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**E**lizabeth "Beth" Ellen (Gasich) Koch, 79, of St. Louis, Missouri, passed away on December 19, 2025. She was born on October 23, 1946 and grew up in Poplar Bluff, Missouri—a place she always loved.

Beth loved her people more than anything. She wanted everyone to be warm, cozy, and together, and she had a way of making people feel special. Some of her favorite memories were good times in Poplar Bluff, Clark's Grocery, and being with her Grandma Leta. She was smart, quick-witted, and always ready with a comment or a laugh.

In addition to having a green thumb, Beth enjoyed cooking and sewing and showed her love through the things she made and shared. She will be remembered for her humor and the deep love she had for her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alan Koch.

Beth is survived by her children: daughter Mandy Gasich (Lorne Jackman); son Greg Koch and his children, Peyton and Kendall; and daughter Corey Koch (Kerry Fishel) and her children, John-Emery and Josie.

She is also survived by her sister, Jean DeWitt (Merlin), and many others who were lucky to be part of her life.

In lieu of memorial gifts, please remember to give your people "one ringy-dingy" when you get there safely, close your curtains at night, and take a nap.

Arrangements will be made at a later time.



## Tribute Wall

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**Sharon Vinson-Jones** posted:

All I know is that can't breathe! Beth was one of my dearest friends. I can't see through my tears. Beth's house (with Grandma Leta) was the safe place for many kids. Sometimes you would think 24 kids lived there and always room for one more. It was always what up toot's. I had just talked with her and she sounded so down. Never got over moving out of St. Louis and the loss of her husband. She had just spent the night with Courtney and her kids. Of course she loved every minute of it. Oh kids, I'm just so sorry for your loss. It's not fun being with out mom and dad. Love Sharon Vinson Jones

January 11 at 7:58 PM



**Jeff Fernandez** posted:

"Elizabeth"... It almost seems alien to read it, because I always called her "Aunt Beth". Beth didn't sit on formalities that she didn't care for, and I don't have enough fingers to count the number of times she mentioned that I could drop the "Aunt" part. I will drop it today. I loved Beth very much. She was one of the sincerest people I have ever met, and she was a kind and caring as she was blunt. She always had the best advice! I spoke with her recently when Al passed and as always, she was a comfort. It is a bit ironic, because I was calling to comfort her, but not unexpected. As time moves forward and we lose the folks that shaped us in every little way we are left with the echoes of their voices and their personalities to guide us. I will miss her, and I will look forward to the moments when I hear her voice in the back of my mind to nudge me forward or to ask me, "Are you sure you want to do that?". My love goes out to my cousins. Your Mom was truly one of the greats. I love you all.

January 8 at 3:03 PM



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