



Renee Elice Burns

July 18, 1946 - February 24, 2024

Renee Elice Burns, 77, died peacefully on February 24, 2024 while in Hospice care at the Copiah Living Center in Crystal Springs, Mississippi. She was born July 18, 1946, in Ashland, Wisconsin. Her parents were Vivian Elvira Townsend. and Keith Rife Townsend. She was preceded in death by her ex-husband, David Burns, her parents, and brother, Martin Townsend.

She is survived by her daughter Trayce Ann Miles; her sisters Maureen Remmes and Sheila Harker, and brother George Townsend; her grandchildren, Andrew Stephen Miles and Alexandria Miles Lennep. Her great grandchildren, Theodore Stephen Miles and Ellie Renee Lennep. Additionally, she is survived by beloved nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mrs. Burns attended school in West Des Moines and graduated from Valley High School, West Des Moines, Iowa in 1964. The family moved to West Des Moines, Iowa in 1955 from Ashland, Wisconsin. She married David Burns in 1966 and resided in Indianola, Iowa where they had a small farm. They subsequently divorced and David succumbed to a work-related accident several years later.

Renee had many various occupations and employment over the years to include Greyhound, Ruan Trucking and JC Penny to name a few and her favorite part time job was at The Taven in Old West Des Moines. Renee's

daughter Trayce was married to Dr. Richard John Miles in 1992. Upon the birth of their second child Alexandria Renee she sold her house in West Des Moines in 1997 and took up residence with the family in Augusta, Georgia. Several moves later brought them to Madison, Mississippi where they have resided since 2005.

Family, knitting and cross stitching were her passions. There was no family member without a blanket made by Renee for all of them. Her daughter Trayce and her husband while in Madison, Mississippi opened the retail store Hops and Habanas in 2009. This was a craft beer and premium cigar establishment. She jumped on board in that endeavor assisting Trayce in managing two locations eventually. She was a fixture for many years at the Madison location and beloved by its customers for her friendly face, helpful attitude and always upbeat demeanor and fondly referred to as “the old lady”.

Renee fully retired in 2020 and spent time with her crafts and gardening. Her illness was sudden and short-lived. She was blessed with the birth of two great grandchildren she was able to meet in October and December prior to her death.

As per her wishes she was cremated. The family is holding a memorial March 9th at the Miles Family residence: 419 Tredwell Drive, Madison, MS from 1pm-3pm.

We thank with sincere gratitude and appreciation the staff at Copiah Living Center and Pax Hospice for the loving care she received during her last days.

Tribute Wall

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