



Ivana Lee Kyle

March 14, 1950 - October 5, 2024

Ivana Lee Kyle (Granny)

Kyle, Ivana Lee of Arnold, Missouri, was born on March 14, 1950 in Presque Isle, Maine to Robert

Ellis and Avis (nee Mc Glauffin) Ellis and passed away surrounded by her family on Saturday,

October 5, 2024 in Saint Louis, Missouri at the age of 74 years.

She is preceded in death by her parents Robert and Avis (nee McGlauflin) Ellis, her sister Cecelia

Ann Ellis, and her brother Raymond Ellis.

She is survived by her husband Jerry Kyle of Arnold, Missouri; siblings, Jeannie Newman (Michael) of

Plano, Texas and Donald Ellis of Homestead, Florida; children, Kimberly Smith of Arnold, Missouri;

grandchildren, Ari Ellis (David Stavron); and LCpl Keaton D. Smith; great-grandchildren, Maxine

Stavron; along with other extended family and friends.

Ivana Lee Kyle will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, granny, and friend. She spent many

years as a clerk for both the Missouri Kansas Texas Railroad in Oklahoma City and then for the

Union Pacific Railroad in Saint Louis, Missouri. It is here in Saint Louis, that she met Jerry Kyle, the

man who would become her husband and best friend. She went on to retire from the railroad and pursue her passion as a massage therapist for 15 years. Ivana Lee Kyle's accomplishments include being an integral part of helping to get the ordinance changed in the City Limits of Arnold that would allow for business licenses to be issued for massage therapists within the city limits. The previous ordinance did not allow for a massage therapist to be licensed outside of a doctor's office so many would either practice without a license or move outside of the city limits. This ordinance was amended in July of 2002. Along with her career, she was an avid volunteer for Safe Connections, Relay for Life, and Women Dems. Her hobbies included knitting and needlework that she would gift to her friends and family.

Currently there is no planned service.

To honor Ivana Lee Kyle, memorial donations may be made to the following organizations: Safe

Connections, www.safeconnections.org; American Cancer Society Relay for Life, www.cancer.org;

or The Toby Keith Foundation, www.tobykeithfoundation.org

Family and friends can review and share stories, photos, and condolences online at www.stlfuneral.com

Tribute Wall



“ I only met Lee on the phone when we discovered we were half cousins. I am sorry for such an early loss. Never easy to try to find the new normal without a special loved one. Hold tight to your memories and share them often. Remember that tears are a language that God understands. He hears our tears before they fall.

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