



## Merle Anne Murphy

November 24, 1937 - June 3, 2017

On June 3, 2017, our Coastal Area lost an icon.

Merle was born in Hutchinson, Kansas, November 24, 1937. Raised by her grandmother in Doniphan, Mo, until her teenage years when she went to St. Louis. Merle led a very dignified life, working hard and having fun. Enjoyed her grandchildren and on April 19, 2017, she was blessed with a great-grandson, Joshua David Avery.

She has been preceded in death by her beloved son, Edward "Bodie" Murphy, her son-in-law, Scott Kimbrough, her brothers, Richard Decker, and the twins Gerald and Jerry Dickson. Her mother Edith Miller and her father James Miller.

She is survived by her daughter Valerie Kimbrough, grandchildren Mandi Murphy Avery (Josh), Keith Kimbrough, Travis Murphy, her great-grandson Joshua David Avery, and her long-time companion Captain Andy Mason, all of Baldwin County. She leaves behind her beloved brothers and sisters, several nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews most of which live in the St. Louis, MO area.

Merle's spunky spirit will be missed by many.

Memorial Service at the Craft Farms Club House on June 30, 2017 from 5-8PMt

Arrangements are by Cason Funeral Service Foley Alabama Foley Al

# Tribute Wall



“ Summer '76 I was in Gulf Shores before college at W&L. Had just returned from hitching hiking out west and for month of August washed dishes at Holiday Inn.

They used to pull me out from the Hobart, wearing apron, and toss me up on stage w / this lounge lizard, Terry Starr, w / whom I'd jam on harp to tunes like Mack the Knife, etc. People would buy me drinks, then I'd return to the kitchen to finish the pots at about 2AM, Merle was the bartender, more correctly she held court. Following summer, Merle had me set up as bartender at Gazebo bar by the pool.

Subsequent summer I played happy hour at Kenny Stabler's where she tended. Closest I can describe her is think of Ms Kitty on Gunsmoke. She ruled w /an iron shot glass, and is, undoubtedly, missed by so many...

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**Dominic Lyons** - October 12, 2018 at 04:06 PM



“ We first met Merle at Coconut Willie's. She had a great sense of humor and never forgot what you ordered or drank! Her ability to meet life's challenges and keep her balance was amazing. We will miss her. Ken & Amelia Fletcher

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**Amelia Fletcher** - June 29, 2017 at 12:37 PM

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“ There are just too many wonderful memories with Merle. She was a delightful person and David and I both loved her. She was a survivor, never complained, and always had a smile for those she liked and no time of day for spoil sports. She will be missed. Dr. David and Marjorie Reed.

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**Marjorie Reed** - June 26, 2017 at 08:19 PM

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**Valerie Kimbrough** - June 24, 2017 at 02:05 PM

SC

“ My husband and I adored Merle. We went to all the parties at the club and she was usually serving, but I always drank just coffee. One night she introduced me to Pinot Grigio and I fell in love with it. Your Mom always made us feel special\*\*\*I guess that is because she was so special.  
Sandi and Carroll Ciochon

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**Sandra Ciochon** - June 24, 2017 at 12:53 PM

JD

“ Merle was a Sweetheart. She was so kind and always had a nice greeting and smile. She was the only one at the bar who could make a truly good tasting Old Fashion in the proper way. Missed her a lot when she no longer worked there. My most sincere condolences to her family.

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**James Dahlman** - June 24, 2017 at 10:24 AM