



Sara Elizabeth Yates

July 22, 1963 - April 30, 2025

Sara Elizabeth Yates, of Ironton, MO, entered into rest on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at the age of 61 years, 9 months, and 8 days. She was born July 22, 1963, a daughter of the late Robert “Bob” McHenry and Ruth (Jones) Pautler who survives.

On June 1, 1991, Sara was united in marriage to Michael “Mike” Yates who preceded her in rest on November 2, 2023.

Surviving Sara are her mother, Ruth Pautler of Cape Girardeau, MO, her two sons, Mark Jackson and wife Kayleigh of Ironton, MO, and Jay Jackson and wife Sara of Cape Girardeau, MO, seven grandchildren, Malachi, Kynneddy, Lyla, Nolan, Elliana, Arya, and Nora; one sister, Amy McHenry of Rolla, MO, and many more loving family members and friends.

Sara is preceded in rest by her father, Bob McHenry, her loving husband, Mike Yates, and her step-father Paul Pautler.

As a young woman, Sara worked as an administrative assistant for AP&L (Arkansas Power & Light), and then for Union Electric once they changed. Sara worked hard in her role with the company and never left a task uncompleted. She knew the value of hard work and passed that to her children. After her time with Union Electric, she and Mike became campground hosts at Johnson Shut In’s State Park. There they would make many friends together, make lasting memories, and simply enjoy their time together, except when Mike was making her camp in the winter, she didn’t enjoy that as much. She was a loving mother figure to all her son’s friends and

always greeted them with a smile and a hug.

Sara was a former member of the Arcadia Valley Country Club and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Ironton.

Sara was the definition of a loving mother and grandmother, devoted wife, and perfect friend. Sara Elizabeth Yates will be missed by all who were blessed to know and love her.

A Visitation for friends and family to gather will be held on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, beginning at 11:00 am and lasting until 1:00 pm from the First Presbyterian Church of Ironton.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, beginning at 1:00 pm from the First Presbyterian Church of Ironton.

Interment will follow the services in the Arcadia Valley Memorial Park in Ironton.

Online condolences may be made at www.colefamilyfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Arcadia Valley Memorial Park

Russellville Road
Ironton, MO 63650

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 7. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

The First Presbyterian Church of Ironton
Knob and Reynolds street
Ironton, MO 63650

Celebration of Life

MAY 7. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ 51 files added to the album LifeTributes



Cole Family Funeral Home - May 06, 2025 at 01:40 PM

BR

“ Brenda & Ray Richardson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Sara Elizabeth Yates.



Brenda & Ray Richardson - May 06, 2025 at 11:23 AM

KC

“ We grew up together on Fairlane Dr. We made many memories, we were blessed! Swimming, riding ponies or golfing, we always had fun. I'll miss Sara, haven't seen her for a while but I'll never forget. May God bless you Sara, and your family.



Kay Lynn Cole - May 03, 2025 at 05:50 PM

KC

Sara was also my maid of honor when David and I were married. We really have some great memories.

Kay Lynn Cole - May 05, 2025 at 06:15 PM

LF

“ *Love your Day Transfer family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Sara Elizabeth Yates.*



Love your Day Transfer family - May 02, 2025 at 03:17 PM

UC

“ *Uncle Jim and Aunt Mary Carol purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Sara Elizabeth Yates.*



Uncle Jim and Aunt Mary Carol - May 02, 2025 at 10:01 AM

KW

“ *Ken Sue Wooten lit a candle in memory of Sara Yates*



Ken Sue Wooten - May 01, 2025 at 08:06 PM