



Lana Kay Brisendine-Smith

November 19, 1958 - October 7, 2025

Lana Kay Brisendine-Smith passed away on Tuesday, October 7 at Freeman Hospital, Joplin, Missouri. A “Celebration of Life” will be held Saturday, November 8, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at Christ’s Community Church in Pittsburg, KS. Graveside will be held at a later date in El Dorado, KS. Lana loved the colors turquoise & blue. If you would like to wear one of these colors in honor of her memory, please do so. Lana was born in Lamar, Colorado on November 19, 1958 to the late Ines Faye (Gibson) and Russell Lee Brisendine. She married Kenneth L. Smith on August 30, 1985 in Miami, OK. They later divorced. Lana loved learning and eagerly sought to do that during her years in elementary school, Roosevelt Jr High, Pittsburg High School and Pittsburg State University, which was her pride and joy and where she received her Bachelor of Science and Master of Science Degree in psychology. She worked for over 20 years for the State of Missouri in the mental health profession, receiving numerous awards for her accomplishments in her field. She loved her work and strived to help people improve their lives. Lana also loved animals, dogs and cats being her favorite. Her beloved cat Midnight was a faithful companion and survives her. Lana was very creative and her home always reflected that and made it welcoming to all who visited. Lana loved her family, her friends, flowers and music. Lana is survived by a brother, Doug Brisendine (Rhonda) and a sister, Janet Baker. She is also survived by a niece, Sara Stiver (Donnie), nephews, Chris Baker, Jeff Baker (Heather), James Brisendine, Tim Brisendine (Jessica) and several

great nieces and nephews, former spouse Ken Smith and 37 cousins. In lieu of flowers, a memorial can be made for the SEK Humane Society in Pittsburg, KS.