



Rita M. Ray

March 8, 1947 - February 6, 2021

RAY, Rita Marie (nee Cozort), of Dittmer, Missouri, was born March 8, 1947 in Mammoth Springs, Arkansas to Edgar and Artie (nee Dawson) Cozort and entered into rest Saturday, February 6, 2021 at her residence at the age of 73 years, 10 months, 29 days.

She is preceded in death by, her parents and

one (1) son, Steven Brian Ray.

She is survived by,

her ex-husband and good friend, Norval Ray,

one (1) daughter, Sherry (Duane) Weber, of High Ridge, Missouri,

four (4) grandchildren, Daniel Weber, Shawn (Trisha) Weber, Julie French, Jennifer Selby,

four (4) great-grandchildren, Morgan French, Trystin French, Trey French, Lily Selby,

one (1) great-great-grandchild, Blayne French,

two (2) great-granddogs, Gunner and Huxley,

along with numerous extended family and friends.

Rita was a hard worker, dedicated mother and loving grandmother. She volunteered as a paramedic at Big River Ambulance District through the 70's before dedicating years of service as a rural postal carrier. She retired in 2007. She was an owner of Moxis Bar in Cedar Hill in the 80's. She also spent time working at Ott Automotive. She loved to entertain, singing karaoke, and even had her own equipment that she would take to local bar and grills. She enjoyed poker and loved cars. Among her favorites were her 1964 Corvette and 1964 Cadillac. She will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Arrangements handled by CHAPEL HILL MORTUARY, 6300 Hwy 30 Cedar Hill, MO 63016. Memorial services held privately at a later date. Family and friends can review and share stories, photos and condolences online at www.stlfuneral.com and follow details of this event and others in the community at www.facebook.com/stlchapelhill.

Tribute Wall



“ *Rita M. Ray*

January 06, 2023 at 10:46 PM



“ *I met Rita playing cards, she enjoyed playing. She was good and lucky at it. Prayers for your family, may she Rest In Peace.*

Arleta Kaiset - February 09, 2021 at 01:33 PM



“ *Sherry Condolences to you and your family. Rita is loved by many and will be missed. We met Rita at a poker tournament many years ago We followed her when she did karaoke. Never heard her say a bad thing about anyone. We will miss you Rita. R.I.P. and fly high. 🙏*



Mary Fortner - February 09, 2021 at 11:09 AM



Thank you for the kind words. I will miss her . She was my best friend.

Sherry Weber - February 10, 2021 at 07:37 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rita M. Ray.*



February 09, 2021 at 09:55 AM

CJ

“ Again, soooo sorry, Sherry, Norvel and All her family for their GREAT LOSS. Some people have an ICONIC QUALITY about them and Rita was definitely that type! I choose my words wisely and I would've said the same things.....hard worker and DEDICATED MOTHER...that's hard to find! I have so many stories, but I'm boo hooing, instead of thinking? So, I will start with the one that seems to come to me the most, why? I don't know? Sherry was 18 and I was 16 and we stopped by Sherry's home during a summer day. I noticed a new kind of cookware, it was an amber colored, see through, glass Pyrex pot filled with cauliflower and boiling water to the brim. I kept watching it because I didn't like that it was glass on a stovetop and the lid was rattling a little bit because it was on boil. It was sooo new wave! Sherry was standing by the pot, Rita was by her sink and I was more in the dining room area. Sherry and I ribbed, Rita, a little bit about her glassware boiling pot. She said she loved it! All of a sudden the boiling pot EXPLODES and glass, cauliflower and water flew all over the place. No one was hurt, so Sherry and I busted out crying laughing. That was the only time I saw Rita get kinda miffed. She loved that pot!!!

Christine Janos - February 08, 2021 at 07:40 PM

SW

Christine, thank you so much for the nice thing you said about mom. I know she always love you. She always thought us girls were crazy. I am so glad we found each other again. Love, Sherry

Sherry Weber - February 10, 2021 at 07:42 PM

MW

“ The first time I met Rita was when I had a long delay at Lambert. She graciously came and took me back to her home so I didn't have to stay at the airport 5 hours. Right then I knew I had a wonderful sister-in-law. I loved Rita's laugh and don't remember a time when she didn't have a smile. Rest in peace my dear. Shelly Wetzel

Michelle Wetzel - February 08, 2021 at 06:46 PM



Thank you Aunt Shelly ,I know mom always enjoyed when you guys came for visit. Lots of fun and laughing. Love , Sherry

Sherry Weber - February 10, 2021 at 07:45 PM