



## Sherry Meljean Simpson

October 30, 1947 - October 16, 2024

Sherry Meljean Simpson, 76, passed from this life and entered the presence of the Lord on Wednesday, October 16th, 2024, at Alliance Health in Durant, Oklahoma. She will be remembered as a beautiful, kind soul with an incredible sense of humor, infectious smile, and a massive heart.

Sherry was born on October 30, 1947, in Ponca City, Oklahoma to Melvin Monroe and Barbara Jean (Calvert) Simpson. She lived most of her life in Wichita, Kansas, where she raised her two daughters, Barbara and Michelle. Known for being a kid at heart, Sherry was a natural childcare provider during her daughters' youth, until she decided to break into the aircraft industry later in life. Sherry was always an advocate for forgiveness, especially towards oneself. She struggled with alcoholism after her divorce in 1980, a battle that would last until she triumphantly achieved sobriety in 1987 with the help of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). She then moved to Coffeyville, Kansas, earning a degree at Coffeyville Community College and starting the Court Appointed Special Advocate program (CASA). Understanding the value of her own sobriety, she served many years as an AA sponsor and mentor, touching numerous lives in the process.

Upon leaving Kansas, Sherry moved throughout Oklahoma. She lived with her granddaughter, Courtney, in Yukon during the COVID-19 pandemic, before ultimately moving in with her granddaughter, Sydney, in Kingston. She was

blessed to have a family who loved and cared for her in her later years. Sherry never met anyone she couldn't relate to, and she was generous and kind to all. If you knew her, you loved her. She was larger than life; the most beautiful, sweet, giving, and loving woman who could light up the room with her contagious laugh and beaming smile.

Left to cherish her memories are her two daughters – Barbie (Max) Hamlin of Gilbert, Arizona, and Michelle (Romas) Kivenas of Mustang, Oklahoma; five grandchildren – Kelsey Johnston, Sydney Edwards, Alec Nickel, Cody Parker, and Courtney Roles; and nine great-grandchildren.

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Sherry was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Theresa Viola Simpson, and her great-granddaughter, Cassidy Briana Johnston.

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