

# Claudia Ruth Mefford



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Visitation will be held, 5:00pm~8:00pm Friday, October 24, 2025, at Hennessey Funeral Home in Missouri Valley, Iowa.

Memorial Service will be held 10:30 a.m. Saturday, October 25, 2025, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Missouri Valley, Iowa.

The family would like to invite everyone to a time of lunch and fellowship at the church immediately following the service.

Any memorials sent to the family will be directed to the Beebeetown Little League

Association.

Claudia Ruth (Beebee) Mefford was born on August 13, 1953, and after a courageous battle with cancer, she peacefully rose into the hands of our Lord on October 9, 2025, with her husband Steve at her side.

Claudia was born in Council Bluffs, Iowa to Ellis A. Beebee and Mildred Eileen (Brundige) Beebee. She was raised and spent most of her life in Beebeetown and was very proud of the Beebee family's history and heritage. She graduated from Tri Center High School in Neola, Iowa in 1971 and continued her education at Iowa Western Community College where she earned her Medical Assistant Certification. She married Steve Mefford in 1980 and to this union, two wonderful children were born, Samantha Lynn Mefford and Joseph Taylor Mefford. After residing in Council Bluffs for a short time, Claudia and Steve purchased a house in Beebeetown that Caludia's ancestors had built and began the process of turning it into a home to raise their children in a rural, small-town setting. Claudia had many talents and worked at a variety of jobs and held several different positions, successful at each of them. Most of her career was as a Medical Receptionist in various offices and clinics in and around the Missouri Valley area until her well-deserved retirement in April of 2020.

Claudia enjoyed decorating the home she loved so much, both inside and out and had a true knack for design and creativity that would change with the seasons. She filled their home with beautiful plants and outdoor flowerbeds they were the envy of many. She enjoyed hosting many family functions and would make sure every birthday, holiday or special event was celebrated in style. Claudia also enjoyed reading, listening to music, family gathering, time around the pool, visiting with friends on the deck and bonfires.

Above all, Claudia had an incredible sense of family, she and her siblings shared a closeness that ran deep, but the bond between the sisters transcended anything that could be put into words. In fact, they would say, "It's a Beebee thing.....you wouldn't understand". Claudia's heart was in her role as mother and grandmother, (Nana). She loved doing everything she could to make every moment special and turn every occasion into a wonderful memory. She seemed to know exactly what to do and what to say to show each of her "babies" how truly special they were, how much they were loved and that a warm hug from Nana would solve any problem.

Claudia was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Kathi (Jerry) Laube and

her brother Greg  
(Connie) Beebee.

She is survived  
by her husband Steve Mefford, daughter Samantha Mefford and  
her three children,  
Jace, Madelyn, and Caleb, her son Joseph and his son William,  
sisters: Becky  
(Jerry) Paar, Stacy Beebee, honorary sister Jane Corrin and  
many loving and  
special nieces, nephews and cousins.