

Melody (Mehrens) Tyree

August 31, 1948 - October 19, 2012

JOPLIN, Mo. - Melody K. Tyree, age 64, of Joplin, Mo. passed away at 6:55 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, 2012, at Spring River Christian Village following a two year illness.

Melody was born Aug. 31, 1948, in Inglewood, Calif., the daughter of Paul and Eleanor Mehrens. Melody was a 1966 graduate of Joplin High School and attended Ozark Christian College. Melody was a member of the College Heights Christian Church of Joplin and a former member of the Parkview Christian Church of Springfield, Mo. She was an active prayer warrior for all those who visited her at Spring River Christian Village.

Survivors include a son, Noah Rathbone, Lindsay, Calif.; a daughter, Vanessa Rathbone, Springfield, Mo.; four brothers, Ralph Mehrens and wife, Patrica, Bellevue, Neb., John Mehrens and wife, Jane, Neosho, Mo., David Mehrens and wife, Cathy, and Phil Mehrens and wife, Jody, all of Joplin; three sisters, Molly Johnston and husband, Chuck, Tai Chung, Taiwan, Marty Addleman, Joplin, and Debra Harland and husband, Craig, Carlton, Ore.; and one grandson, Armond. She was preceded in death by her parents; and two sisters-in-law, Carol Hazlip Mehrens, and Barbara Newman Mehrens.

A celebration of Melody's life will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the College Heights Christian Church Chapel with all her brothers officiating. Burial will be in the Stone Cemetery near Diamond.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Mason-Woodard Mortuary and Crematory of Joplin, Mo.