



Linda Tipton

March 21, 1949 - October 25, 2016

Linda Lee Tipton, age 67, of Springfield, passed away Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at her home. No services are planned at this time.

Mrs. Tipton was born March 21, 1949 in Cortland, NY to the late Amos Leroy Stedwell and the late Shirley Goldstorm Stedwell Gilmore. She worked as a realtor and was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was devoted to her family and was a true and caring friend.

In addition to her parents Mrs. Tipton is preceded in death by her sister, Gigi Lusk and her brother, Danne Stedwell. She is survived by her husband, David Tipton; son, Joe (Kelly) Tipton of Franklin; brothers, Michael Lusk of Springfield, David Lusk of Las Vegas, NV and Brian Stedwell of Trussville, AL; sisters, Debbie (Tim) Larance of Clearwater, FL and Alaina Bearden of Sylacauga, AL; grandchildren, Shanon Turner and Stephanie Thorpe; and great-grandchildren, Preston Turner, Lilyana Turner, Wylder O'Brien and Baron O'Brien.

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

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Tribute Wall

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My Sister

Once there was a little girl who knew her Daddy shouldn't be holding hands with that woman that wasn't her Momma. Momma soon had to begin working long hours; and being the oldest girl, she began cooking, cleaning, caring for children and changing diapers. She knew one day she wanted her own home and a house full of kids.

One day, the little girl's wish came true; she married and had Joseph Francis, her pride and joy. Life was hard and full of trials, but she lived, laughed, loved and danced. Moving from State to State trying to find her place in the sun.

Woes -- yes, there were many; husbands, bills, real estate sales, rocking two baby's while they slept knowing they would never wake; but she still had her pride and joy. So, she lived, laughed, loved and danced.

Joe grew up strong and tall, went to college, got married and became a successful business man, she was so proud. Life was hard and full of trials, she moved from State to State still looking for her place in the sun; but she still lived, laughed, loved and danced. Then one day, years of smoking took her breath away, life was so full of trials, she put her dancing shoes far back on the closet shelf, but still lived, laughed and loved.

Gray hair, swollen legs and breathing treatments surrounded her days and it became a chore to get things done that were so easily accomplished before. Her home in Tennessee was just as she wanted it; comfortable and warm, so she lived, laughed and loved. One day, she was extra tired and thought, just a little nap will do, so she sat in her favorite chair and drifted off to sleep--- but where was she walking? It was such a long road and she was so tired, but no place to sit, so she laughed and traveled on.

Ahead was two people, she couldn't tell who, so she laughed and walked toward them. As she got closer, she saw Danne, but how could that be? Danne had been gone five years now! She finally got to him and he held out his hand for hers and said, "Hi Lin, I've been waiting for you." As they turned around, the other man took her

hand, she noticed it had a hole in it, she looked at Danne in surprise and he said, "You're home Lin". Then she laughed and said, "Awww, so this is what heaven looks like, better wipe your feet, and she danced into the most beautiful house she had ever seen.

In memory of our sister, Linda Lee Stedwell Tipton

March 21, 1947 – October 24, 2016

Survived by her husband, son, his, hers and ours.

Love Alaina

Alaina Stedwell Bearden - October 28, 2016 at 10:19 AM