Varolyn Denise Watson-Martin

January 2, 1956 - May 14, 2026

Varolyn Denise Watson-Martin, daughter of the late John Clarence Hayka and Norma Louise (Nicks) Hayka, was born January 2, 1956, in Alpena, Michigan.

Denise grew up in Eastern Tennessee where she attended school and graduated from Karns High School in Knoxville.

Following graduation, Denise, along with her family, moved to Florida where she spent several years. She then relocated to Waynesville, Missouri in 1991 where she spent the remainder of her days.

Denise enjoyed spending time doing arts and crafts with her grandchildren. She loved going to her favorite places for vacation, the beach.

Denise was raised in the Baptist faith, and she entered her eternal home on Thursday, May 14, 2026 having attained the age of 70 years. She will be sadly missed but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved her.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory, her husband: Gene Martin of Waynesville, MO; three children: Kim Jarrard (Derek) of Knoxville, TN, Patti Parton of Knoxville, TN and Josh Watson (Aleecia) of Springfield, MO; eight grandchildren: Nikki Cooper (Zach), Destiny Gault, Ashlee Jarrard, Blake Jarrard, Aubrey Parton, Brylee Watson, Teegan Watson, and Lainee Watson;

five great-grandchildren: Kinzleigh, Khylan, Kehlani, Hudson and Aaliyah; sister: Jackie Brown (Tommy) of Hilliard, FL; three stepchildren: Kim, Gina, and Destiny Martin; several other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, Denise was preceded in death by her son: Stephen Hensley.

Even though she is gone from our sight, Denise's spirit will live on in our hearts forever.

Cremation arrangements were under the care and direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Tribute Wall

RS

Roseanna Shrieves lit a candle in memory of Varolyn Watson-Martin

Roseanna Shrieves - May 23 at 01:43 AM

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I was sorry to hear of Denise's passing. She took care of my Grandpa Harlan years ago. May God bring comfort and peace during this difficult time.

Laura Morgan (Julian) - May 21 at 09:13 AM

KJ

I'm so sorry to hear about your mom's passing. My heart hurts for you and your family. I know there are no words that can truly make this easier, but I want you to know I'm thinking of you and sending you so much love and strength during this incredibly hard time. Please know that you're not alone.

Karin Jensen - May 19 at 03:45 PM

JS

I am so sorry for your loss of your Dear Mother. Denise was a very special lady and loved her family. She was a long time friend and neighbor for many years. She will be missed by many. RIP

Jerri Shreve - May 20 at 07:16 PM

MS

DENISE, Such a caring person, beautiful personality. She loved seeing my pictures of cakes and cookies, my fan" for sure. I will miss her smiling face

Mary Suire - May 27 at 01:17 PM