



Vala Dee (Igo) Shipman

July 9, 1964 - April 6, 2021

Vala Dee (Igo) Shipman, 56, passed away on Tuesday April 6th, 2021 due to ALS. Vala made Kewadin, MI her home. Vala was born in Chickasha, Ok to John L. Igo and Carroll Atkinson on July 9, 1964. She was the oldest of five children and raised in Cement, Oklahoma. She graduated high school a year and a half early from Northwest Classen in Oklahoma City. At the age of 16 Vala moved to Texas to live with her mother. There she met the father of her twins, Scott Shipman. In 1998 she moved to Michigan to be closer to her mother and grandparents. During Vala's life she pursued opportunities in modeling, accounting and at a lawyer's office in Texas. Her passion landed as an EMT and firefighter for Torch Lake Township. Vala had many hobbies which included horseback riding, gardening, a heart for animals, and rock painting. She loved spending time with her family, going to the beach at Torch Lake, taking photos of sunsets and finding Petoskey stones. Vala will be greatly missed by many. Survivors of Vala's family include: her father John L. Igo of Cement, OK; step-mother Linda Brasee of Cyril, OK; son Brent Shipman and granddaughter Keira Shipman of Kewadin, MI; Kara Shipman and granddaughter Hadley Hulburt of Rapid City, MI; siblings: sister Christa Campbell of Cyril, OK; brother Russ Igo of Anadarko, OK; sister Jill Akin of Midland, TX; and sister Nikki Kraham of Blanchard OK; aunt Lisa Stevenson of Elk Rapids, MI; aunt Betty Jameson of Wichita KS; many nieces, nephews, cousins and her beloved dog Misty Blue. She was preceded in death by her mother Carroll Lyn (Atkinson) Cato; grandparents Edward and Barbara (Allen)

Atkinson and John M. and Susie Myrtle Igo; great-grandparents Clarence and Mildred Allen; many aunts and uncles. A Celebration of Life will be held for Vala on Thursday, April 8th, 2021 at 3pm under the pavilion located in The Torch Lake Township Day Park. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral and Cremation Services.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR 8. 3:00 PM (ET)

The Torch Lake Township Day Park
12201 Pub Dock Rd
Kewadin, MI 49648

Tribute Wall

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“ I have looked for you on more than one occasion. I thought if you today, searched your name again only to find your obituary. Honey, sweet Vala, so sorry that you are gone. I have many fun memories of you. Glad you were able to see your children thrive and you got to be grandma. Until we meet again. Much love, your friend always, Sonja (or as you would say “Bonja Woman”). XO hugs

Sonja Geaccone - August 29, 2022 at 10:15 PM



Hi Sonja, thank you for the beautiful comment. It brings some closure and peace to know she had many people who adored her. Thank you again. 😊

Kara Hulburt - February 05, 2024 at 01:16 PM