



## Celia Talbert

November 14, 1964 - January 28, 2025

Celia Talbert, age 60, of Mystic, IA, joined the wonderful afterlife on Tuesday, January 28, 2025.

Celia was born on November 14, 1964, in Oak Lawn, IL, to Al and MaryAnn (Houtzer) Brevard. At the age of 2 ½, her family moved to Alexandria, VA, where she'd spend several years before graduating from Fort Hunt High School in 1982. After high school, she lived in Del Valle, TX for a couple of years and then in the U.K. for a couple of years while serving her county in the United States Air Force. Celia then moved to Iowa in 1988-Ottumwa, Albia, and finally, Mystic pursuing her hospitality trade. On December 31, 1999, she was united in marriage to John Talbert in Albia.

Celia enjoyed being outdoors, flower gardening and harvesting her flower seeds to be planted the following year. She loved animals, especially her rescue cats. She was very talented and enjoyed arts and crafts, especially painting stones. Above all else, Celia enjoyed spending time with her family.

Celia is survived by her husband of 25 years, John Talbert of Mystic, IA; her children and stepchildren, all known as "the kids"; her grandchildren; a great grandchild; 2 brothers; and 2 sisters.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Al and MaryAnn Brevard and a

brother.

Per Celia's wishes, her body has been cremated and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Cards of condolences/memorials can be sent to Celia's family at 501 Lewis St., Mystic, IA 52574.

An open memorial has been established to the family.

# Tribute Wall

MD

“ *I still haven't fully grasped that you're gone from this earth. You were the baby of the lot ~ you were supposed to outlive me! Our Lord had other plans for you. I will see you again when Jesus tells me to come on up. In the meantime, give all who went before us hugs and kisses.*



*You were my child for years and I loved every minute of it! So many joyful memories held in my heart; we had similar tastes in music and humor. The comments here let me know I did a good job with you, helping to shape you into the loving woman you became.*

*Much love, baby sis, Melissa*

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**Melissa Martin Dale** - February 07, 2025 at 08:17 PM

JS

“ She was so wonderful and we were lucky she was our neighbor when I was young.

*I remember very vividly a day when I was around 7-9 years old, and she and I were playing basketball in our backyard and she witnessed how horrible I was at shooting. She then taught me the underhanded shooting (aka 'the granny shot') for free throws, and I started making free throws better than I ever did the usual way (10% success vs, 1-2% success previously; I was/am really bad).*

*I will always remember her kindness in trying to help me and her patience given the impossible task of improving my bb skills. It is a clear and fond memory that I have of Celia, and I was always grateful.*

*John*

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**john p seeley** - February 05, 2025 at 12:22 AM

SC

“ Dear Cee, I only take comfort knowing that I will see you again. I am so sad, but not overwhelmed. I know you are resting now and you are surrounded by your loved ones who have gone before you. I know after your family welcomed you, my dad introduced himself, gave you a big hug and said thank you for being such a wonderful friend to my twins. I can clearly see you reunited with your precious animals. I also see you and Jesus sitting by a river doubled over with laughter about something!

*My head has been hanging low these last few days, but I hear you in my ear saying... “PICK IT UP DOUGHHEAD!!”*

*I will meet you at the gates of the city one day. I will be in my re-vamped red 1966 Ford Fairlane. This one won't have a hole in the floor!!*

*Love you, girl.*

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**Sherry Clark** - January 31, 2025 at 08:28 AM

MN

“ I love Cee. She is that rare friend you can belly laugh with, cry with, be silent with, and sing with... all in the same conversation. She accepted and loved with her whole heart, but would call you on your BS instantly. I have not physically been in her presence for over 40 years, but once a friend, always a friend with Cee. The world has suffered a tremendous loss. My love and prayers to her family and her FH Posse.

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**Mary Nottingham** - January 31, 2025 at 05:20 AM

JB

“ Cee, Missing your humor and light. The youngest taken so quickly from us all. You leave loving family and this brother will miss your laughter. Easy to travel with and fun to be around. Miss ya', kiddo! - Love Jim

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**Jim Brevard** - January 31, 2025 at 04:38 AM

SC

“ Sharon C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Celia Talbert.

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**Sharon C.** - January 30, 2025 at 09:08 PM



“ I will forever be grateful that CeeBee's path and mine crossed in 7th grade. For most of the interceding 47 years we have propped each other up with laughter and truth - through all the joys and grief of life on this planet. My life has contracted so deeply with this loss. We always thought we'd have more time. Fly free Cee, I know you are already dancing with all the saints that went before you. Hug my mom and Em for me. See you on the other side.

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**Deb Angerman** - January 30, 2025 at 09:07 PM

JB

“ My amazing little sister, aka "Mini-Me". You were the smartest of all the Brevard kids! You are loved and missed. See you in Heaven someday.💔



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**Janice B.Smith** - January 29, 2025 at 04:21 PM

MD

*I still haven't fully grasped that you're gone from this Earth. You were the baby of the lot ~ you were supposed to outlive me! Our Lord had other plans for you. I will see you again when Jesus tells me to come on up. In the meantime give all who went before us hugs & kisses!*

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**Melissa Martin Dale** - February 07, 2025 at 07:44 PM