



Katherine Burkett

October 24, 1953 - November 14, 2022

Katherine Jane Burkett, 69, of Springdale, passed away Monday, November 14, 2022, at her home. She was born Saturday, October 24, 1953, at Springdale Memorial Hospital to Willie and Sylvia Hudson Rhine.

"Kat" married Melvin Ray Burkett on Thursday, April 18, 1968, at the Madison County Courthouse, and together they had four children. Kathy was an Elementary School Cafeteria Manager for 29 years. In earlier years, she was the Director of the Adult Day Care Center in Springdale.

As a saved and dedicated Christian, Kathy was devoted to loving and helping others. She loved to hunt, fish and garden. Kathy had a gift for taking care of and raising injured animals and enjoyed feeding and watching birds in her front yard. A major blessing in Kathy's life was her family, especially her two grandsons, Woodrow and Walter.

Kathy was preceded in death by one son, Issac Ray Burkett; one daughter, Connie Jessica Burkett; her parents, Willie and Sylvia Rhine, and 14 siblings.

She is survived by her husband, Melvin Ray Burkett, of the home; one son and daughter-in-law, Chad and Courtney Burkett, of Springdale; one daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and Timothy Hollowell, of Springdale; two grandsons, Woodrow Burkett, of Springdale and Walter Hollowell of Springdale, and many

extended family members and friends.

The family will receive friends from 5:00-7:00 pm, Thursday, November 17, 2022, at Brashears Funeral Home in Huntsville, Arkansas. Pallbearers will be Joe Day, Cody Cotton, Brandon Braudrick, Woodrow Burkett, Dale Braudrick, Tim Hollowell, and Walter Hollowell. Kathy will be laid to rest with a private ceremony at Wilson Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Kathy's name may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Services are entrusted to Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory of Huntsville.

Cemetery Details

Wilson Cemetery

Wilson Cemetery Road
Springdale, AR 72745

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory
509 North Gaskill Street
Huntsville, AR 72740
(479) 738-2123
<https://www.brashearsfuneralhome.net/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Katherine Burkett.* ”



November 17, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *To Melvin and family our sincere condolences. Prayers that God will see you through the days ahead May His love and your memories keep you* ”

John and Darlene Baker - November 16, 2022 at 09:16 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Katherine Burkett.* ”



November 16, 2022 at 08:53 PM



“ *I never had the opportunity to know Mrs. Kathy very well, but what I did know of her she was a very sweet person. Pam is my daughter-in-law and I love her as if she were my own daughter and she often shared memories of her and her mom. I know the last few months have been very trying on her, her dad and Her brother. My deepest condolences to the family and prayers for you all.* ”

Tina Hollowell - November 16, 2022 at 06:37 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Katherine Burkett.*



November 16, 2022 at 11:41 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Katherine Burkett.*



November 16, 2022 at 09:32 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Katherine Burkett.*



November 15, 2022 at 10:14 PM

LD

“ Kathy was one of my Most favorite Managers that I worked under. When we went on the National Conference to Boston she and I were roommate in the hotel and we had a blast. She seen management material in me and pushed me to learn everything there was to learn about managing a kitchen at a school. She was my mentor that I looked up too. She was amazing woman and strong leader to many ladies. My condolences to the family for their loss and prayers for each of them during this difficult time they are going through.



Linda Davis - November 15, 2022 at 10:13 PM

PM

“ My Mom's youngest sister- Great Lady - Good to All. Sing LOUD With the Angels. Phil McGarrah

Phil McGarrah - November 15, 2022 at 08:38 PM

FB

“ She will always be loved. The Barnes Family



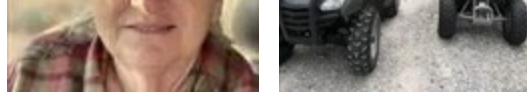
Frank & Lois Barnes - November 15, 2022 at 07:39 PM

CB

“ My mother loved the children and elderly she served over the years. Mom often purchased many children’s meals out of her own pocket, never telling a soul. I later learned from my father she loved paying for children’s lunches who could not afford them. Mom loved our family, was an excellent cook, worked and served tirelessly. Unfortunately, mom was diagnosed with Vascular Dementia in 2017, coupled with other chronic health issues and slowly slipped away over the coming years. My dad stood by my mother’s side, keeping her at home and caring for her until the end. He is a testimony to the love they shared. I cannot thank my mother’s nurses; Mandy, Lynn, Shante, and Brittany enough. We love them each dearly and they are part of our family. I want to thank all our friends and family who stopped in, called, texted, brought meals, and loved us throughout mom’s journey. Mom had a special relationship, and a dear friend Yessica Barbosa, who checked on mom daily and loved and prayed over mom for hours at a time. We love Yessica and her family beyond what words can describe. Thank you to Dale and Jan, Brandon and Sarah, Tim, and Tina Hollowell, cousin Lois, Gary and Renea, cousin Phil Mcgarrah, May and family, and the many others I am forgetting who loved and cared for mom.

In closing, mom loved to play jokes on people. She also loved to play with us as kids and she shared her wild imagination with me as a kid. We had a routine when I was a child, she would act as if she was going to nibble my ear and “get me”. I carried that tradition on with Wood, and we still fuss and try to “nibble” one another’s ears to this day. Last Tuesday morning, as mom lay in bed, I leaned over and told her I was “going to get her ear.” She smiled and giggled. I treasure the last silly moment we shared.





Chad Burkett - November 15, 2022 at 07:02 PM

MA

“ *Kathy was such an amazing person! I am have always been and will always be proud to share both a birthday and middle name with her. Love to Melvin, Chad, and Pamela. She'll be watching over you and those grandkids now.* □

Mandy - November 15, 2022 at 06:43 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Katherine Burkett.*



November 15, 2022 at 06:22 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Katherine Burkett.*



November 15, 2022 at 04:48 PM