



## Mary J. Stotts

December 24, 1944 - February 28, 2023

Mary J. Stotts, 78, a resident of Joplin, Missouri passed away at Freeman Health System in Joplin, on Tuesday, February 28, 2023. Mary was born on December 24, 1944, in Pittsburg, Kansas to Eugene and Della Sellars. Mary graduated from Southeast High School in Cherokee, Kansas in 1962. After raising a family, she attended the University of New Mexico Las Cruces where she graduated with a master's degree in Sociology. She worked as a social worker for the Oklahoma Department of Human Services and for the Farm in Kansas.

Ms. Stotts attended the James River Church, in Joplin. She accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at the age of 12; she read her Bible daily and never missed an opportunity to pray for someone or send an encouraging message. Ms. Stotts will be remembered as a loving friend, mother, and grandmother. She was preceded in death by her parents, Eugene and Della Sellars, and her brothers,

Dan, Jim, Sam, and James Sellars. Ms. Stotts was joined in Heaven by her son, Chuck, a few hours after her passing.

Those left to share the beautiful memory of Mary are her children, Regina Rogers, Matt Stotts, and his wife Virginia, and Jennifer Stotts, all of Joplin, her daughter-in-law, Melinda Stotts, of Miami, Oklahoma, and her beloved sister, Becky Barnett, of Pittsburg, Kansas. Ms. Stotts had ten grandchildren, Zac Rogers, Cori Stotts, Jeremiah Rogers, Nicole Stotts, Jessica Rogers, Eugene Golden, Joshua Iglesias, Lynzi Stotts, Vanessa Stotts, Chance Stotts, and

Madison Stotts. She had five nephews, thirteen nieces, and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Per Ms. Stotts' request, there will not be a funeral. A Celebration of Life gathering will be announced at a future date. Her ashes will be placed in McCune Cemetery in Kansas. She has been placed under the care of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami, Oklahoma.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in the name of Mary Stotts to Fostering Hope of Jasper County, Missouri.

Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing Ms. Stotts' Tribute Page at [www.browin-winters.com](http://www.browin-winters.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR **25**. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

McCune Community Center  
410 5th Street  
McCune, KS 66753

# Tribute Wall

CE

“ *CARIE R ELSEY lit a candle in memory of Mary J. Stotts*



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**CARIE R ELSEY** - March 15 at 12:09 AM

BC

“ *My condolences on the loss of a remarkable woman who will never be forgotten. My prayers are with the families. Your McCune friend. Brenda (Nordyke) Catron-Kennedy*

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**Brenda Catron-Kennedy** - March 10, 2023 at 09:46 AM



“ *Mary was a ray of sunshine. She always greeted me with a smile and kind words. She was an encourager. I appreciated her cards that she sent to me when I was recovering from surgery. I will miss her. My prayers and condolences to Jen, Gina and the rest of her family*

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**Kathie Lowans** - March 05, 2023 at 12:51 AM

SB

“ *Knowing Mary was such a pleasure, so loving, gentle & compassionate. we were blessed.*

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**Sandy & bob boys** - March 03, 2023 at 07:45 PM



“ My name is Elizabeth Duncan and I met Mary during her time teaching foster parenting classes. I had just lost my baby and a friend wanted me to adopt hers so we had to take the class. She was very sweet lady and she understood what I was going thru and how badly I wanted to get this baby. I was supposed to let her know how the out come was. Ms. Mary ur gonna be missed by all of ur family and friends. Be safe on ur journey to the heavens.

Elizabeth Duncan - March 02, 2023 at 04:27 PM

JM

Light Perpetual shine upon you, Mary Stotts❤️  
Mary took this not-a-social-worker-by-trade under her wing, and always, always, showed how she how first saw clients through eyes of compassion. And, she never thought my snacks were weird. Thank you, Mary. And love you, always.

jill micka - March 02, 2023 at 09:52 PM

RB

Sister I miss you so much already

Rebecca Barnett - March 03, 2023 at 07:47 AM

KW

“ Kristin D Walker lit a candle in memory of Mary J. Stotts



Kristin D Walker - March 02, 2023 at 02:09 PM

MM

“ Mary used to come to Paul Rowden.s in Carl Junction on the nights when we played bluegrass music She was so much fun to be around and really enjoyed the music.

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**Mary McCarty** - March 02, 2023 at 12:28 PM

KT

“ I always loved talking to Mary Jo! We shared strong faith together and would pray for our families and cousins. We shared so many memories of love and laughter! You will always be in my heart! Love you so much dear cousin!



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**Kalyn Thomas** - March 01, 2023 at 09:55 PM

SS

“ Mary lived by me when I lived at the miami mobile home park. She was a real sweetheart. She will be missed.

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**Sheri Scobee** - March 01, 2023 at 04:50 PM