



Teresa Marie Carter

February 1, 1952 - September 3, 2025

Teresa Marie Carter, 73, of Shawnee, Kansas, passed away peacefully on September 3, 2025, at Ignite Medical Resort of Overland Park, surrounded by her loving family. Born on February 1, 1952, in Kansas City, Kansas, Teresa was the daughter of Thomas Carter and Lorene (Miller). She grew up in Shawnee alongside her three sisters, where her adventurous spirit and curiosity about the world began to shine.

Teresa's life was one of bold experiences and joyful discovery. In her youth, she embraced the vibrant culture of the 1960s, attending Woodstock and other legendary music festivals, always eager to meet new people—famous or not—and make lasting memories. Her journey took her to Mesquite, Texas, where she worked as a model, and later to Branson, Missouri, where she shared her warm personality with guests at Cedar Resort on Table Rock Lake. Her most cherished chapter unfolded in Hilo, Hawaii, where she lived for more than a decade. There, Teresa served as a program director for a nonprofit supporting youth, managed a hotel, and fully embraced island life. Hawaii became a place where her sense of adventure and heart for helping others truly flourished.

Eventually, Teresa returned home to the Kansas City area, where her lifelong love of animals became a central part of her life. She cared for and raised exotic cats, adored her loyal German Shepherds and Siamese cats, and worked to bring Arabian horses to Benjamin Stables. Her compassion and dedication to animals reflected the kindness and generosity she shared with

everyone around her.

Teresa is preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her three sisters: Deborah Ann Carter, Diane Kraft (Jordan), and Kimberly Sue Carter-Burns; her niece, Jessica Love; and her great-nieces and nephews: Keagan Lanahan, Grace Burns, Leo Burns, Daniel Burns, Thomas Burns, and Jacob Kraft.

Tribute Wall

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“ I used to work for Catholic charities and she was my client for long time. Sorry to hear about her passing. I had to stop working for her because I had ear surgery. I lost track of her. Not sure what happened to her. Sorry for your loss . Dee davis

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