On August 11, 2023, Lady Lesa Samuels passed away. Lesa is survived by a host of family and friends, stunned in disbelief of such a bright light taken away so young. Lesa was an exceptionally rare treasure who possessed a seemingly endless well of love from which Lesa freely drew and shared. It didn’t matter who you were… family, friends, or the stranger behind her at the McDonald’s drive through who got that free meal. Lesa loved and gave that love without hesitation or with the expectation it would be returned. Lesa just loved, it was one of her super powers.

Lesa was many things in her life: stay at home momma, lab tech, supervisor, X-ray tech, phlebotomist, but most recently Lesa was a stay at home chicken tender, homemaker, DIYer, Youtube carpenter and loved every minute of it. Lesa was understanding, caring and loving. Lesa was compassionate, spoiled, and love driven. Lesa enjoyed spending her free time with the ones she loved and especially her grand-babies.

**Words From Her Mother:**

On August 18, 1969, a bald headed blue eyed baby girl, 6lb. 9oz. was born. This was the start of life with my precious daughter and my best friend. Grandma Ruby Peters and Grandpa Tony Peters called Lesa, their “Babydoll”. She was a very happy baby – as time went on she sang “I’m the happiest girl in the whole USA” with Donna Fargo when she was barely able to talk - Lesa also loved dancing to music, shaking her butt and shoulders. One time Lesa’s Grandpa was sitting in a recliner and she (in diaper) ran across the room as fast as she could, jumped on Tony’s lap and they both went over backwards then it was mommy to the rescue. Lesa thought that was fun and wanted to do that again.

In school Lesa did very well, no problem with getting friends, played sports, and was in the Girl Scouts. One Christmas Program Lesa stood on stage and was Christmas Spirit – her wish was for her daddy to come and watch. He had just gotten out of the hospital from burns (job related); I picked him up and he was there to watch her. Lesa looked in the audience and there he was and Lesa sang her heart out. Lesa had a beautiful voice and a lot of people noticed that.

Years later –Lesa had three beautiful children who are so loved by her. I was proud of the woman Lesa had become. She graduated with a certificate in Phlebotomy at Black River Technical College in Pocahontas, Arkansas. She moved to Oklahoma City and worked in the hospital there and really enjoyed it. Then met the love of her life who treated Lesa like a Queen, always. My wish always that Lesa was respected and she was.

**Service Information**:

Visitation time will be held Thursday, August 17, 2023 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, West Plains, Missouri.

Graveside services will be held Friday, August 18, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at Bailey Cemetery, Oregon County, Missouri, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home, Inc., West Plains, Missouri.

Family has requested that if flowers are sent, please send green plants only.