



Mrs. Regina Dykes

January 11, 1961 - January 22, 2023

Obituary

Regina Lynn Gladyness was born on January 11, 1961 in Wayne, Michigan. She spent her childhood growing up in Romulus, Michigan. She obtained her elementary and secondary education in Romulus and graduated from Romulus High School in 1979 with honors and a full scholarship to attend the University of Michigan, where she graduated with a bachelor's degree in Finance and Accounting. Regina then joined the United States Army which is where she spent three years serving her county in various locations. While in the military in Germany, Regina met Eric Dykes. Their relationship continued as they returned to the States and they were later married in Arlington, Virginia. To this union three handsome and beautiful children were born, Christopher, Cameron and Ciara.

Regina began her federal career with the Bureau of Prisons in Leavenworth, Kansas, after which she worked for the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) in Kansas City, Missouri, and continued her employment with the USDA where she retired with over 34 years of federal service.

While in the military and throughout her life, Regina loved to travel to different places just to see what they had to offer her. They provided lifelong memories during her numerous travels with her family and friends.

Regina was extremely creative and loved crafting beautiful things with her hands. She had numerous hobbies such as sewing, crocheting, scrapbooking, making wreaths and miniature Christmas trees. She donated her creations to various groups and organizations to be sold for charity, or delighted in surprising her friends with homemade gifts. Regina volunteered for the Make-A-Wish foundation for many years where she helped to fulfill the wishes of children with cancer and other illnesses.

Along with her other inventive ideas, she loved to collect all types of beads and design jewelry. This was an activity she and her daughter Ciara enjoyed together. After Ciara's passing in 2009, Regina's jewelry making and designing became a special calling for her. She started "The Jewelry Bee," as a nonprofit jewelry business she would use to help others in honor of Ciara. Working with the organization Wells for Life, Regina donated all of the proceeds from her jewelry sales to fund and build more than 75 water wells in towns and villages all over rural India. These critically-needed wells help to provide hundreds of people with access to clean drinking water nearby. Cameron visited India to represent the family, to witness the opening and dedication of wells, and to meet some of those Regina's work has helped.

Regina was a doting wife and mother, and a fun-loving, spirited person who lived and loved life to the fullest. She was a committed Christian and devoted in her faith. She believed in the power of prayer and was an inspiration to all who knew her. She was kind to all, and could always be found talking with someone, be it an old friend or a person she had just met. She never met strangers, just new acquaintances and new friends. She served as a mediator and was always working to hold the family together. Regina was so connected to her nieces and nephews that they would sometimes confide in her more than in their own parents, some even calling her "Auntie Momma." She was known as the calm one of the group, always so very approachable, and ready to lend an ear or a helping hand to anyone.

Regina leaves to cherish her memory: Eric Dykes, her loving husband of 34 years, and her sons Christopher and Cameron Dykes, all of Leavenworth, KS. Her daughter Ciara and her father Freddie Gladyness preceded her in death. She is also survived by her Mother Peggy L. Gladyness of Gainesville, FL; her sisters: Shirley (Ronnie) Bennett of Natchitoches, LA; Patricia McCarty of Charlotte, NC; Pauline Metcalf (Kelvin Powell) of Gainesville, FL; brothers: Freddie (Cynthia) Gladynes, Jr. of Grand Rapids, MI; O. B. Glaydness, of Kentwood, MI; David (Heather) Glaydness of Grand Rapids, MI.; her uncles and aunts: Jerry & Shriley Sampract of Alexandria, LA; Arthur Willis of Aurora, IL; Marie Harris of Pineville, LA; and Ruby Poole of Summerville, SC. There are also a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends too numerous to mention.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, February 4, 2023, 1:00pm at Trinity COGIC, 244881 S.139th St., Leavenworth, KS. Service conducted by Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Condolences may be shared on our website.

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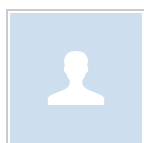
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“ *A Memorial Tree was planted for Mrs. Regina Dykes
We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Lawrence A. Jones
& Sons Funeral Chapels-Kansas-Lawrence A. Jones & Sons
Funeral Chapels
Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree*

A Memorial Tree was planted for Mrs. Regina Dykes - May 25, 2023 at 11:02 AM



“ *A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Mrs. Regina Dykes.
Plant a Tree*

May 25, 2023 at 11:02 AM



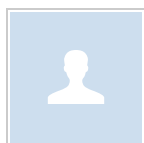
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by Crystal Thomas and family. Send Flowers*

Crystal Thomas and family - May 25, 2023 at 11:02 AM



“ *A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Mrs. Regina Dykes by
Chuck & Jamie Koelsch. Plant a TreeWe miss you, ReginaChuck &
Jamie Koelsch*

Chuck & Jamie Koelsch - May 25, 2023 at 11:02 AM



“ *A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Mrs. Regina Dykes.
Plant a TreeRegina was a beautiful person inside and out.*

May 25, 2023 at 11:02 AM

R1

“ Ray of sunshine was purchased for the family of Mrs. Regina Dykes by Romulus Class of 1979. Send Flowers On behalf of your friends and classmates of Romulus High School Class of '79 please accept this small token of remembrance of a gentle giant from our class. Your kindness and warmth will be missed ..Romulus Class of 1979

Romulus Class of 1979 - May 25, 2023 at 11:02 AM

ES

“ Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Regina Dykes. Send Flowers

Expression of Sympathy - May 25, 2023 at 11:02 AM

MD

“ A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Mrs. Regina Dykes by Martha DuBose. Plant a Tree Regina reminded me recently that we had known each other for over 44 years. Yet it didn't seem like that long ago since we first met in college and became friends. I am going to miss my friend. Martha DuBose

Martha DuBose - May 25, 2023 at 11:02 AM

VS

“ Regina and I met in basic training 40+ years ago. She was funny and made things that were tough, bearable. When we were stationed in Germany, we went to Mannheim where she met Eric. We were so young and full of life but Regina brought a joy and calmness to every situation which is what I needed. We had not spoken in years but she is exactly as everyone has described; kind, generous, loving and helpful. Regina will light up heaven just as she lit up our lives. Rest in Power and Peace. Condolences and love to her family.

Vonda Shields - February 20, 2023 at 05:35 PM

LD

“ We met Regina and Eric several years ago at church in Lenexa, KS. We were privileged to have them in our fellowship group. She was always full of life and a loving person. May you be comforted by her precious memories.

Lucian & Mary Deas - February 04, 2023 at 09:10 PM

LE

“ Well Regina Sis, you beat me to our heavenly home just want to say I met Regina while attending Lenexa Christian center church, through our relationship she'd come by my house every Friday to spend time with me and the boys. When I was going through a difficult time Regina was there for me I will truly miss her although I moved away within the last couple years we reacquainted our relationship through phone calls and prayers Our prayers now are for you and your family.

Lisa Edwards - February 04, 2023 at 12:53 AM

CP

“ Regina our Sisterhood and friendship is etched in my heart forever. I am so glad that God blessed us to share space and time as Spiritual Sisters in Alms. I will never forget you we are knitted together in God I will always love you my Sister we shopped together, laughed together, cried and even had our girls together. Prayed together, fought together and now you have your Crown. I miss you. Keep cheering us on till. Meet again on the other side.

Clara Paton - February 03, 2023 at 05:38 PM

MJ

“ Our deepest condolences and love to the family. Regina was a God-fearing, beautiful woman inside and out. We miss her dearly.

Melanie Jackson - February 03, 2023 at 12:58 PM

SS

“ When this beautiful lady entered the room it lite up. She always knew how to make everyone feel good about themselves and put a smile on your face. Her passion for God/Life/Family and everyone around her taught us all so much. Prayers to her family she will be missed. See you in Heaven my dear friend.

Love Susan Swanner

susan swanner - February 02, 2023 at 07:44 PM

MG

“ Regina was a great friend to me. I met her at Usda when she came there from DFAS. Come to know, she was active at Lenexa Christian Center church... where I had been active since the fall of 1993 ...and her family also. She was awesome. She was so positive a great friend and a wonderful co-worker at the computer center. I love her for so many reasons and I hope she knew ..because I didn't get to see her after I retired in 2011. Heaven will be a wonderful place, I know she's happy there. See you there, Regina.

Myra Garner - February 02, 2023 at 07:21 PM

DG

“ To my super-smart and ultra nice classmate and friend's family we of the class of '79 wish you comfort and peace. The peace that's greater than all our understanding. Regina will be missed but her fabulous smile will never be forgotten.

Darnell Green - February 02, 2023 at 06:31 PM

PL

“ My condolences to the family of Regina. I got to know Regina at USDA. Before COVID hit, she and I would chat about fashion or about my wide brim sun hat I'd wear during my walks on my break in the parking lot. Her pleasant and calm demeanor will be missed.

Purnie Lester - February 02, 2023 at 03:04 PM

KG

“ I met Regina through my sister-in-law Vickie on one of my trips to Kansas. Regina had a beautiful personality. She was very kind and full of wisdom from God. I enjoyed talking with her. I was looking forward to seeing Regina again on my next visit. She is truly missed. My condolences to her family and love ones.

Karen Graves - February 02, 2023 at 02:15 PM

BH

“ I met Sister Regina through Mrs. Vickie Johnson. Regina attended a Bible Study that I taught and after it was over she encouraged me to keep moving forward. I hold that conversation near to my heart because she had no clue how much I needed that encouragement. She impacted so many and my prayer is that God will give all those who knew Regina the peace, strength and comfort that only God can give.

-Brittany Hollis

Brittany Hollis - February 01, 2023 at 12:34 PM

CH

“ Regina, I am going to miss seeing you and your beautiful smile. Always projecting kindness in words and in deeds. You never complained and was always willing to help anyone. I know you are now resting peacefully...no more pain!

Chiquita Hudson - January 31, 2023 at 08:52 PM

LH

“ Regina I will miss our visits when came to Michigan and we talk about you and my daughter jewelry making ideas and where to get beads,stones,and vendor locations. Much love in my heart ❤️

La Rena Hamilton-Reyes - January 31, 2023 at 04:32 PM

CH

“ Sending My Condolences to My Cousins Family, I will miss you, and seeing you Face Book you rest now my cousin!❤️❤️

Carman Hamilton - January 31, 2023 at 04:10 PM

PJ

“ Regina has been there for me in the roughest times of my life. Her spirit and wisdom will be missed.
Purcell Joyner

Purcell Joyner - January 31, 2023 at 12:16 PM

VS

“ Regina and I met in the military. Regina remained the same kind-hearted, smart, talented and personable individual whose glass was half full and who never met a stranger. While our hearts are heavy, may we find solace in remembering Regina's light, beauty, kind heart and enfectious smile and laughter. I will miss my Army buddy and friend who always made me laugh. I still have the small table top Christmas tree Regina made for me. It's made from pipe cleaners and of course, beautifully decorated. I've had that tree for well over 20 years and bring it out each christmas.Regina brought so much joy and encouragement to so many. Regina, you will be greatly missed. Rest in peace my friend!

Vera Stancil - January 27, 2023 at 07:54 PM

AN

“ Regina and I met a Beadz Galore a long time ago, she is/was such a kind person to me. I just loved her jewelry and she love mine. Prayer's going out the the family.

Anita - January 27, 2023 at 01:17 PM

KK

“ Prayers for Eric, Christopher, Cameron and all of Regina's family. I worked with Regina just as she came off maternity leave after the birth of Cameron. Regina was the most compassionate person I knew. She was loved by everyone she came in contact with and she shared her love and kindness to everyone. I remember Regina always having a side job or interest. At that time she was selling/printing children's books where you put a child's name and their siblings, friends, and/or pets names in the stories at different craft events. When she was a vendor at a location near my house I would always stop by and visit with her during the event. Regina loved to talk and tell stories, especially about her children. She loved and was proud of her family. I remember when Regina and Eric started home schooling and taking their educational vacations/trips. Regina's talents and love continued Ciara's mission and legacy by providing water wells in India. She was truely a special person. Even though I hadn't seen Regina in awhile we kept in contact through Facebook and I often thought of her as I drove through Lansing and Leavenworth on my family visits to Atchison. You will be missed my friend.

Karen Kuhn - January 24, 2023 at 09:06 PM

CT

“ A candle was lit in remembrance

Cyndi Teetor - January 24, 2023 at 07:55 PM

CP

“ Regina you knew how to live life to the fullest. Providing so many with clean drinking water and improving lives of those you hadn't even met is an amazing legacy. I am picturing Regina's reunion with Ciara.Eric, Christopher & Cameron you are in our prayers, you had such an amazing wife & mother.

Charis Baldwin Phillips - January 24, 2023 at 10:43 AM

CT

“ The time we'd thought we'd set aside for one more visit never came to fruition. What a wonderful human being you were. An inspiration in more ways than one person should ever have to be. What a loss you our to our earthly world. I'm so sad.

Cindy Townsend - January 23, 2023 at 10:52 PM

RE

“ Even though we didn't see each other as much anymore I still considered you my good friend. Rest in paradise my sweet friend. Love you! My sincere condolences to her family. Sending prayers and hugs your way.

Rhonda Elias - January 23, 2023 at 01:36 PM