



Cynthia E. Lewis

April 15, 1959 - November 3, 2024

Cynthia (Cindy) Lewis, 65, of West Plains, passed away peacefully at her home on November 3, 2024, with her husband Jimmy, and their children at her side.

Cindy was born in Houston, Texas, on April 15, 1959, to Harold and Barbara Payne. She grew up in Texas with her parents, 3 sisters and a brother. It was by chance that Jimmy left the Ozarks, traveled to Texas for work and ended up as Cindy's neighbor. The two of them fell in love and soon their love blossomed. They began their journey in life together, they moved to different locations in Texas for work and started a family. Cindy and Jimmy had four beautiful children while they were living in Texas before moving to their new home in Missouri.

Cindy was a wonderful, caring, and loving mother, wife, grandmother, sister, daughter, aunt and friend. She was loved by so many. Her contagious, upbeat, and sweet personality was hard not to love. If you ever got the chance to meet Cindy, you knew she had a heart as big as Texas. She never met a stranger and would talk to anyone. No one ever got away from Cindy without a great big hug and an "I love you." She loved listening to music and dancing. She would frequently turn on some music in the living room and dance with her children and grandchildren. Cindy enjoyed spending time in the sun and going to the rivers with her family and friends. Her favorite place to visit was

the ocean, especially in Galveston, Texas. Cindy was blessed with a green thumb and had a knack for taking clippings off any plant and making them grow. She had many house plants, some so big they almost didn't fit in the house. Jimmy loved those, especially when he would have to carry them in and out of the house depending on the season! Cindy enjoyed sharing these plants with her family and friends. She was a great cook and loved teaching her children how to cook as well. She loved to spend time with her grandkids, and they thought the world of her. Her children and grandkids also received her special forehead kiss when it was time to leave, she always said it was in case they needed one for later and she wasn't around to give them one. One memory of Cindy many will remember is her love for playing the game "Idiot". Her dad made the board when she was a young adult. She then shared her love for the game with Jimmy when they met. She and Jimmy spent many, many hours throughout her life together playing that game with their friends, their children and even their grandkids. Cindy loved her pets throughout the years and would even give them middle names. One thing you might not know about Cindy is she loved playing practical jokes on her family, especially if she got to scare you. She would get so excited at times she would give herself away giggling as she hid. Her smile, laughter and love enveloped everyone she loved in life. Being a mother to their four children was an immense source of pride for her. She was very proud of all her family and loved them all so much.

In September of 2005 Cindy and Jimmy formalized their union on their 25th anniversary and were married at Bethel Baptist Church in West Plains, Mo. They had a wonderful 44 years together and created many memories. Cindy loved her family and friends and filled her home with warmth and kindness.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harold & Barbara Payne, and her sister Debbie Payne.

Cindy is survived by her loving husband Jimmy & their four kids: Shana Sechrest (Matt), James Lewis Jr (Marissa), Ashley Dilbeck (Brandon), and Montana Lewis. Also, she is survived by 14 grandchildren, her sisters, Cheryl Miller (Jack) & Karen Tais (Greg) , a brother, Harold Payne, and several nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws and numerous friends scattered across the country.

A Celebration of Life will be held on November 23 at 1 p.m. at the South Fork Church.

Friends are encouraged to share pictures and memories of Cynthia on her page at www.alwaysfaithfulmemorialservices.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV **23**. 1:00 PM (CT)

South Fork Community Church
3413 Co Rd 7140
West Plains, MO 65775-7629

Tribute Wall

UA

“ *Uncles Gary and Chub and wives Mary and purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Cynthia E. Lewis.*



Uncles Gary and Chub and wives Mary and - November 21, 2024 at 10:25 PM

UA

“ *Uncles Gary and Chub and wives Mary and planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cynthia E. Lewis.*

Uncles Gary and Chub and wives Mary and - November 21, 2024 at 10:25 PM

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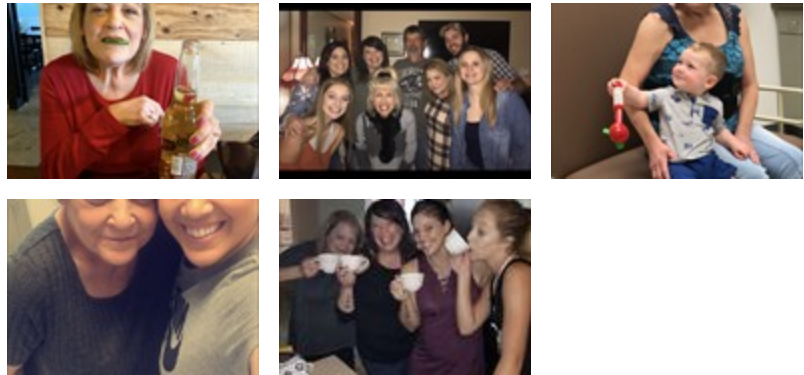
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Ashley Dilbeck - November 20, 2024 at 11:56 PM

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Ashley Dilbeck - November 20, 2024 at 11:53 PM

KT

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Karen Tais - November 23, 2024 at 01:05 AM

KT

Cindy i miss you so much you were the best sister we had such a close relationship all of our lives, playing with our huge teddy bears and making our house in the front yard with leaves. I love you until we meet again.

Love you sissy

Karen Tais - November 23, 2024 at 01:14 AM

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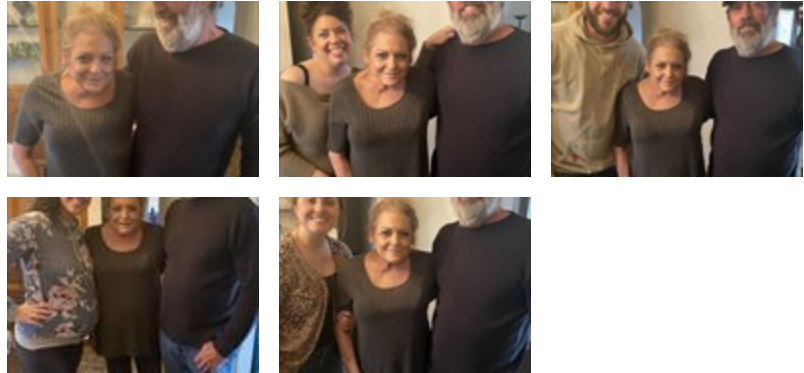
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Ashley Dilbeck - November 20, 2024 at 11:48 PM

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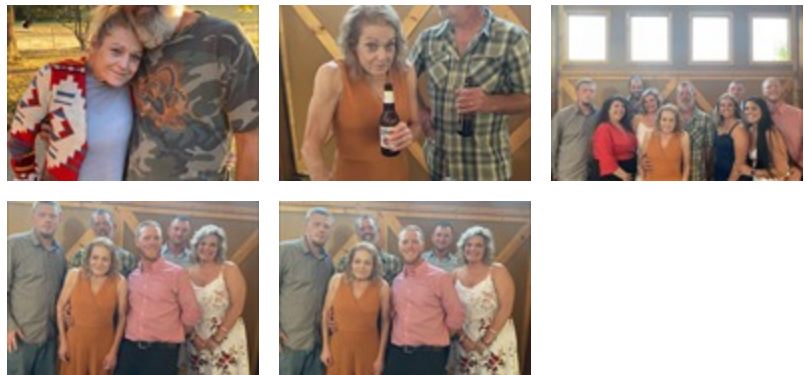
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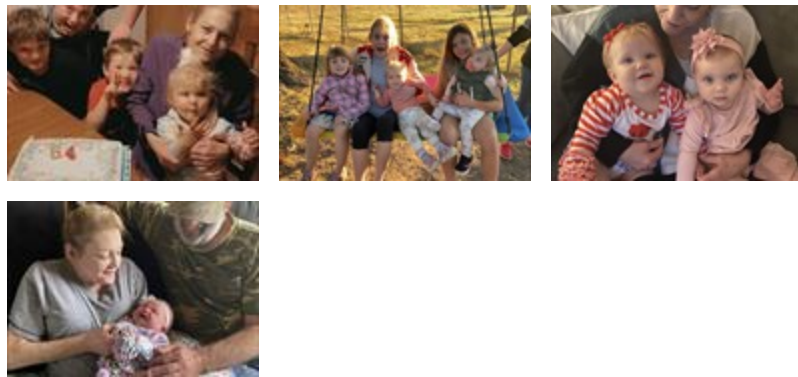
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Shana Sheree Sechrest - November 20, 2024 at 11:26 PM

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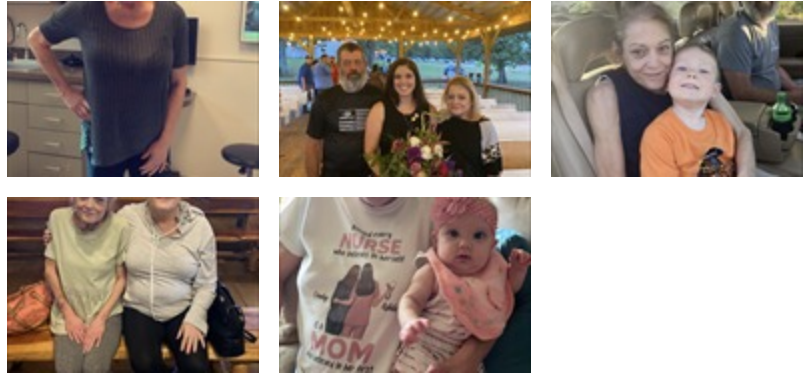
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Ashley Dilbeck - November 20, 2024 at 11:20 PM

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Ashley Dilbeck - November 20, 2024 at 11:09 PM

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Shana Sheree Sechrest - November 20, 2024 at 06:21 PM

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Shana Sheree Sechrest - November 20, 2024 at 05:26 PM

KT

“ Karen Tais sent a virtual gift in memory of
Cynthia E. Lewis



Karen Tais - November 19, 2024 at 08:20 PM

CM

“ To my beloved Ssister Cindy. I miss you so much. My heart is broken, you were always the one to keep the family together you had a heart of gold you loved everyone no matter what. Even when they were mean to you. I would get so mad but you didn't . You would have givin the shirt off your back for someone. That's the kind of person you were. Your heart was so pure even till the end . The only peace I know is knowing your in Heaven with the angels, and it's a brighter because of you. God need'ed you in heaven you fought the good fight . And you were tired so God called you home. I love you with all my heart forever and always till we meet again. Your loving sister Cheryl 🥰

Cheryl Miller - November 07, 2024 at 06:23 PM

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Ashley Dilbeck - November 07, 2024 at 10:52 AM

CM

“ Cheryl Miller sent a virtual gift in memory of Cynthia E. Lewis



Cheryl Miller - November 07, 2024 at 10:41 AM

BC

“ *Brandy Carmack lit a candle in memory of Cynthia E. Lewis*



Brandy Carmack - November 07, 2024 at 10:36 AM

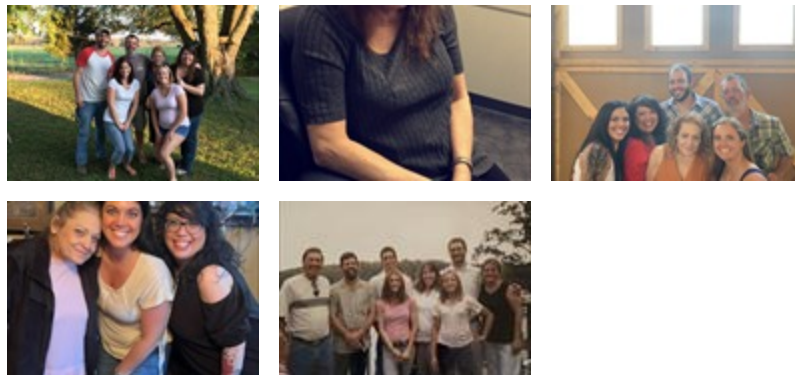


“ *I'm so sorry James Paul for the loss of Cindy. May God put his loving arms around you and your family in this sad sad time. It's not easy. Love you ❤️❤️ your cousin, Donna Barber Hendrickson*

Donna Barber-Hendrickson - November 07, 2024 at 08:49 AM

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Ashley Dilbeck - November 07, 2024 at 08:34 AM

JJ

James Paul, I'm so very sorry for your loss my friend. God bless you and your family. You all are in my prayers.

Jenny (Walters) Intres - November 07, 2024 at 10:06 AM

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Brandy Carmack - November 06, 2024 at 11:58 PM

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Brandy Carmack - November 06, 2024 at 11:47 PM

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Veronica - November 06, 2024 at 10:43 PM

ML

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Montana Lewis - November 06, 2024 at 10:29 PM

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Montana Lewis - November 06, 2024 at 10:21 PM

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Ashley Dilbeck - November 06, 2024 at 09:04 PM

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Ashley Dilbeck - November 06, 2024 at 09:02 PM

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Shana Sheree Sechrest - November 06, 2024 at 05:13 PM