



## Monika M. Klepikow

July 29, 1949 - August 12, 2022

Monika Klepikow, 73, born July 29, 1949 passed away on August 12, 2022 at Freeman Hospital after a short battle with cancer and pneumonia. Monika was born in Wunsiedel, Germany and came to the United States as a small child and lived in Kansas City, MO for several years before moving to Joplin in 1977.

Monika worked in the car business for 25 years and enjoyed helping customers find their perfect car. After retiring in 2014, Monika went to work for Freeman Hospital in the laboratory a few days a week to keep herself busy and truly enjoyed working with all of her lab friends.

Monika had 2 children, Derek Gander wife Kenna and Natasha Hendrix husband Brandon who survive. Monika also had 2 grandchildren Briggs and Bailey Gander. Monika also had a beloved dog Bella who is struggling without her.

Monika was surrounded in love before she passed having Natasha husband Brandon, Derek wife Kenna, grandson Briggs, Chandler (son of Brandon) and soon to be Addie Hendrix, and longtime dear friend Lorie Boatright at her bedside. Monika had many visitors while in the hospital who all meant so much to her that encouraged and showed her love daily.

Monika had a zest for life that always would have you laughing and she truly enjoyed being around family and friends.

“Time may pass, but not one day goes by that our mother and friend isn’t in

our hearts. The day she passed is not just a date on a calendar, it is the day our very existence changed forever.”