



Tamara Lynn Foster

January 17, 1964 - November 14, 2025

Tamara Lynn “Tammy” Foster (Swesey), age 61, of Bradley passed away Friday, November 14, 2025 at her home. She was born January 17, 1964 in Sacramento, CA, the daughter of Benjamin Howard & Linda Joanna (Fries) Swesey.

Tammy was a former cable technician with Xfinity. She enjoyed gardening, cooking, rescuing cats, shopping, and computers. Most of all, Tammy loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Surviving are one son, James (Kaitlyn) Bruggman of Orland Park; one daughter, Reina Bruggman (Larry Frantz) of Bradley; three sisters, Shauna Swesey (Ed Kenney) of California, Stacey (Marty) Thompson of California, and Sara McDermott of California; two brothers, Greg Beck of California, and Jeff Beck of Oklahoma; three grandchildren, Serena Martinez, Alayna Martinez, and Cruz Martinez; special friend, Terry Foster; and thirteen nieces and nephews, whom she dearly loved. Tammy is preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Kevin Swesey and Joe Swesey; one daughter, Kristy; and one granddaughter, Alayna.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from 12 Noon until the time of the 2 p.m. memorial service on Friday, November 21, 2025 at Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

NOV **21**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
1900 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-2421
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

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Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Judy Steele lit a candle in memory of Tamara Lynn Foster*



Judy Steele - November 18, 2025 at 12:04 PM

JB

“ *I will always remember the springs and summers my mother tended her garden. She loved dahlias, peonies, and sunflowers. I would help build paver paths, move soil, and build elaborate raised bed cages to protect her vegetables from squirrels. The joy she would have after helping her filled me with pride and built a passion for gardening on my own.*

I continue to grow the plants she gave me and will tend her garden in her place.

James Bruggman - November 17, 2025 at 09:09 PM



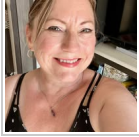
That's beautiful James. She was so proud of the garden you built for her.

Reina Bruggman - November 17, 2025 at 09:34 PM



Yes she told me her favorite flower was dahlias. She really taught you guys a lot of good survival skills.

Sara Swesey McDermott - November 20, 2025 at 03:35 PM



“ I remember when I was 10 years old, I had an old blue pair of shoes with holes in the toes, too small...she took me to the mall and let me pick out whatever brand name pair I wanted. I got a pink pair of kangaroos! She was so generous. I visited her while staying in Illinois in 2019. She was a very good cook. She pickled her cucumbers she grew in her garden one year, they were delicious!



Sara Swesey McDermott - November 17, 2025 at 05:59 PM



She loved buying stuff for people definitely showed her love in gift giving

Reina Bruggman - November 17, 2025 at 07:55 PM

JB

She loved to do canning and vacuum sealing foods. I still can my vegetables because of her.

James Bruggman - November 17, 2025 at 09:21 PM



“ My favorite memory of my mother is her swimming with my kids. She taught serena in a day and was determined for cruz to know. Luckily he learned also and eased all our minds with our pool. Thanks mom

Reina Bruggman - November 17, 2025 at 05:39 PM



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Sara Swesey McDermott - November 20, 2025 at 03:41 PM