



Shirley Yvonne Watkins

October 19, 1957 - June 19, 2025

Shirley Yvonne Watkins, age 67, passed away at her home on June 19, 2025, in Grove, Oklahoma. Born on October 19, 1957, in Leavenworth, Kansas to James and Shirley (Shelton) Eastwood. Shirley was known for her unique personality and quick wit. She was stubborn, somewhat opinionated, and intelligent.

Shirley attended schools in Leavenworth and then served her country in both the Navy and the National Guard.

Throughout her life, Shirley dedicated herself to various professions. She began her career as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) at the Grove Nursing Center, before transitioning to positions at Walmart and McDonald's. Her work ethic and vibrant personality left a lasting impression on her colleagues and those she served.

In her personal time, Shirley was an avid seamstress and craftsman, who enjoyed making dresses, aprons, coats, and oven mitts. She also loved puzzles and cooking, activities that allowed her to express her creativity and share her love with family and friends.

Shirley is survived by her mother, Shirley Bishop and husband Jerry; her partner, Roger Everitt; her children, Derrick McHenry (Katie) of Lawrence, KS, and Joseph Kilpatrick (Brittany) of Tulsa, OK; grandchildren, Jacob and Lily Kilpatrick; and her sister, Roberta Abramovitz of Kansas. She was preceded in death by her father, James Eastwood, her spouses, Ron Kilpatrick and Aaron William Watkins, and her brother, James McHenry.

Services will be at 10am Monday, July 7, 2025. Nichols-Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services in Grove, OK, is assisting the family during this time. Shirley's legacy will continue to live on through the many lives she touched with her spirited character and generous heart.