

Valley Falls, KS

Diana Linn Davis, 56, Valley Falls, died unexpectedly May 11, 2023, at her home.

She was born Sept. 4, 1966, at the Holton Hospital, the daughter of Jack and Linda West. She was a 1984 graduate of Holton High School and attended Washburn Technical School. She was a medical transcriptionist and was employed by an association of medical doctors in Topeka until she was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 2001 which prompted her to leave her profession to stay at home and raise her daughters.

She married Corey Davis June 12, 1993. He survives of the home. Other survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Holly Ann and Justin Abel and daughter, Marigold, Lawrence, and Mandy and Nathaniel Becker, Wichita; her parents, Jack and Linda West, Holton; a brother and his wife, Mike and Deb West, Ozawkie; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Magnolia Abel.

The family will hold a memorial gathering to celebrate her life Sunday, May 21 at 2 pm at the Valley Falls Christian Church located at 511 Oak St. The family requests that attendees wear bright colors and invites everyone to the Valley Falls City Park after the celebration. Memorial contributions can be made out to Bloom Like Magnolia, an organization that supports families who have experienced pregnancy or infant loss. Donations can be sent to Holly Ann Abel at 3726 Pinnacle Court, Lawrence, KS 66049.

First and foremost, Diana was a devoted mother. She was an active participant in her daughters' extracurricular activities and never missed a bake sale, dance recital, cheerleading or theater performance. Aside from raising her girls, becoming a grandmother was her greatest joy in life. Lovingly known as "Nana Diana," she had an incredible bond with her granddaughter, Marigold, and was eagerly looking forward to another grandchild on the way. Her family feels comforted that she was reunited with Magnolia, her first granddaughter who was stillborn in 2021.

Although MS began to take a toll on her body, she never allowed it to hinder her passions nor change her positive outlook on life. She was tenacious, never backing down from a challenge and her ambition was an inspiration to many.

Diana had an unwavering commitment to her family, always ensuring those around her were cared for. A natural nurturer, her calming voice was like a song. She was a kind, gentle, and loving soul who touched the lives of everyone she met and she will be deeply missed