



## Marie E. Mendez

December 3, 1942 - January 10, 2026

Marie E. Mendez, 83, of Shawnee, KS, passed away January 10, 2026 at Advent Medical Center in Lenexa, KS surrounded by family.

Marie lived most of her life in Kansas City, KS, but spent her last ten years living in Shawnee, KS.

She worked for the Turner Unified School District for 30 years, retiring in 2005.

After she retired, she joined the Red Hat Society. Marie was known for her love of quilting, traveling, and being involved in her church. She found great joy in spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Marie was preceded in death by her parents, Roy Ussery Sr. and Agnes Ussery; her husband, Cotarino Mendez; a son, Daniel; granddaughter Jordynn Marie; great-grandson Jaxon Brody; along with ten brothers and sisters.

Survivors include her son, Cotarino M. Mendez Jr; her daughter, Angelina Brewer; a brother, Charlie Ussery; four grandchildren; Christopher Adams, Kyle Brewer, Delaney Houser and Ellaina Mendez, Six great-grandchildren; Easton Adams, Grayson Adams, Emersyn Adams, Elijah Houser, Nora Brewer, and Callie Jo Hawthorne; and many friends who were such a blessing in her life.

A Celebration of life will be held at a later date.