Trinity United Methodist Church. She was a member and president of several organizations including: Delta Lambda (ESA), Insurance Women of Muskogee, Service League of Muskogee and United Methodist Women.

She loved dancing with her life partner Herb, attending many Shriner functions and playing bridge with the ladies. Just like her mother, she enjoyed cooking and hosting family gatherings. Everything she cooked was delicious, made with an abundance of love. When hosting she hardly sat down, making sure everyone had everything they needed and keeping the house tidy.

Kay cherished being with her family, and she'd tell anyone who would listen

about them. She always put her family's needs above her own - even comforting her loved ones in her final days.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Wayne and Genevieve Gillenwater; her husband, Herb Akers; son-in-law, Donnie Wright; grandparents, Fred and Trissie Robinson, and Pleas and Tressie Gillenwater; dear cousin, Bill Robinson; and many uncles, aunts and cousins.

Kay is survived by her daughters, Cindy Wright (Mike Houser) of Pueblo, CO, and Melinda Mitchell Tulsa, OK; grandchildren, Alyssa Villalon (Mica) of Austin, TX, Wesley Wright (Michelle) of League City, OK, Melissa Franklin of Tulsa, OK, and Megan Fitch (Bennett) of Tulsa, OK; great-grandchildren, Isabella and Mila Villalon of Austin, TX, Roselynn Franklin Tulsa, OK Theo and Lena Fitch of Tulsa, OK, Sarah Wright, Grace Wright and Joni Wright of League City, TX; dear friend, Delores Nelson; and many other family members and friends.

A celebration of Kay's life will be 10AM, Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at Memorial Park Mausoleum with Pastor Gwen Derrick officiating. Interment will follow with Wesley Wright, Bennett Fitch, Mica Villalon, Mike Houser, Chuck Paine and Gil Keener serving as pallbearers.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **22**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

CORNERSTONE FUNERAL HOME
1830 N York St
MUSKOGEE, OK 74403

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APR **24**. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Service

APR **25**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Memorial Park Cemetery
7600 Old Taft Rd.
Muskogee, OK 74401

Tribute Wall



“ *Linda "Kay" Akers*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Kay was the kindest person I ever met. Great cook, considerate near to a fault! Loved our conversations and holidays, and fishing times! RIP my dear friend 🙏*

Craig Mondy - September 24, 2023 at 01:25 AM



“ *I worked with Kay for many years at The Beckman Company, she was one of my favorite people. She gave me a bronze mouse paperweight when she retired, and I think of her every time I look at it. Rest in peace my friend, you will be missed!*

Pam Smith - April 24, 2023 at 02:43 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Linda "Kay" Akers.*



April 23, 2023 at 02:31 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Linda "Kay" Akers.*



April 22, 2023 at 06:15 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Linda "Kay" Akers.*



April 22, 2023 at 06:09 PM



“ *Richard and Catherine Buzbee purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Linda "Kay" Akers.*



Richard and Catherine Buzbee - April 22, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *I knew Kay as Nonee. She was always so gracious and welcoming to all. Rest in peace, sweet lady.*

Catherine Buzbee - April 22, 2023 at 12:13 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Linda "Kay" Akers.



April 22, 2023 at 07:53 AM



“ John,Lorraine,Sue,Mike,Al,Sharm,Jackie purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Linda "Kay" Akers.



John,Lorraine,Sue,Mike,Al,Sharm,Jackie - April 20, 2023 at 05:44 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda "Kay" Akers.



April 20, 2023 at 12:28 PM



“ Nothing we can say will ease your pain, but we are forever sorry for your losing some one so special. We met Kay thru her daughter, and Kay was absolutely the sweetest and most lovely lady. We enjoyed meeting her and getting to laugh together. Such sweet memories. Our condolences to the whole family.
Love, Al and Sharm

Sharma Holst - April 20, 2023 at 10:42 AM

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“ I worked with Kay for many years at Beckman Company and she was always the nicest, kind hearted, sweetest lady. Was so happy that she did have quite a few years to enjoy her retirement. Always loved running into her and getting to catch up on family and what was going on in life. Prayers for her family in the coming days. Fly high Ms Kay. You will be greatly missed.

Krista Toney

Krista Toney - April 19, 2023 at 09:25 PM