



Kelly May Winchester

September 16, 1964 - January 5, 2026

Kelly May Winchester, age 61, of Adams, passed away Monday, January 5, 2026 at her home. Mrs. Winchester's wishes were to be cremated and there are no services scheduled at this time.

Mrs. Winchester was born September 16, 1964, in Quincy, Mass. To the late Dempsey Raymond Akridge and the late Anita Claire Raymond Akridge. She was a loving mother and grandmother and homemaker.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Winchester was preceded in death by her husband, Tony Lyn Winchester; brothers, Ralph Akridge and Mark Akridge; and a sister, Donna Frost.

She is survived by her son, Travis (Crystal) Winchester; daughter, Christy (Todd) Burggrave; 5 grandchildren, Madison Winchester, Emilee Winchester, Hunter Winchester, Alexis Burggrave and Kaiden Burggrave; and a brother, Ray Akridge.

Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield is in charge of these arrangements.

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Tribute Wall

R"

“ Kelly aka "Runt" we are very sad that you are gone from us. My hope is that your pain and suffering is gone and you are reunited with Tony, the love of your life. Although we were 10 years apart we always found ways to pick on each other and share a laugh. I remember one time when you were a young girl and got aggravated by me in a harsh tone you called my "JR" instead of my name (I am a junior). Well that stuck and later on in life it was used in a joking and loving manner. On December 18, 2025 you sent me a text saying thank you for the pretty Christmas card Cheryl and I sent to you. I wrote back "you are welcome sis, love JR." You responded "that's so cute, I didn't think you remembered I used to call you JR." I responded "I will always be your JR!" You then replied "Thank you, Love you." Thinking of that day makes me smile knowing that "JR" brought you a moment of joy once again. My sister Kelly was a wonderful and special daughter, wife, mother, grandmother and friend to many. She will be missed by all. Rest in Peace "Runt, I Love You, "JR" aka Ray.

Ray Akridge "JR" - January 07 at 07:26 AM

CB

“ I love you so much mom. You were my best friend even when I was a little girl. I cherished how close we were even as I grew up. You were my biggest supporter and I could talk to you about anything and everything without judgment. I have peace knowing you are no longer in pain and have been reunited with Dad. I know how much you missed him and wanted to be with him so now you can rest easy. I will always love and miss you but your memories will make me smile.

Christy Burggrave - January 06 at 07:45 PM

LB

“ We don't have a lot of pictures of Kelly because she hated her picture taken. Most of the time we had to snap one when she wasn't expecting it and beg her forgiveness after, cause she would get so mad but she would laugh and say "I hope it breaks your camera!" Or something like that. The thing I remember most is her amazing sense of humor. She inherited her dry humor from her father. She could keep you in stitches. Kelly loved deeply, especially her family. We will miss you, but we're glad you and Tony are reunited safe in the arms of Jesus! Lucille Burkeen

Lucille Burkeen - January 06 at 03:29 PM

BW

I miss my brother Tony deeply, but I know Kelly missed him more than anyone. Abby, Charles, Barbara and now Kelly. Too Any family members in one year. This is too much. I guess it must be a family reunion in Heaven now. We'll all be there one day.

Billy Winchester - January 06 at 06:13 PM

TW

“ Mom, you were the best mother a son could ask for. Always there for me whenever I needed you, and I was always there for you. You will be missed so much but your memories will live forever. Rest easy and enjoy being back with dad. I know you're happy to be reunited with him. Love you so much mom.

Travis Winchester - January 06 at 03:01 PM