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Lori Michelle Wills Howard passed away on Sunday, March 8, 2026, after an extended illness. She was 58 years old. At her request, all services will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests that memorial contributions be made to Jay's HOPE Childhood Cancer Foundation, 1157B Forsyth Street, Macon, GA 31201.

Lori was born in Kennesaw on July 9, 1967, to the late Billy and Geraldine Crowe Wills. She attended Westfield School and was a graduate of Perry High School, before advancing her education at Mercer University, where she graduated with honors. Lori worked at Elberta Alternative School and at Rainbow House. Beyond her professional life, Lori was devoted to her family and her high school sweetheart, Mike. Lori and Mike fell in love when they were 15 years old and have been together ever since. Together, they shared a love of the outdoors, often spending time camping and fishing. Lori's dedication to her family was profound, as she and Mike cared for several family members in their times of need, including her grandmother, sister, mother, and father. This selfless sacrifice was a testament to her loving nature.

Left to cherish the memories they made with Lori are her loving and devoted husband of over 40 years, Mike Howard of Elko; her children, Michael Howard and Amanda Kirkland (Jeff); her grandchildren, Billy Howard, Luke Kirkland, and Boone Howard; her brother, Mark Wills (Lori) of Cartersville; and several nieces, nephews, and other extended family members.

Condolences for the family may be left in the online guestbook at www.watsonhunt.com. Watson-Hunt Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.



Tribute Wall

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Mark And Lorri Wills posted:

Lori was my baby sister for 58 years. When we were growing up our dad gave her his affectionate nickname "Punk". Sometimes that name can be used to describe a rowdy boy. But in Lori's case it was used lovingly by our Dad. She was definitely a tomboy. No matter what was going on in the neighborhood with all the girls and boys Lori was right in the middle of it. Whether we were playing Football, Baseball, Kickball, Tag or hide and go seek Lori was going to try her very best to keep up with, match or exceed the action of the older kids. She was a ball of fire. Great memories! In the last several years as the busyness of life and distance has caused us not to get together like days gone by, Lori had become one of my closest Prayer and Bible study partners. We spent hours fellowshiping over the phone studying our Lord's Holy Scriptures and sharing our concerns and Prayer requests for others. As I reflect on the life of my beloved sister Lori Howard part of me Envy's her because she has now arrived at her destination. She is now by His Grace and through her Faith in the presence of our Lord Jesus and all of our departed family and friends that have trusted in His finished work on the Cross. And yet, of course at the same time my heart will ache until I get to join Lori and see them all again face to face in the presence of our Lord! May the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob Bless and Comfort you Mike and all of your Precious Family until we see Lori again!,, 🙏

March 12 at 3:59 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring LORI by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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