



## Vicki LaDawn Howerton

November 3, 1958 - June 15, 2024

Vicki LaDawn Howerton, 65 of Holden, Missouri died on Saturday, June 15, 2024, at Centerpoint Medical Center in Independence, Missouri. She was born on Monday, November 3, 1958, in Warrensburg, Missouri to the late Harold Howerton and Dorothy Vick Graham.

Vicki was a graduate of Holden High School. After high school she attended University Central Missouri in Warrensburg, MO for two years before moving to Overland Park, KS where she began working at American Teleconferencing of OP KS. She had as a client the organization that provided communications for the NCAA March Madness Basketball tournament. This became an exciting career path for Vicki, and ultimately led her to pursue her work in the industry at IBM, and later GE Telecommunications divisions in New York City. She held the title of Sales Account Executive, serving many well-known businesses like Sony, and Xerox. She also did professional modeling while living in NYC. While living in the east Vicki enjoyed cycling and loved visiting art and history museums. She loved her work and the ability to work in the big city. Vicki observed and documented the events of 9/11 from her high-rise apartment across the river from the towers. Vicki wrote a series of articles for the then, Holden Progress, depicting that tragedy with her firsthand experience. After her career in NYC, she returned to Holden to live with and care for her aging mother, Dorothy. Vicki enjoyed long walks, yard work, and keeping house for her mother. She also enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles,

and loved music. Vicki also enjoyed movies and keeping up with Hollywood. She was a member of the Holden Community of Christ Church and a past member of the Elks Lodge of New Jersey.

Vicki will be missed by all who knew her loving personality.

Surviving is her daughter Sophie Dufresne of Canada; sister Debra A. Mannino of Holden and her fiancé Robert Davidson of Holden. She is also survived by her nieces and nephews; Matthew Mannino, Gina (Cory) Mitchell and Angie (Lance) Smith all of the Atlanta, GA area, and lots of cousins and extended family. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Robert Howerton.

Services will be held Saturday, July 27, 2024, at the Holden Community of Christ Church in Holden, Missouri. Visitation at 1:00pm with the Memorial Celebration of Life Service at 2:00pm.

The family suggests memorial contributions may be made to the Holden Community of Christ Church 401 S. Pine St. Holden, MO 64040

Funeral services are entrusted to Campbell-Cast Funeral Home and Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.castfuneralhome.com](http://www.castfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 27. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Community of Christ  
401 South Pine  
Holden, MO 64040

## Celebration of Life

JUL 27. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ We really didn't start hanging out together until our senior year. There was a whole group of us and I remember lots of laughs and silliness going on. There was me, Vickie, Lavise, Julie, Denise, Melanie, Linda, Becky and I can't remember who all else. I do remember Vickie was a hoot and so much fun to be around. Her brother Bobby is who took me to all the parties on graduation night and he treated me like a sister. Thanks for the happy memories my friend. Praying for the family. Fly high Vickie. 🙏🏻🙏🏻❤️😄

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**Connie (Sherman) Baldwin** - June 27, 2024 at 10:51 PM

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“ I became friends with Vicki a few years ago while visiting my mom who was her neighbor. First time I spoke to her she called and asked if she could give her dog, Amber, to my daughter. They had bonded when we visited mom and Amber would run across the street to moms house. Many years later, we began to visit in my mom's yard and discovered that we had some things in common . She would call when she needed to talk or just to tell a funny story! Like the time she almost pinched my son in law's bottom because she thought it was a friend of hers! Of course I had to laugh and tell her he was the preacher in Bennett Springs! LOL! We had a laugh about that! Vicki was a great friend and I will miss her friendship a lot.

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**Marsha Hedglin** - June 27, 2024 at 03:04 PM