



Martha Faye Steele

December 9, 1945 - December 19, 2024

Martha Faye Steele, 79 of Bald Knob, Arkansas, departed this life on Thursday, December 19, 2024, at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Denmark, Arkansas on December 9, 1945 to Arthur and Margaret Jackson.

Some of her enjoyments in life were decorating and crafting. She always had projects for the family to do and she was the “Commander in charge”. Card playing was high on her list of things she enjoyed; she was a very competitive Phase 10 player. Collecting rocks of all kinds was one of her many hobbies. Her many titles included mother, sister, grandmother, aunt, cousin, friend and “perfectionist”. She loved her family and all people in general. She will be missed tremendously by all that knew her.

As well as her husband, Kenneth Steele she was preceded in death by her sons, Dewayne and David Steele; her parents; brothers, Herbert, Lloyd, Wayne, and Glen Jackson; grandbabies, Remy Tigue, Amy Elizabeth.

Martha is survived by her daughter, Lisa and Dan Foltz of North Pole, Alaska; her sons, Danny and Tracye Steele of McRae, Arkansas, Donnie Steele of Bald Knob; a daughter-in-law, Dawn Kimberling Steele; 4 sisters, Jean Rogers, Shirley Steele, Delois McCorkle and Rita Larson; 5 brothers, Raymond Jackson, Donald Jackson, Troy Jackson, Dean Jackson and Doyle Jackson. She also left behind 12 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers the family ask that you donate to a charity of your choice.

Martha's favorite was St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

A memorial Service will be on Saturday, December 21, 2024 at the Powell Funeral Home Chapel in Bald Knob at 12:00 p.m. Visitation will precede the service beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Arrangements entrusted to Powell Funeral Home, Bald Knob-Judsonia.

The day Jesus saved me:

A preacher came to my house from time to time to visit and I wasn't ready for Jesus. I was about 32 years old and my husband Kenny Steele accepted Jesus as his savior. I watched how Jesus was changing him, he started praying and walking around singing those gospel songs, which really annoyed me, mostly because I knew that I needed what he had. God was working on me and my heart was so heavy that I knew I couldn't wait a day longer to drop to my knees and pray. At that moment I had been changed and couldn't wait to tell someone so I decided to tell my sister Delois first. She lived a long way from me and on a gravel road. My feet were tender and sore with some difficulty walking but I didn't feel any pain and it was as if I was carried and I felt Jesus by my side all the way. I shared my testimony with my sister and later that week the preacher came by and visited. He said, "I didn't come for Kenny, I came for you" I told him that he was too late, I was already saved and gave him my testimony. I've been praying and singing ever since.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

DEC 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Martha Faye Steele



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - December 21, 2024 at 04:22 PM



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Martha Faye Steele



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - December 20, 2024 at 02:27 PM

CS

Go rest High my Sister! Thank You for always making me feel welcome in Your home! I will always be blessed with the memories of You and Your Family! I'll see You again!❤️

Charlie Sumpter - December 20, 2024 at 02:36 PM

RL

That tribute to my beautiful sister was so incredible. It did a very good job of grasping who she was but there was so much more that words can't express. Forever in my mind and heart. Rest in peace my beloved Faye

Rita Larson - December 20, 2024 at 05:34 PM

TT

“ *Tammy Lutner Thacker lit a candle in memory of Martha Faye Steele*



Tammy Lutner Thacker - December 22, 2024 at 09:50 AM

KJ

“ *Kenny & Sue Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Martha Faye Steele*



kenny & Sue Jones - December 21, 2024 at 12:26 AM

LF

“ When Mom lived in Alaska, she was our lucky charm. We would take her out every Friday night for bingo. Rain, shine, or 40 below nothing stopped our weekly adventure. It would take her a couple of hours to get ready for the night out and she always looked stunning . We had a plan that if one of us won all of us win and we would share our winnings. We won every week with mother going, but she wouldn't share the door prize that was fair game she said. She won that door prize several times but Dan and I never won. She hit a bingo almost every time we went and those pots were \$1000 each bingo. She told us the trick to the game is to have a positive attitude and always know you're gonna win. We always loved to go with her not just because she won but because it was so much fun watching her excitement. When mom left us to come back to Arkansas, we tried going to bingo a couple of times and couldn't win a thing we were in a drought because our lucky charm had left. We always love that positive attitude. She carried it with her everywhere. We're going to miss her deeply.

Lisa Foltz - December 20, 2024 at 10:48 PM

BD

I love this story, Lisa. □

Breana Dumbrell - December 21, 2024 at 05:53 AM

DF

“ By Dan Foltz

A tough lady, with a selfless, loving soul she would always tell me “you know you’re my boy“ which I wore as a badge of honor. I love you dearly and will miss you greatly.

One of the many memories that stands out is that this lady loves to fish! When she was in Alaska, Lisa and I took her to Valdez for a salmon fishing trip. The limit at the time was 12 fish per person with a total limit for us at 36 fish. Well the fishing started out great, once the lines hit the water the action started and we pulled in one salmon after another. I got so busy I had to set my pole aside and process the incoming fish from hook to stringer, bonking each fish on the head as to subdue them. Lisa had also put her pole down to help because Mom was bringing them in too hot and fast. I ran out of stringer and was tucking the fish around the rocks so they wouldn’t slither back into the water, but our sole fisherman kept bringing them in with only one focus to conquer the task in front of her, MORE FISH! I got to the point when I lost count of the number of fish bestrewn about the rocks. I asked Lisa to have Mom slow down because we have a lot of fish but our determined little fisherman was saying “just one more“ I finally expressed to Lisa. I think you’re going to have to take her pole away so Lisa with a more stern and commanding voice said “ Mom, we have to stop! She replied back without stopping “I can’t they keep coming”, this lady loves to fish.

Mom also enjoyed boating in the Prince William Sound where we would drop shrimp pots before going out to fish or just taking in the beautiful mountains and waterfall scenery. When it came time to pull in the shrimp pots she would watch at a distance not to get too close to those nasty looking shrimp After much coaxing we were all able to get her to hold up one shrimp for a photo-op.

In one of the photos in the memory video you’ll see her photo which says 1000 words of her disgust. Of course from that day forward I had to razz her about “I’m cooking shrimp for dinner“ her reply was always “I don’t think so“ she won’t even let a shrimp come close to her meal.

For the record, she put her never-ending skills to canning the

majority of those 36 Ish salmon, lol! Great memories, I'll cherish.

Dan Foltz - December 20, 2024 at 09:59 PM

CA

“ *Some of my most fondest memories of Nana were when had our “girls” adventures. Nana had a great sense of humor and we would just find ourselves laughing and you can't help but laugh thinking about it. She was fun and so loving. You were just blessed to know her. I feel so blessed to be able to call her Nana.*

Cassie - December 20, 2024 at 09:27 PM

LF



Lisa Foltz - January 03, 2025 at 10:09 AM

“ I have so many memories I could share of my Nana Faye, from her calling me Tootsie and my dad Putty, to watching them play cards around the table.

The one I'll share is a favorite between my mom and me. When my parents split up, I spent a lot of my dad's weekends at Papa Kenny and Nana Faye's house, sometimes with my dad and sometimes not. Nana Faye was a huge part of my upbringing. She broke me from the bottle and she potty trained me (with the help of my Papa, she said!). But when I was about two, she and my mom really butted heads over something: my nana thought I needed a haircut, and my mom really disagreed. My nana kept bringing it up to my mom, and my mom kept telling her no.

Well, one thing I did a lot at Nana's house as a young child was playing beauty parlor. One weekend, I guess I roped my cousin Brad into this particular game. He must have been about seven. Brad, unbeknownst to my poor nana, put my hair into a haphazard ponytail, and whatever hair fell out, he cut off. Including my bangs!

Flash forward to later in the day when it was time for my mom to pick me up, and she found my Nana Faye waiting for her outside. "Now, Kellie," she said, in the type of voice you might use to calm a spooked horse. "Kellie, I swear it wasn't me."

"Faye, you better not have cut my daughter's hair!" my mom said warningly.

*"Well, *I* didn't..." my Nana said...*

The rest is history, and it's something we have laughed at many times in the decades since that day. My nana was such a positive force in my life, bringing nothing but sweetness to me every time I saw her. I am so glad that she got to meet my daughter, Steele, back in April when I was home visiting.

I will love you and miss you always, Nana. Whenever you are, say hello to Putty for me.

Breana Dumbrell - December 20, 2024 at 05:31 PM

KM

Love this! ❤️❤️❤️

Kellie Fritts Mcanally - December 20, 2024 at 06:49 PM

LF

Beautiful memories Breana and so very thankful you shared.

lisa foltz - December 20, 2024 at 07:57 PM

TS

“ *Tonya and Debra Steele purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Martha Faye Steele.*



Tonya and Debra Steele - December 20, 2024 at 02:50 PM

TS

“ *Tonya and Debra Steele planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Martha Faye Steele.*

Tonya and Debra Steele - December 20, 2024 at 02:50 PM

TY

“ Nana had a special way of saying my name, I can still hear it. What a beautiful voice. Some of the sweetest words you can ever hear are your name and I Love You from someone who speaks from the heart. I can still hear those words and it brings me joy. Nana, I love you too.

Tyler - December 20, 2024 at 02:50 PM

LF

Thank you Tyler, precious memories ❤️

lisa foltz - December 20, 2024 at 07:58 PM

DS

“ Martha was a loving, nurturing and just absolutely wonderful in every way. I just want to thank her for everything she has done for Tonya in life. I will always love you Faye.

Debra Steele - December 20, 2024 at 02:39 PM

LF



lisa foltz - December 20, 2024 at 07:59 PM

TS

“ My Nana was a very special woman and it was an honor to be able to call her NaNa. She took me in when I was 15 years old and made sure that I felt loved and safe in her care. We use to play cards all the time and she would always come out on top, even though I would be totally frustrated she would calmly say....better luck next time sweetheart. She could always put a smile on my face when I didn't really feel like smiling. She could also cook up some really really good food but my favorite food she would cook was squirrel and homemade gravy and it was such a comfort food. I am definitely going to miss her, she was one of kind. I know deep down in my heart she is dancing on sunshine and able to be with her husband and sons again. I love you NaNa forever and always.

Tonya Steele - December 20, 2024 at 02:35 PM

LF

Oh Tonya, I'm so thankful you had time with her as a young lady.

Lisa Foltz - December 24, 2024 at 03:48 AM

TT

“ Tammy Lutner Thacker lit a candle in memory of Martha Faye Steele



Tammy Lutner Thacker - December 20, 2024 at 01:08 PM

TT

Lisa you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers, love yall

Tammy Lutner Thacker - December 20, 2024 at 01:09 PM

LF

We love you Tammy, thank you for the prayers.

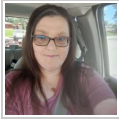
lisa foltz - December 20, 2024 at 08:00 PM

SG

“ Tracey and Danny my heart and prayers go out to you and your family and friends. God bless you all. Rip Mrs Steele 🙏



Sandra Gibbs - December 20, 2024 at 01:02 PM



Thank you. Love you

Tracy Steele - December 20, 2024 at 01:04 PM