



Sara Lou (Cecil) Kryza

March 12, 1941 - February 7, 2024

In loving memory of Sara Lou (Cecil) Kryza, affectionately known as Meemaw, who passed away on February 7, 2024, at the age of 82. She was born on March 12th, 1941, in Mayfield, Kentucky, to Everett and Arvilla (Crockston) Cecil.

Sara relocated to Detroit in the 1950s with her family, as her father sought new opportunities in the Auto Industry. She belonged to a close-knit family of 6 siblings, and their strong family values and work ethic shaped her into the remarkable woman she became. Throughout her life, Sara excelled as a dedicated businesswoman and manager at Church's Lumber Yard. Balancing her professional pursuits with raising five accomplished children, she displayed unwavering determination and commitment.

Sara possessed a magnetic personality that effortlessly connected with people from all walks of life. Her infectious smile and gift for storytelling brought joy to those around her. Her distinctive voice, often using endearing terms like "darling" and "sugar," will forever be remembered. Despite facing challenges, Sara embraced life with unwavering enthusiasm.

Sara's steady dedication extended to her role as a loving mother, grandmother, aunt, sister, and friend. She treasured moments spent with her grandchildren, engaging in heartfelt conversations over a cup of coffee or a

glass of milk. Home-cooked meals, especially those with a touch of Southern flavor, held a special place in her heart. The casino was another source of joy for her, where she could be found engrossed in the slot machines for hours on end. The song "My Wish" by Rascal Flatts held deep significance for her, resonating with her very being. Its lyrics will forever remain in the hearts of her loved ones, as she wished for them to pursue their dreams and remember her eternal guidance and love.

Sara's legacy of love, strength, and resilience will continue to inspire all those fortunate enough to have known her. Her kindness, generosity, and unwavering support left an indelible impact on the lives of many. She will be deeply missed but forever remembered.

The void left by her departure will be keenly experienced by her relatives, companions, and everyone fortunate enough to have encountered her. While we mourn the passing of Sara, let us also honor the wonderful life she led and the numerous memories she left behind. May her essence continue to thrive in the hearts of those who cherished her and may her legacy last forever. She was always up for an adventure and even though her journey here may have ended, her new adventure has just started.

"My wish, for you, is that this life becomes all that you want it to Your dreams stay big, your worries stay small You never need to carry more than you can hold And while you're out there getting where you're getting to I hope you know somebody loves you, and wants the same things too Yeah, this, is my wish".... Sara Lou Kryza

Sara is survived by her large, caring, family and will be greatly missed by her children; Donald (Scott) Kryza, Kimberley (Todd) Baker, Brenda (Dave) Hacker, and Tricia Kryza; her admiring grandchildren, Michael, Nicholas, Shane, Kya, Ashley, Shonda, Jessica, Leah, Christopher, Lance, and Luke;

great-grandchildren, Sara, Mark, Lokie, Lakoda, and Aleria; siblings, Janice Hotchkiss, Everett Jr. Cecil, Larry (Diane) Cecil, and Elmer Cecil; niece, Nicole; and nephews Billy, and Byron; great nephews, Masen and Michael; and great niece, Emma.

She was preceded in death by her son, Mark Kryza, parents, Everett and Arvilla Cecil; sister, Wanda LaRose; brother, Thomas Cecil; and brother-in-law, Byron Hotchkiss.

"Goodbyes are not forever, it simply means we will miss you, until we meet again!" ~ Your Loving Family

Family Life Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.
Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Obituary as submitted by family.

Tribute Wall



“ I've known the family since the mid 70's when they moved across the street from me. Mark was my best friend throughout the 70's and 80's until I moved south. Ms K. was a character with a distinct laugh and good sense of humor. She always called me Rambo. I remember shoveling snow one day and she asked me if I wanted hot cocoa after I was done and that I believe is where she started to trust me. Ms K will always have a special place in my heart and thoughts. Love ya Ms K. Keep an eye on Mark,he's probably causing trouble up there.

Joe Allevato - March 19, 2024 at 07:07 PM

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“ Shonda Sparks lit a candle in memory of Sara Lou (Cecil) Kryza



shonda sparks - March 08, 2024 at 01:16 PM

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“ Kim B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sara Lou (Cecil) Kryza.

Kim B. - March 07, 2024 at 01:18 PM

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“ *The world has lost a beautiful soul. Sara was such a happy and loving gift to everyone who crossed her path. I was lucky enough to be called her “favorite daughter” (even though I was just one of Kim’s friends) whenever I was in her presence. Although it was a joke between us, we shared that mother/daughter bond. Sara loved her family and it showed. Heaven has gained a beautiful Angel.* 🙏🏻💜



Her love for life and her family shined very bright and she will be greatly missed.

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