



Mary Frakes

May 26, 1950 - December 14, 2025

Mary Josephine Frakes, 75, passed away Sunday, December 14, 2025, in Topeka, Kansas. Mary was born May 26, 1950, in Souix Falls, South Dakota to Marvin J. and Mary Jo Christiansen.

Mary graduated from Topeka West High School in 1968. After high school, Mary began working at Southwestern Bell, after they were bought out by AT&T, she stayed with the company. Later, on top of her day job at AT&T, she began working part time at Macy's Inc. on night shift. Mary retired after 40 years at the phone company and 23 years at Macy's. Mary married Richard Chavez Adame, he precedes Mary in death. She married Jack L. Frakes, and they later divorced.

Mary is survived by her daughters, Mary Theresa Adame and Ashley E. Praylow of Topeka; grandchildren, Courtney Hoover, Aspen Hoover, Brayden Ward; great-grandchildren, Gavin O'Brate, Lorraina O'Brate, Elijah Hoover, Kai Worford, Layla Worford; siblings, Carol Tenpenny of Valley Falls, Kansas; niece, Leah (Adam) Tenpenny Wilson of Reading, Kansas; and nephew, Travis Tenpenny of Topeka.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, and brother-in-law, Eric Chief Tenpenny.

Mary's services are private.

Condolences may be sent online at www.kevinbrennanfamily.com

Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Frakes



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - December 17, 2025 at 11:54 AM

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“ Theresa/Ashley,

I'm so very sorry for your loss. I worked with your mom for many years at in the PICS group at AT&T. She was quite a character. We had a lot of laughs together. She even hosted a baby shower for me! Sending hugs and prayers to you and your family.

Kim Pfeiffer

Kim Pfeiffer - December 22, 2025 at 10:06 AM

MC

“ *I worked with Mary at At&t. i send condolences to her children. She was very respected at work and well liked.*

mary clinton - December 21, 2025 at 04:45 PM

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“ Ashley, Teresa, and families

So sorry for the loss of your Mother. I am grateful I had the opportunity to get to know your Mom. I admired her for the strength she had and the way she loved her family. I will always remember her and I will miss her very much. Prayers for you all to have faith and peace in the days ahead.

Arlene Mendoza-Davin - December 20, 2025 at 09:29 AM