



## Mrs. Teresa J. Soard

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Teresa Soard began her eternal life on December 16 after a valiant battle with cancer. She was greeted in heaven by her mother, Shirley Elliott, her son, Trey Soard, her brother David Elliott, and her sister Sharon Elliott. Remaining behind to miss her physical presence are her husband of 44 years, Roy Soard, JR, her son Joshua Soard, daughter Jessica Strickland (JD), granddaughter Madison Faith Mitzel, grandson Ty David Mitzel, as well as father C Keith Elliott (Mary), sister Mary Beth Harper (Terry), sisters-in-law Feona Barnett, Donna Johnson (Pat) and Tammy Lawson (Karen), and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Teresa was born in Lexington, KY and grew up in Tennessee, Illinois and Florida. She graduated from Lakeland (FL) High School and from Midway (KY) College. It was in her college years that she met the love of her life, JR, whom she lovingly calls “Mr. Wonderful”. She moved with her family to Florida 25 years ago to be closer to her parents. Teresa’s work was in business administration and word processing. She worked in medical and education fields, having spent the last 20+ years with Gleim Publications of Gainesville, Fl.

Teresa enjoyed traveling as she marveled at God’s beautiful creation. Her favorite trips were with “Mr. Wonderful”. They would often leave home with no clear destination and enjoy traveling country roads to experience new things and enjoy being together.

Teresa is known for her infectious laugh and beautiful smile. Her presence would light up any room. She refused to let the cancer get her down, working into November and attending her grandson’s ball games and homecoming festivities. Teresa had a loving personality and made everyone feel like a friend.

Teresa loved children and had a great relationship with any children who entered her life. She taught Sunday School and was a Children Worship & Wonder Storyteller. She could make babies laugh and children engage.

Teresa’s greatest love and legacy is her love for her family, which always came first in her life. Without a doubt, the light of Teresa’s life are her amazing grandchildren Madison and Ty. She loved watching them excel in sports, their education, and whatever activities they

choose.

While Teresa's physical presence will be deeply missed, her light and love will continue to give all who loved her strength and peace.

Arrangements are by JONES-GALLAGHER FUNERAL HOME

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I'm deeply sorry for your loss. I worked with Teresa at Gleim, and she was always kind and funny and bright to be around, a wonderful person. We're all missing her here.

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**Ryan Van Tress** - December 29, 2021 at 01:21 PM

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“ I was beyond fortunate to have a special friend like Teresa come into my life. She was one of a kind. Her loss is something that I'll never get over. I find comfort in the knowledge that she's been reunited with her cherished son, Trey. I count myself blessed to have known her.

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**Linda Leonard** - December 20, 2021 at 08:43 PM