



## Edith Marie Lechliter

June 7, 1963 - May 3, 2017

Edith “Edie” Marie Lechliter, of Kansas City, Kansas, a beloved wife, mother, daughter and friend passed away peacefully on Wednesday May 3, 2017, at home. She was 53. Edie was born on June 7, 1963, in Kansas City, Kansas. She was a graduate of Tonganoxie High School in 1981. She attended Bethany Medical Center’s Respiratory Therapy Program graduating in 1988. Edie’s passion to help others was accomplished by her long-time career of being a Certified Respiratory Therapist. She dedicated herself to providing quality care, and compassion to all those she met.

On October 1, 1988, she married Steve Lechliter, and together they had 4 children, Jeffrey, Tracey, Stephanie, and Andrew. She was a cherished parishioner of Saint Patrick’s Catholic Church, where she was a valued member of the Saint Ann’s Altar Society Circle.

A unique, beautiful, vibrant soul, Edie was always known to be caring and loving to those she met. Edie enjoyed nothing more than spending time with her family and friends. She always looked forward to Monday dinners, with Jeffrey and Amanda. She had plans to meet her grandson for the first time this summer. One of Edie’s last conversations involved making plans to teach Andrew to drive. Edie and Steve were to travel to Las Vegas at the end of May to fulfill some of Edie’s bucket list items. Edie also never missed a single concert of her singing angel, Stephanie.

Edie is survived by loving Mother, Ruth Marie (Martin) Swinney, Tonganoxie, Kansas; Biological mother Donna M Bentley, Desoto Kansas. Her loving

husband of 28 years, Steve, son Andrew and Mother-in-law Mary F Lechliter, of the home. Son Jeffrey and Amanda Kessler- Lechliter, Lansing, Kansas. Daughter Tracey and Frank Grimm, grandson Frankie Grimm, Fort Myers, Florida. Daughter Stephanie Lechliter and friend Adam Hill, Kansas City, Kansas. Son Danny Balzer, Kansas City, Kansas. Grandfather William Sullivan, Kansas City, Kansas. Sister Linda and Don Kassleman, Kansas City, Missouri. Brother Rex L and Rita Hutton, Tonganoxie, Kansas. Sister Laura and Michael Weyer, Leavenworth, Kansas. Many Cousins, Nieces, and Nephews. Best friends who became family; Gina Armstrong, Altamont, Kansas; Shawnell Newberry, Columbus, Kansas; Trina and Rick Jeffery, Bolivar, Missouri; Mary Ebberts, Overland Park, Ks; Carolyn Smith, Hays, Kansas, and Misty and Audrey Cox, Kansas City, Kansas. Where ever Edie went she never met a stranger and adopted many of her children's friends into her familial circle. She was a kind word, a strong hand, and a loving embrace to those who needed it the most.

She was predeceased by her loving father Ernest "Ernie" Swinney, Tonganoxie, Kansas; biological father William Carl Stark, Kansas City, Kansas; Grandparents Betty L (Swinney) Sullivan, Kansas City, Kansas; Elsie Payne, Kansas City, Kansas.

A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday May 7, 2017 at 3pm at 6720 Kaw Drive, Kansas City, Kansas, at Edie's favorite dining spot Susie Q's.

A Catholic Funeral Mass will be held Wednesday May 10, 2017, at 10:30 am at Saint Patrick's Catholic Church, 1086 94th Street, Kansas City, Kansas, with internment at Chapel Hill Lake Side Mausoleum. Reception following at the parish center.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial donations may be made in Edie's name to the OU Foundation, specifically for "TTP Research" addressed to James N. George, MD. College of Public Health, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. 801 NE 13th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73104. Edie credited Dr. George and his students for their hospitality, care and compassion when she was diagnosed in 2009. Edie's wishes were to further the research of Dr.

George and his students alike.

# Tribute Wall



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