REMEMBERING Claudia





Mrs. Claudia Ann Walz, 85, of Jefferson City, Mo. passed away from complications due to Covid-19 on Sunday, November 29, 2020 at Heisinger Bluffs surrounded by her family.

Claudia was born on July 16, 1935 in Jefferson City, Mo. the daughter of Wallace R. and Irene Durham Daly. On March 28, 1954 she married her high school sweetheart, Robert Lee Walz, who preceded her in death on August 31, 1997.

A lifelong resident of Jefferson City she was a 1953 graduate of Jefferson City High School.

Until her retirement in 1997, Claudia had been a long-time legislative assistant at the Missouri State Capitol. Throughout the years, she supported her husband, Bob, with his family business, Milo H. Walz, Inc. Every year she, along with other family members, helped with the chaotic semi-annual drapery sale.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church. While her kids were growing up, she was active in several PTA's and served as assistant Girl Scout and Cub Scout leaders.

Claudia was an avid reader and her kids knew that if Mom had her "nose in a book" then any questions they asked her would more than likely get a positive response. She loved mysteries, romances and especially histories. Her love of history and reading led to her passion with genealogy. She spent years researching both her maternal and paternal sides of her family. The notebooks she put together for her children included pictures and stories of ancestors from centuries ago. She wanted to find out not just who they were but why they moved to different areas of the country. She was a wonderful story-teller and had many interesting stories about her ancestors to tell her kids and grandkids.

Her grandchildren fondly remember going to the movies with Granny. They would load up on things to eat and drink then find the perfect seat. Once seated, Granny would soon fall asleep while the grandkids enjoyed the movie. If they weren't able to go to the movie theater it wasn't a problem because Granny had the biggest and best collection of VHS tapes and DVD movies at her home. The best part of being at her house was that she never paid attention to the parental age rating of the movie so they might watch "Meet Me in St. Louis" and then start watching "Rambo". After her stroke in 2016 and moving into Heisinger Bluffs Care Center, the staff and residents thoroughly enjoyed her large collection of movies. Until the shut-down due to Covid-19, there was always a group of residents coming into her room to see which movie she was watching that day.

Claudia's family was always the focus of her love, care and concern and they will miss her dearly.

She is lovingly survived by: her five children, Amy Freeman (husband Phil) of Jefferson City, Leigh Anne Hughes (husband Doug) of Fulton, Robert Walz, Jr. of Jefferson City, Renée Gerard (husband Bret) of Jefferson City and Jaime Walz Ordway of Jefferson City; 13 grandchildren, Don Freeman (wife Robyn), Jason Hughes (wife Tatjana), Ryan Freeman (wife Ashley), Haley Hughes Nelson, Brittney Hughes Jackson, Duncan Hughes, Robert "Trey" Walz III, Ben Walz, Abbey Ordway, Hannah Gerard, Kara Gerard, Bo Gerard and Luke Ordway; and 10 great-grandchildren, Myles and Margo Freeman, Charlotte and Mack Freeman, Kathryn and Madison Hughes, Hunter, Willow

and Haven Nelson, and Harper Jackson.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 43 years, Bob; a sister, Sharon Kennedy; and a brother, Michael Daly.



















CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE

11:00 a.m. Friday, December 4, 2020
Freeman Chapel
Jefferson City, Missouri
The Reverend Trevor Dancer

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Song"Danny Boy"
Gathering
Greeting
Prayer
SongSoftly and Tenderly"
ScriptureHannah Gerard
John 14:1-4, Psalm 73:23-26, Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
SpeakersAbbey Ordway,
Jaime Ordway, Amy Freeman
Song
HomilyRev. Trevor Dancer
Prayer
Song""""""""""""""""""""""""""""""""
Lord's Prayer
Video Tribute
Benediction

GRAVESIDE SERVICE

Riverview Cemetery Jefferson City, Missouri

PALLBEARERS

Jason Hughes, Ryan Freeman, Duncan Hughes, Trey Walz, Ben Walz, Bo Gerard, Luke Ordway



When you come to the end of a perfect day, And you sit alone with your thought, While the chimes ring out with a carol gay, For the joy that the day has brought, Do you think what the end of a perfect day Can mean to tired heart, When the sun goes down with a flaming ray, And the dear hearts have to part? Well, this is the end of a perfect day, Near the end of a journey, too, But it leaves a thought that is big and strong, With a wish that is kind and true. For mem'ry has painted this perfect day With colors that never fade, And we find at the end of a perfect day, The soul of a friend we've made.



IN APPRECIATION

All of Claudia's family want to express their sincere appreciation for the many comforting thoughts and prayers, floral tributes, food and many acts of kindness extended to each of them during this time.





Claudia Walz

1935 - 2020

