



Jean "Snowbird" Stroud

January 11, 1956 - September 2, 2017

Jean "Snowbird" Stroud (née Coonts), of Morehouse, MO, passed away on Saturday, September 2, 2017 at the age of 61. She was of Cherokee heritage and upheld Cherokee traditions and culture.

Jean was born to parents Argus and Mary (Brant) Coonts on January 11, 1956 in St Louis, MO.

She is survived by her daughter, Emily Hunter (née Stroud) and son-in-law Mark R. Hunter of Albion, Indiana; her former spouse Donald Stroud of Morehouse, Missouri; her brother Argus Wayne Coonts and his wife Marcella, a true sister to her, of Wynne, Arkansas; her brother Joel Coonts and sister-in-law Lisa of Gates, Tennessee; and a nephew who was like a son to her, Jeff Coonts, his wife Jazmine, and their children of Cape Girardeau, Missouri. She was known as "Momma Jean" to many others, including "daughter" Sonja Polin and her children Elizabeth (Izzy), Kholbin, and Drew.

She was preceded in death by her parents, grandparents, and one brother, Clint Coonts.

Jean worked in OB, assisting in the delivery of babies until her own was born in December 1988. She then moved to office work.

Jean enjoyed genealogy and learning about her ancestry and Native American heritage. She is a former President of the St. Francis River Band of Cherokee, and helped support the Peace and Dignity runners for multiple years. She leaves behind a large number of Cherokee sisters and brothers, as well as several of different Native American heritages.

She was heavily involved in Girl Scouts as a former leader, Service Unit Manager, Delegate (Cotton Boll Council), and volunteer. She worked at Girl Scout Camp Latonka as Kitchen Assistant for 7 years in addition to her volunteer work there. In 2013, she became Secretary for Friends of Camp Latonka, a non-profit group established to save the camp from being closed. She will be greatly missed by her camp family.

Friends and family are invited to a memorial service at Camp Latonka on Saturday, September 9 in Wappapello, MO: potluck dinner starting at 5:30/6:00, with a campfire following at dusk. Her ashes will be present for those who wish to assist in scattering them.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the American Cancer Society or Friends of Camp Latonka (Save Camp Latonka).

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP 9. 5:30 PM (CT)

Camp Latonka
Lake Wappapello, MO 63966

Tribute Wall



“ *TootyandCindy Coonts lit a candle in memory of Jean "Snowbird" Stroud*



TootyandCindy Coonts - September 21, 2017 at 11:44 PM



“ *Argus Wayne lit a candle in memory of Jean "Snowbird" Stroud*



Argus Wayne - September 21, 2017 at 11:41 PM



I have no words; only memories and tears.

Argus Wayne - September 21, 2017 at 11:44 PM



“ *Marcella Coonts lit a candle in memory of Jean "Snowbird" Stroud*



Marcella Coonts - September 16, 2017 at 03:00 AM



Jean, Your light will forever shine in my life.

Marcella Coonts - September 16, 2017 at 03:01 AM