



## Mindy Joy Starke

March 26, 1957 - January 3, 2014

Mindy Joy Starke, age 56 of Higginsville, Missouri passed away peacefully on Friday, January 3, 2014, at her home surrounded by family and friends.

Born Tuesday, March 26, 1957 in Lexington, Missouri, she was the daughter of John William Starke and the late Peggy (Powell) Starke.

She was a member of Salem United Church of Christ.

Surviving are her parents, John W. (Maggie) Starke; two brothers, Rick (Angie) Davis of Blue Springs, Missouri, Alex (Sandy) Starke of Higginsville; three sisters, Rebecca (Robert) Bergsieker of Higginsville, Kathy Starke Shaul (Partner Valerie) of Kansas City, Missouri, Debbie Abbott of Blue Springs; 7 nieces, 9 nephews, 5 great nieces, 4 great nephews and a host of lifelong friends.

Mindy was preceded in death by her mother, Peggy Starke; twin siblings in infancy, Stevan John and Stephanie Jane Starke; one brother, David Davis; and also by Sam, her beloved Sheltie and friend.

Mindy was a 1975 graduate from Lafayette County C-1 High School. In 1983, she moved to Phoenix, Arizona and began working for Wendy's International in an entry level position, working her way up in this organization in both

Phoenix and Dallas, Texas. Mindy was a recipient of The Dave Thomas Award from Wendy's International in 2000 as Western Regional Training Director . She leaves behind many dear friends and associates of the Wendy's community. In her free time, Mindy enjoyed shopping, girl's weekends, interior decorating and spending time with family and friends. Mindy returned to Higginsville in 2009 to spend her final years with family and friends.

A Funeral service will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at Salem United Church of Christ, 1500 N. Main St. Higginsville with Rev. Tommy Faris officiating, Doris Jane Stoner as organist and Susan Moran as vocalist. Interment will be in the Higginsville City Cemetery.

The family will receive friends after 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday at the Church. The Family suggests Memorials to the Lafayette County Cancer Coalition, Salem United Church of Christ, or Juvenile Diabetes Association.

Pallbearers are Tim Bergsieker, Eric Bergsieker, Cory Starke, Drew Shaul, Nolan Wesche, Josh Rhodes, Devin Abbott, Ross Davis, Marcus Hayes, Zac Hayes and Matt Smith. Honorary pallbearers are Dan Vought, Trent Plexico, Betsy Estes, Patty Hayes, Sherry Kilpatrick and Norma Sherman.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.hoeferfuneralhome.com](http://www.hoeferfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mindy Joy Starke*

October 22, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ *Mindy Joy Starke*

October 07, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ *Mindy Joy Starke*

October 06, 2023 at 07:00 AM



“ *Mindy Joy Starke*

January 31, 2023 at 02:49 AM



“ *Wanted to extend my deepest symphay on the passing of Mindy. She was a dear friend and colleague of mine at Wendy's. We miss her dearly and will be sending our prayers.*

**Joe Davis** - July 12, 2018 at 12:33 PM



“ *I worked with and for Mindy for many years. Her friendship and mentorship will never be forgotten. I learned so much from her. Her sense of humor will never be forgot. Love you Mindy!*

**Sue Swisher Sauer** - July 12, 2018 at 12:33 PM

LT

“ so sorry for the loss of this kind and funny lady she and I shared a birthday and had several parties together when we were younger she was a wonderful person and a joy to be around I know she is in Gods hands and was welcomed by her mother and mine so sorry I cant make her services as I have to work God bless the family and comfort you

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**lois turner** - July 12, 2018 at 12:33 PM

SK

“ "My forever friend, I love and miss you but am so happy your pain and suffering are over and you are being reunited with many loved ones who have gone before." "Thanks for the memories." I will always cherish our friendship and fun times together. Love you today, tomorrow, and always!

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**Sherry Kilpatrick** - July 12, 2018 at 12:33 PM

NG

“ We watched you grow into a precious young, and independent young lady. You never deserved to suffer the way you have, but we know your pain is gone. You will be missed by many!

*Don & Norma*

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**Norma and Donald Gadt** - July 12, 2018 at 12:33 PM

SB

“ Dear Starke family, Mindy is a person whom I greatly admire, and have always counted as a dear friend even when the miles and years separated us. This summer Mindy and I agreed that friends from our adult life are special and dear. However, friends and family at home feel pretty good too; we can pick up where we left off and there is comfort in that. Mindy's kind heart, fun sense of humor, quiet wisdom, and positive outlook are characteristics that I loved most and found so endearing. I will never forget one conversation I had with Mindy and Sherry this summer when Mindy remarked that fighting this cancer was tough, yet she was grateful for it. I was puzzled...Mindy said that if it weren't for her illness, she would never have come home where she was able to spend time with family and friends. She was so happy to get to spend time, and get to know the littlest nieces and nephews of the Starke clan. She described that as priceless. Mindy said she was given only a few months and had 4 years, and for that she was grateful. What a woman; she is amazing! These words exemplify Mindy's ability to see the positives in any situation and is makes clear how she was able to serve as a positive role model for so many others. Mindy as well as the rest of your family is dear to my heart, as I remember fun times as a young child on the farm. I also vividly remember Peggy and how tough times were with her passing. On Friday, I envisioned Mindy reuniting with her mom. I am sure Peggy was first in line to meet Mindy to envelope her with love, smiles, hugs and kisses as she began her new life in heaven. I am thankful to have had a friend in Mindy. Kirk and I send our sincere love, and heartfelt thoughts and prayers, as does the rest of the Williams Family, Always, Susan and Kirk Buist

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**Susan Buist** - July 12, 2018 at 12:33 PM

SS

“ I remember all the fun times we had growing up together in Higginsville. Mindy was my brother and sister's age and Kathy was my age. We played together many times and also attended church together. Mindy will be missed by many. Love and peace to her family and friends.

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**Susan (Werning) Shier** - April 28, 2018 at 10:38 AM

SS

“ Mindy's life is one to celebrate for all she brought to others lives. One of Mindy's favorite songs is "Satisfied" by Jewel. The words are so much her message of love..."Did you say it, Did you mean it, Did you lay it on the line, Did you make it count, Did you look 'em in the eye, Did they feel it...If you did hon, then you lived some and that feeling inside, that's called satisfied." I believe Mindy left satisfied. God bless all her family and friends. Treasure the memories. I know I will.

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**Sara Studer** - April 28, 2018 at 10:38 AM

JS

“ What a wonderful person! I've known Mindy for a very long time. We had the best times growing up, bunking parties, etc. I feel very lucky to have know such a nice person. Love ya.

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**Jil Sutherland** - April 28, 2018 at 10:38 AM

FL

“ My deepest condolences to Mindy's family. She will be greatly missed here at Wendy's, where she has positively impacted so many people in her outstanding career. Mindy was an incredible human being.

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**Frank Leary** - April 28, 2018 at 10:38 AM

MK

“ I worked with Mindy when we were both WMI Managers. Her passion for the business and her love of people will always remain with me. We had so much fun at meetings and her smile lit up the room.

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**Mickey Koenig** - April 28, 2018 at 10:38 AM

GD

“ There will always be but one Mindy. She saw the best in everyone and brought others equal amounts of humor and wisdom. Her passion for life was contagious, and some of my happiest times were spent in her presence. Thanks for the memories, kiddo. Heaven will be a better place now that you're there.

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**Gene Dickey** - April 28, 2018 at 10:38 AM

LM

“ So sorry to learn of your loss. May God be with you now and as you go forward.

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**Linda McGuire** - April 28, 2018 at 10:38 AM

CH

“ As a peer Mindy was a great partner and very passionate about her work. It was always a pleasure to work with Mindy; even though she took her job very seriously she liked to have fun, her quick wit and sassiness kept things interesting and always left me smiling. She will be missed.

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**Chris Haid** - April 28, 2018 at 10:38 AM

SF

“ When I think of Higginsville, I think of the Starke pep club presidents!! 1st, Becky, then Kathy, and finally Mindy walking in to my office and saying "Well, I guess I'm next!" She was so much fun, and really got the girls going...can't say P.E. was her favorite class, though. I hate cancer. I'll always have my memories of a fun, goofy, positive gal. RIP Mindy!

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**Sarah Jane (Leech) Famuliner** - April 28, 2018 at 10:38 AM

TS

“ Oh crap Mindy. I had a dream about you last week and today I looked you up only to find I was too late. Looks like you had a lot of people that loved you. I wish I could have said goodbye. Love you Mindy.

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**Teri Sutton** - April 28, 2018 at 10:38 AM