



Tresa Louisa White

December 25, 1933 - February 16, 2024

Tresa Louisa White of Salem, Missouri passed away peacefully at her home on Friday, February 16, 2024, surrounded by her family. Tresa was born in Brookside, Colorado on December 25, 1933, a Christmas baby born to immigrant parents Mario and Francis (Orini) Mattina.

Tresa was always a hard worker through-out her life. When she was in the 8th grade her father got sick and couldn't work much; they always had a big garden which she tended, when it was ripened with the bounty of her labor she and her father had a road-side stand where they sold the vegetables produced in the garden. Colorado was known for the wild asparagus growing in the ditches, Tresa's father taught her how to find, and harvest all that she could find, and that money would be hers to spend. Tresa was able to pay for all the things needed for school from the asparagus sales, her clothing, books and spending money were all from her sales. She met her husband Robert Zolder through a blind date set-up by her friend. They later married and were blessed with a daughter. Tresa worked in the restaurant business for several years, even owning her own at one time. She enjoyed the cooking side, but her passion was for the customers, she loved being around people, and made a friend wherever she went.

After Robert passed away, she married James White, a widower with three grown children. Tresa was very close to his kids. They spent a lot of time

together and James and Lesley owned the neighboring farm. In her later years she enjoyed word puzzles, adult coloring books, cooking, and watching cooking shows, at Christmas time she and Lesley made pizzelle cookies, something she always enjoyed doing with her mother; she enjoyed baseball and was always ready for opening day. Tresa had a cat she named Missy. James had found Missy as a tiny kitten and put in his coat pocket to take home to her. Missy grew to be a comfortable fixture in her life. Tresa will be lovingly missed by those that knew and loved her.

Tresa is survived by her children, Donna Young, of Rolla, MO, Jim White and wife Lesley, of Salem, MO, John White, of St. James, MO, and Janet Tallent and husband Mark, of Warrenton, MO; grandchildren, Rachel White, Zach White (Ashley), Jordan White, Amanda Bach, Taylor Pogue, and Cody Tallent. Her cat Missy. In addition to her parents Mario and Francis Mattina, Tresa was preceded in death by her husband Robert Zolder, and husband, James White; brother, Frank; son-in-law Brian Young; grandson, Jeremy White.

Funeral services for Tresa Louisa White will be held on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 1:00 PM at the Salem Chapel of the James & Gahr Mortuary with Pastor Chuck Whitmire officiating. Interment will follow at Northlawn Cemetery, where she will be laid to rest next to Robert. Visitation for family and friends will be held at the Chapel prior to the service on Wednesday from 11AM until service time at 1PM. Memorials are suggested and greatly appreciated to Grace Community Church Food Distribution/ or the St. James Caring Center. Cards are available at all James & Gahr locations..

Cemetery Details

North Lawn Cemetery

Hwy 19 North
Salem, MO 65560
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Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 21. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Service

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