



Patricia Louise Starkey

September 3, 1957 - April 19, 2017

Patricia Louise Tefft Starkey was born September 3, 1957 in Scottsbluff, Nebraska to William and Rita (Krausnick) Tefft and passed away April 19, 2017, at the age of 59.

Patty was raised in Scottsbluff until the age of thirteen when the family moved to Claremore, Oklahoma in 1971. She attended Sequoyah Jr. High and went on to graduate from Claremore High School in 1976 with honors. She then attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, OK and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree and Associate Degree in Chemistry. She accepted an internship as a specialized lab technician at Jane Phillips Hospital in Bartlesville, OK. Patty also worked periodically for a veterinarian doing lab work because she loved animals. After her internship, she remained employed with Jane Phillips and RML for 33 years. In 2013, she retired due to medical conditions.

Patty loved children and was a beloved Aunt. She also was a foster parent for a period of time.

She met Wayne Starkey in 1980. Their friendship grew over the years and finally started dating in May of 1997. On July 14, 2009, Patty and Wayne were married. After retirement, Patty and Wayne moved from Bartlesville to Copan to further their lives together.

Since 2013, Patty was involved in Community Bible Study in Bartlesville. She loved needlework, scrapbooking, the great outdoors and helping others. Besides having dogs and cats, she enjoyed raising small farm animals and fostering many other animals.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Jeanne Marie Berry; nephew, Isaac Gabriel Tefft and father-in-law, Arthur Starkey.

Patty leaves behind her husband, Wayne, of Copan, OK; brother, Tom Tefft and wife, Brenda; brother, Bill Tefft and wife, DuRonda, all of Claremore; step-father, Larry Palmer; step-sisters, Vonnie Palmer and Terri Palmer and step-brother, David Palmer, all of Illinois; mother-in-law, Nancy Starkey; brothers-in-law, Kenneth Starkey and wife, Joeline; John Starkey and wife, Stacy; Neil Starkey and wife, Jasmine; sister-in-law, Anita Lemon and husband, Barry as well as many nieces and nephews.

Memorials can be given in Patty's name to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 4590 E. 29th St., Tulsa, OK 74114.

Cemetery Details

Wofford Cemetery

Catoosa, OK

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **25**. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stumpff Funeral Home Chapel
1600 SE Washington Blvd
Bartlesville, OK 74006
(918) 333-4300
<http://www.Stumpff.org>

Chapel Service

APR **26**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Stumpff Funeral Home Chapel
1600 SE Washington Blvd
Bartlesville, OK 74006
(918) 333-4300
<http://www.Stumpff.org>

graveside

APR **26**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Wofford Cemetery
Catoosa, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Patricia Louise Starkey*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Patricia Louise Starkey*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. Sounds like Patricia was a wonderful lady.*
Teresa Templeton

Teresa Templeton - April 26, 2017 at 08:33 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Patricia Louise Starkey.*



April 25, 2017 at 09:23 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia Louise Starkey.*



April 22, 2017 at 06:28 PM

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“ Sweet Patty. When we first met, I knew that you were made for Wayne. You loved him with every ounce of your being, and he loved you back. We both married Starkey men younger than we are, and the love we created made good music together. You loved our daughter, who was proud to call you her favorite aunt. As a RN, I saw the struggles your frail body put you through, and I admired you for your strength and positive outlook in spite of what life had dealt you. Now, you struggle no more- you run and do things you hadn't been able to for years. Most of all, I know you are fellowshiping with Jesus. I'm quite sure the mansion He prepared for you is beyond my imagination. By now, you have met my Mama, my Daddy, our babies, and many others. What a joyous reunion we will have when Jesus calls us in the clouds! Anxiously awaiting that day-to-day your sister-in-law, Joeline

Joeline Starkey - April 21, 2017 at 06:45 PM