



Mary Kay McWilliams

January 29, 1941 - May 8, 2021

McWilliams, Mary Katherine “Mary Kay” age 80 years of Omaha, NE
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Born on January 29, 1941, as the 3rd of 5 children, Mary Kay Turner lived at home with her family until, in 1957, at 16 years of age, she left high school to marry Gary McWilliams, a 19 year old boy from Hiawatha, KS. This was the start of a nearly 65 year vocation as a loving wife, and devoted mother to her children- Danny in 1959, Doug in 1960, Debbie in 1963 and David in 1971. Mary Kay was a fierce advocate for her family and despite her 5’1” petit frame, never backed down from a fight, even winning the battle against cervical cancer in 1974.

Amid protests from her husband; Mary Kay then set to joining the workforce to help support the household. After a few stints in candy-making, a sausage factory, and driving for the public school system; In 1981 she began her career with Moby, a paratransit division of Metro Area Transit, in Omaha, where she worked until 1995. In that role; she was able to care for people with disabilities, help provide for her family, and, as a proud member of the Transit Workers’ union, more deeply instill her Democratic ideals.

Mary Kay fostered some friendships at work but her primary support network continued to be her family. Her sister: Joan, brother-in-law Rod, brothers: Larry, Terry & Dode, sisters-in-law: Marge, Marie & Sharren, nieces: Evelyn, Karen, LuDawn & Julie, and nephews Ty, Tim, Scott & Mitch, were all part of a community touched by her quick wit, feisty spirit, infectious laugh, giving spirit

and unyielding devotion.

Life doesn't always unfold the way one expects but Mary Kay seemed to take it in stride. She was there, providing support to help her children through their challenges- addictions, break-ups, divorce, financial set-backs, an occasional run in with the law, and fear of coming out as gay, to name a few. She met all of these with love, reason, compassion and most often even found humor in any situation.

In the eyes of those around her; Mary Kay gave more than she ever received back. Hopefully seeing her and Gary's family thrive and grow to include daughters-in-law: Lori & Mary, sons-in-law: Mark & Josh, grandchildren: Chris, Josh, Andy, Angela & Kellie and great grandchildren: Brendan, Camden, Nolan, Emily, Veronica, Vivian, Simon, Catalina, Elijah, Logan & Jaycob, was a fulfilling reward.

She will be missed terribly. Our world is much darker without her.

Preceded in death by Parents Lawrence and Vera Turner, Siblings: Joan Clouse, Lawrence Turner, Jr and Gary "Dode" Turner. Survived by Husband Gary; children Danny McWilliams, Doug McWilliams, Debbie Crowl and David McWilliams. 5 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren; brother Terry Turner; Celebration of Life Friday 4 to 6 PM at the funeral home. Private inurnment;

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY **14**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home-Elkhorn
21901 W. Maple Rd.
Elkhorn, NE 68022

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Kay McWilliams*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *My Loving Grandma holding my first born son,
Elijah ❤️🌸 Grandma we love you dearly and
you will be extremely missed. Let your soul rest
peacefully above ...*



Angela Crowl - May 14, 2021 at 04:15 PM