

If they built a statue to pay tribute to Mothers it would require a very skilled craftsman. He would have to be capable of creating a piece of art that, when gazed upon, would show courage, love, perseverance, stability, guidance, inspiration, and much more. He would start with a solid base to represent strength she possessed. The statue would be slightly stooped to represent years of hard work to help support her family. In her hand would be placed a Bible to stand for the strong religious faith she had. He would chisel a smile upon her face to show the happiness she brought to others. The wrinkles on her brow would represent the grief she felt for having to leave us. In her eyes you could see the love she had for her family. On her cheek he would delicately place a tear to represent the trials she went through here on earth. And last but not least, he would ever so gently place a pair of feather light angel wings that she so richly deserves. At the bottom of this tribute he would mount a plaque which would bear the name loving wife, wonderful Mom, caring Grandmother, inspirational Mother-in-law, loyal daughter, great sister, and cherished friend.

In Remembrance of



Bona Jean Martens
1957 - 2024

Bona Jean Ator was born on August 17, 1957, to Virginia (Holloway) and Bernard Ator in Pittsfield, Illinois. She grew up in Pittsfield and graduated from Pittsfield High School in 1975. In 1978, Bona married, and they relocated to Altus, Oklahoma. A short time later she moved to Blair and resided there until her passing. Bona worked at many restaurants as a manager. Despite being a single mother, she was a hard worker. Bona never met a stranger. She was very sociable and would talk to just about anyone. Bona would always give someone something if they asked for it, even if she did not have it. She was very smart and quick-witted. She was always quick to answer anytime something was asked of her. Bona enjoyed her grandchildren and being a great-grandma. She really loved going to and watching all the grandchildren participate in their sporting events and other activities. She could sew or crochet anything and she loved making dolls and blankets for her family. When not spending time with her grandchildren Bona was taking care of her dogs. She loved them so much and treated them like her own children. Bona was known by many and loved by all.

She is preceded in death by her father, Bernard Ator; niece, Rashell Cox; nephew, Bo Buss; and sister-in-law, Janice Ator. Bona is survived by her mother, Virginia Ator; daughter, Melissa Charles and husband, Bobby; daughter, Julia Roach; son, James Paul "Willie" Martens, II; brothers, Jim Ator and wife, Sandy and Jerry Ator and friend, Stephanie; sisters, Judy Cox and husband, Charlie and Joanne Smith and husband, Carl; grandchildren, Alyssa Torrez, Stephen Torrez and wife, Elena, Carter Torrez, Jaxson Torrez, Trey Charles, Cody Charles, Tiffany Charles, Logan Roman and wife, Kristen and Kenley Roach; great-grandchildren, Madi, Remi, Reagan, and Kenny Weber, Levi and Olivia Torrez, Deagan, Oakley, and Raelyn Roman, Case and Jade Charles, Weston Charles, and one on the way; many cousins, nieces, nephews, and a ton of friends.

Bona Jean Martens

August 17, 1957 - July 12, 2024

Celebration of Life

2:00 pm

Monday, July 22, 2024

Kincannon Memorial Chapel

Altus, Oklahoma

Celebrant

Amy Borazjani

