



Marie Alicia Bittinger

February 14, 1955 - January 10, 2022

Marie Alicia Bittinger passed on to Glory on January 10th, 2022 at the age of 66 years.

Marie served as secretary for the Cocke County Partnership for many years as well as being the long-time Tourism Council Chair and was instrumental in many community events. She was a valued member of Tanner Preservation Alliance and was named Diamond of the Decade for her service to Cocke County Partnership. She was a cherished member of the Smoky Mountain Home Health "family" for many years.

In addition to all this, she was the "woman behind the man" of Piney Mountain Foster Care.

Marie and Doug became active in Canine Rescue in 2012, taking in heart worm positive dogs, and have never looked back... saving numerous dogs that wouldn't have had a chance for a loving home but for their care. Marie was born on February 14, 1955 to Dorothy (Bowles) and Anthony Eichwald in St Louis, MO.

She is survived by her husband, Douglas A. Bittinger, a brother: Richard A. Eichwald (Jill Brewer Eichwald), a niece: Margaret Eichwald Barton (Andrew James Barton), Great Nephew: Fitz Brewer Barton, Nephew: Thomas Eichwald (Maura Hayes Eichwald), and Uncles: Richard L. Bowles, and James E. Bowles (Ruth Bowles). Mother-in-Law, Joy O'Hare and Sister-in-law, Laurie Timmermann Marie was an active member of Liberty Church of Cosby. A Celebration of Life ceremony is planned for Friday, January 21st at 3 p.m. at

Liberty Church of Cosby. In lieu of flowers, family asks you make a donation to her medical bills fundraiser at <https://gofund.me/bd9f0348>. Family and friends may sign the guest register online at www.manesfuneralhome.com. Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 21. 3:00 PM.

Liberty Church Of Cosby

Tribute Wall



“ *Marie Alicia Bittinger*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Regina King lit a candle in memory of Marie Alicia Bittinger*



Regina King - January 21, 2022 at 11:22 AM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss , you are in our thoughts & prayers . Jerry & Jan Caughron*



jan Caughron - January 17, 2022 at 07:12 PM



“ *Patricia Buckner lit a candle in memory of Marie Alicia Bittinger*



Patricia buckner - January 17, 2022 at 02:02 PM

SB

“ Doug,

I was so saddened to hear about Marie's passing. She was a beautiful soul inside and out and our community was blessed to have you and she so involved. You each will be in my thoughts and prayers in the months to come.



Susan Ball - January 16, 2022 at 08:15 PM

LW

“ While working closely with Marie for a time, I learned to love and appreciate her. It is hard to imagine SMHHH, this community and even the dogs in need without her! My sincerest condolences.

Linda Whitson - January 16, 2022 at 07:36 PM

BC

“ So sorry for your loss. Marie was a very special person with a heart of gold. Prayers for all her family and her fur babies.
Betty Coffey

Betty Coffey - January 16, 2022 at 12:10 PM

SH

“ So sorry for your loss. A beautiful and elegant angel



Sandy Hurley - January 16, 2022 at 09:44 AM

KC

“ So sorry for the loss of such a precious lady. She was always a pleasant person to work with at Smoky. Prayers for you all



Kay Cureton - January 15, 2022 at 08:36 PM

DO

“ We are still reeling with shock over the news of Marie’s passing. Having served with her in many capacities, we know she was indeed a jewel in the Cocke County community. Our deepest sympathy to you, Doug, and your family. We share your sense of loss and pain.

Duay and Kay O’Neil - January 15, 2022 at 04:53 PM

RS

My condolences, Doug. Marie was an important part of the community, did wonderful work and was an inspiration to many.

Ray Snader - January 17, 2022 at 12:23 PM

AP

Marie was a kind and sweet lady that I had the privilege of working with for many years at Smoky Mountain Home Health and Hospice. She will be greatly missed by many.

Ada Pearce - January 17, 2022 at 04:51 PM

RK

Mrs. Marie, I am going to miss your sweet spirit and hugs whenever I come to the office. Prayer of comfort to the family.

Regina King - January 21, 2022 at 11:27 AM