



Rita Cowardin

November 27, 1943 - June 19, 2019

Rita Cowardin, 75, Carl Junction, MO. passed away June 19th, 2019 at her home. Rita was born November 27, 1943 in Lamar, Mo. to Sib (Mustang-Bass) and

Herbert Spurgeon. She graduated from Lamar high school in 1961. Rita married the love of her life, Larry Cowardin in 1961. Rita worked in the cafeteria

at Carl Junction schools and at St. Johns in Joplin. She was a hospice volunteer for many years. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother

not just to her family, but to many extended "adopted" family. She is survived by her husband, Larry of Carl Junction, five children: Jill (Keith) Williams of Neosho

MO. Michelle (Alan) Baker of Carl Junction, MO., Cheryl (Bruce) Sheat, Lamar, MO. Mark (Amy) Cowardin, Lawrence, KS., and Amy (Doug) Graskemper, Carl Junction, MO.,

nine grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren. Rita was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, David Spurgeon. A memorial service will be held at

Central City Christian Church on Tuesday, June 25 at 10:00a.m. Visitation will be Monday, June 24 at Central City Christian Church from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Cremation

services were provided by Midland Cremation Services. The family would like

to thank Compasses Hospice for the loving care they provided for Rita in her final days. Memorial donations can be made to Ninos de Mexico PO Box 309 Union MO. 63084 or Life of Hope PO Box 223 Joplin, MO. 64801.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dear Cowardin family,
Rita was one of a kind and a blessing to countless people!!!
We will miss her SO much but we are happy she is healed and
forever with Him!!!
Love you all!
Tito and Diana*

Diana Rojas - June 25, 2019 at 09:48 AM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Rita
Cowardin.*



June 24, 2019 at 02:42 PM