



Mary Lynn Combs

February 20, 1954 - October 12, 2023

Mary Lynn (Stutts) Combs, age 69, passed away on Wednesday, October 12, 2023 at St. Luke's Home in Dickinson, North Dakota. Cremation has taken place and private family services will be held at a later date. Silha Funeral Home of Beach has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Mary was born on February 20, 1954 in Jackson, Madison County, Tennessee, the daughter of Betty Lois (Hopper) Stutts and James Garfield Stutts.

Mary was married to James Wesley Short on July 3, 1986 in Boswell, Indiana and lived in Tampa, Florida with his sons, David, Brian, Scott, Todd, Jason, and her daughter, Michelle until their divorce. While in Tampa, she furthered her education, attending United Business College for clerical and accounting. Mary moved to Beach in 2003 and worked for West Dakota Repair as a clerk and then Flying J Auto Plaza in accounting. It was there that Mary met Douglas Roy Combs, while working together at Flying J Restaurant in Beach. They married on March 17, 2004, and were together until his death in April of 2006, making their home here.

Mary was a member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, the Seniors Lunch Club and the Golden Valley Garden Club. She loved reading, music, and traveling, especially visiting her best friend and daughter, Michelle, and getting the chance to be around her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mary was always happy to be with her family.

Mary was preceded in death by her mother, Betty, in 2003; her father, James,

in 1982; her husband, Doug in 2006, and her sister, Debra Kay Stutts in 2008. Survivors include her only daughter, Tina Michelle Gainan and her husband, Shane Gainan of Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska; three grandchildren, Alex Gainan and his wife, Ashley of Sanford, North Carolina, Ian Gainan and his wife, Jainelly of Clarksville, Tennessee and Sean Gainan of Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska; her two great-grandchildren, Stephen Gainan and Jameson Gainan, of Clarksville, Tennessee, and her brother, Randy Stutts of Beach. Mary will be missed by all who knew her, especially her daughter.

“Mom... Could you come back and stay awhile. I want to hear your voice and see your smile. I want to hold you tight and never let go and tell you how much I love you so.”

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: <https://www.silhafuneralhomes.com/obituaries/Mary-Combs-15/#!/TributeWall> or by mail to Michelle Gainan 250 Chilkoot Ave, Unit B, JBER AK 99505.

Tribute Wall

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“ *This makes me so sad. I loved this woman. She always had a smile and fun to visit with. I am blessed to have known her Rip Mary* ”

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“ *So sorry for your loss. Keeping you & your family in my prayers.* ”

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