



Kathleen Fortner

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Kathleen Fortner Obituary

Kathleen "Kathy" Fortner went home to Jesus peacefully with her children David, Rebecca, and Jason by her side on October 30, 2023 in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Kathy was born to Thelma Richardson and Loren Notley on October 3, 1948 in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Kathy is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Derrel and her parents Thelma and Loren Notley. Kathy is survived by her three children- David, Rebecca, and Jason and their spouses Renee, Jeremy, and Halina. Kathy had 6 beautiful grandchildren- Sam, Henry, Natasza, Asa, Alex and Lena.

Kathy was deeply rooted in her faith and was continually inspired to share God's love with others. She was an encouragement to all who knew her and was loved by many. Her heart for missions and her volunteer work with Saint Francis hospital impacted many lives over the years.

Kathy found true joy in her friendships with others- she enjoyed lifelong companionship with friends from high school and college, Bunco groups, South Tulsa Baptist Church, Anthem church, Union, Bishop Kelley, neighbors and others-all who made her life rich and full of laughter.

Kathy will be remembered as an impeccable planner, a dedicated servant of Christ, and a friend to many.

A Celebration of Life service will be held for Kathy at Anthem Church in Broken Arrow on Friday, November 10 at 1 pm.

Memorial gifts may be made to "The Little Light House".



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Flowers can be sent to Bixby-South Tulsa Funeral Home.

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Bixby Funeral Service shared a **Video**.



April 22 at 7:28 AM



Anonymous posted:

Cottage garden fireside basket was purchased for the family of Kathleen Fortner. Send FlowersWith cherished memories and deep love for a wonderful sister, sister-in-law, and aunt, Our lives were blessed by her love and generous care for our family. Steve, Sunya and the children.

April 22 at 7:28 AM



Love, Elizabeth, Will And Gavin posted:

Purple designer's choice bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathleen Fortner by Love, Elizabeth, Will and Gavin. Send FlowersAunt Kathy was so special to us. I'm so glad my kids got to know her. She will be deeply missed. We love you and wish we could be with you today. Our hearts are with you.Love, Elizabeth, Will and Gavin

April 22 at 7:28 AM



Bob And Carole Gibbs Joe, Courtney, Olivia And Camden Gibbs posted:

A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Kathleen Fortner by Bob and Carole Gibbs Joe, Courtney, Olivia and Camden Gibbs. Plant a TreeSending our love and heartfelt sympathy. We have wonderful memories of the times our families spent together. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers.Bob and Carole Gibbs Joe, Courtney, Olivia and Camden Gibbs

April 22 at 7:28 AM



Jodi And David Sacco posted:

Open skies was purchased for the family of Kathleen Fortner by Jodi and David Sacco. Send FlowersWe are so sorry for the loss of your beloved mother, Kathleen. Love, David and Jodi SaccoJodi and David Sacco

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Jane Holland posted:

A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Kathleen Fortner by Jane Holland. Plant a Tree I met Kathy in summer school at Oklahoma State University, June 1970. I asked her to come to Houston with me and get a teaching job too and she was all in. That was the beginning of our long and lasting friendship. What I will always remember about Kathy was she knew God had a plan for her life to become a Proverbs 21 wife and mother. That was her destiny and she accepted that because she loved and trusted in Jesus. She met Derrel at First Baptist Church in Houston, married and made a beautiful home and family every where she was planted. She was the most organized person I've ever known and the best house keeper ever too. And she was very proud of all her children and loved them dearly. I love you, Kathy, and thank God you have no more pain and are living in the presence of Jesus. See you soon, JanieJane Holland

April 22 at 7:28 AM



Eugene & Tosha Floyd posted:

In Loving Memory of Kathy, Our Beloved Next-Door Neighbor for 4 Years, Kathy's passing has left a void in our lives, and we wanted to take a moment to remember the wonderful person she was. As our neighbor for the past four years, she brought kindness, warmth, and a sense of community into our lives. Her beauty, both inside and out, was evident to all who had the privilege of knowing her. Kathy's sweet nature and friendly demeanor brightened our days and made our neighborhood a better place. We share in your grief during this difficult time, and our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. The memory of Kathy and the moments we shared will forever hold a special place in our hearts. With heartfelt sympathy, Eugene & Tosha Floyd

November 8 at 1:38 PM



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Donna Greer-Jennings posted:

My very first memory of Aunt Kathy was when she and Uncle Derrel had moved from Texas to Nichols Hills within OKC. It was before they had any children. Rhonda and I spent a weekend with them and really had a fun time. She took us swimming and to the park but the coolest thing was this. She totally turned us loose in her kitchen. She just gave us some cook books and said pick out anything you want to cook and we will go to the grocery store and get whatever you need. Rhonda and I still remember this, we made beef stroganoff for dinner and cinnamon rolls for dessert. We felt like she treated us as if we were competent and mature persons and that felt really good. She didn't hover and try to supervise, she let us read the instructions and figure it out on our own. I can't remember if it tasted good lol, but it had a life long impact on us. It gave us confidence and I have to say cinnamon rolls are still my specialty. Something else I remember about Aunt Kathy and her kitchen.... She had a hanging cage with two tiny little song birds, possibly finches. Uncle Derrel played a trick on her and put a robin's egg that had blown out onto the lawn in the finch's basket nest. Aunt Kathy got so excited that her finches were having a baby together. Lol, that blue egg was bigger than her bird. We loved Aunt Kathy and admire her faith and knowledge of God's Word. There will be a wonderful celebration in Heaven and a welcome home for her.

November 8 at 8:11 AM



Anonymous posted:

Wishing you peace and comfort during your time of loss. May the years ahead be filled with memories of joy. Love, Steve and Stacy O'Sullivan Judy and Anthony Fortner

November 5 at 2:39 PM



Debbie Littlestar posted:

Kathy and Derrel, just after they were married were in a Sunday school class that my mother and father-in-law were teaching. That started a life long friendship that went deep & they stayed in touch through lifes ups & downs. When I joined the family, I quickly knew that Kathy was like a daughter to my in-laws. What a beautiful soul she was! Loved visiting with her & we were never at a loss for words. She genuinely cared about our family & took time to come see us or call regularly. The last conversation we had with her was on her 75th birthday & we talked about Heaven. She said, I dont know why everyone always says who they are looking forward to seeing, I just want to see Jesus!! The rest will come later but Jesus is who I cant wait to see face to face! She loved her family so much & cherished her time with each one! She was so proud of all of them. This sweet human will be terribly missed. Debbie LittleStar

November 3 at 2:37 PM



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Kay Roberson posted:

Katrina (as I called her) and I have been best of friends for 40 years. We met when Jason and my twins were in preschool and immediately hit it off. We both loved to shop and many times ended up buying the same outfits. A number of years ago we each started a savings account and saved our money for 2 years. At the end of that time, we surprised Darrell and Kenny with a cruise. We both were probably more excited about the trip than the guys. Our last trip was 2 years ago when she and I went to Florida to stay at my Dad's condo. We once again, shopped and had a wonderful time. I had a tumbler made with our picture on it and Kathy said it was the perfect cup to hide her margaritas in. I know Kathy is in heaven now dancing with Derrell. Love you, Katrina

November 2 at 5:15 PM



Media

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