



## Stephanie Rebecca Gilmer

May 23, 1970 - December 12, 2021

Stephanie Rebecca Gilmer was born to Rebecca Little Powers and John Robert Meador III on May 23, 1970 in Memphis, Tennessee. As the oldest of four sisters, Stephanie stepped into the role of “mother” early on to help out with her siblings, and the joy she experienced from playing that role would shape her entire life. Stephanie passed away surrounded by her many children and loved ones in Memphis on December 12, 2021. Stephanie was a graduate of Hutchison School and The University of Memphis with bachelor’s degree in sociology and a master’s degree in English. Stephanie found a career in special education at Riverdale Elementary, but her greatest honor and achievement in life was being a mom – to her sisters early on, her sons, their friends, extended family, and her students. Stephanie taught her children many important life skills like proper grammar, how to run a pool table, and how NOT to drive a four-wheeler. Her children remember a mom who could

out-play them at basketball – and taught them how to lose with dignity. Stephanie had many talents and passions. She was known to effortlessly assemble twelve school lunches at one time, the trick to making perfect sweet tea, and what mashed potatoes should actually taste like. She was passionate about music (especially from the 80's) and shared her love of it with everyone. She was an enthusiastic singer who was always up for a dance party, and whatever she lacked in actual musical ability, she made up in unbridled exuberance.

Stephanie has left her family and friends with a lifetime of memories and stories. No matter how often they're told, the hilarity remains. Her vivacious spirit remains with the family, and her infectious laugh will reverberate in their minds

Stephanie is survived by her mother and father, her sisters Andrea Elaine Donoho, Laura Rushing Meador, and Kendra Rebecca Powers, her four sons Payton McKeown Roedel, Caleb Lawrence Roedel, Brittin Kennedy Roedel, Andrew Michael Stephen Roedel, and her husband Alan Dalton Gilmer. Stephanie, we love you forever, like you for always, and got your back for eternity.

Her family held a private memorial service for her. In memoriam, the family asks that for those that are able, please donate blood. Otherwise please make a donation to your favorite charity.



# Tribute Wall

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“ Stephanie won my heart as a little girl, and she kept it for over 45 years. My heart is now broken, and will never be the same without her in my life. Although she was not my daughter by birth, she was and remains my daughter in my heart. We all loved her, and will miss seeing her beautiful smile, and hear her warm loving laughter that was shared on so many occasions. Beautiful, talented, smart, vibrant, enthusiastic, loving and giving, that was our Stephanie.

*John Moore*

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“ *I am so blessed to have someone so precious that it makes saying goodbye so difficult - my beautiful Stephanie. Love you always!*

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**Alan Gilmer** - December 21, 2021 at 12:42 PM