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Patricia Merle Kelley, age 77, of Puxico, Missouri, was born on January 10, 1947, in Charleston, Missouri to the late Richard and Merle (Spiller) Pace. She peacefully passed away on December 26, 2024, in Puxico, Missouri.

In 1982, Patricia married Clarence Kelley Sr. in Rockview, Missouri. She cherished their time together until his passing on May 22, 1996.

Throughout her life, Patricia remained a devoted Christian and spent most of her years in southeast Missouri. She found joy in various activities, including sewing, oil painting, knitting, watching Hallmark movies, fishing, and enjoying walks outdoors. Patricia held family Sunday dinners in high regard and took delight in puzzles, reading her Bible, participating in home bible studies, and celebrating her favorite holiday, Christmas.

Patricia is survived by her children: Keith Kelley of Haltom City, Texas; Gary Kelley and Donald Kelley, both of Missouri; Rebecca Alford of Gideon, Missouri; Becky Crowden of Columbia, Missouri; Theresa Powell of Jefferson City, Missouri; Cindy Kelley and Jamie Kelley, both of Jackson, Missouri. She is also survived by three brothers: Greg Pace of Jackson, Missouri; Steve Pace and Mark Pace, both of Texas; two sisters: Mary Hill and Martha Pace, both of Missouri; a niece, Cathy Bowers of Bloomfield, Missouri, four grandchildren: Brittany Thorn, Brent Thorn, Brandon Thorn, and Candace Cunningham; as well as several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Patricia was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence; a stepson, Robert Kelley; and a brother, Richard Pace.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, January 4, 2025, at 11 A.M. at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Bloomfield, Missouri.

Arrangements are being handled by Watkins and Sons Funeral Home. For more information, please visit [\[url_new=www.watkinsfuneralhome.com\]](http://www.watkinsfuneralhome.com).

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