



## Kathleen Rae Boyd

December 27, 1959 - August 7, 2020

Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven

Mrs. Kathleen Rae Boyd, 60, entered into the presence of Jesus on Friday, August 7, 2020. A visitation will be held Friday, August 14, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Life Fellowship Church (7790 Davidson Rd., Olive Branch, MS 38654). A Celebration of Life will follow at 11:30 a.m., also at Life Fellowship Church in Olive Branch. Pastor Patrick Conrad will officiate. Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven is in charge of arrangements.

Kathy was born December 27, 1959, in Sioux Falls, SD. She worked for 20 years as a paralegal and she loved her work. She would talk about how much she enjoyed assisting in court cases. Shortly after, she became a ministry director and began encouraging people to grow in their faith as much as she could. She was always extremely organized and prepared for anything. Kathy was such a unique individual. When she walked into a room you could feel the joy and happiness radiating from her. She had the warmest smile and she had a unique ability to make anyone she came in contact with feel loved and welcome. However, the most amazing thing about Kathy was that no

matter the trials and tribulations that she faced, she never doubted the works of her God. In fact, the more obstacles she faced, the stronger her faith and her relationship with Christ became. She was truly a beautiful soul and touched the lives of so many people. She will be dearly missed, but her life and works will be forever celebrated.

Kathy is survived by her loving husband, Tony Boyd of Southaven; her two daughters, Mindy (Michael) Baier of Memphis, TN, and Kelli (John) Williford of the Philippines; her father, Dean Claude Conklin of Albuquerque, NM; two granddaughters, Clara Joy Williford and Bonnie Faith Williford, both of the Philippines; three grandsons, Tucker Michael Baier of Memphis, Lincoln John Williford and Graham Anthony Williford, both of the Philippines; her sister, Kaye Bates of Albuquerque; her father-in-law, Don Boyd of Memphis; her mother-in-law, Betty Boyd of Memphis; her brother-in-law, Steven Boyd of Memphis; two nieces, Katie (Matt) Groff, and Kristina (Timo) Madrid, both of Albuquerque; one nephew, Jonathan Bates; and a host of cousins and extended family members.

Kathy was preceded in death by her mother, Marlene Sylvia Jacobsen; one granddaughter, Haven Baier; and one niece, Karissa Bates.

Donations and memorials in honor of Kathy Boyd, in lieu of flowers, may be made to the Desoto County Dream Center by mail at 6935 Windchase Dr., Horn Lake, MS 38637 or online at [desotodreamcenter.org](http://desotodreamcenter.org).

Due to the outpouring of love for Kathy, social distancing

guidelines, and space limitations, we ask you to visit [facebook.com/lifefellowshipchurch](https://facebook.com/lifefellowshipchurch) and click on the event. Please let us know if you plan to attend the Celebration of Life service. This does not guarantee seating, but assists in safe planning.

Online condolences may be left on her Tribute Wall at [www.colemanfuneralhome.com](http://www.colemanfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **14**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Life Fellowship Church  
7790 Davidson Rd.  
Olive Branch, MS 38654

## Celebration of Life

AUG **14**. 11:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

MM

“I am so sorry to learn of the passing of Kathy. I knew Kathy when we both went to Roosevelt Grade School in Missoula MT. She was a special person. The last time I saw Cathy was when I was a senior in high school at the state basketball tournament. We talked for over 4 hours till she had to leave. In your life you are lucky enough to meet people who are special and Kathy was one of those.

*Mark Merila*

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**Mark Merila** - September 16, 2020 at 04:12 PM



“Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Kathleen Rae Boyd.



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August 18, 2020 at 12:43 AM

DR

“My family and I send our sincere condolences to our neighbor and friend Tony in the passing of Kathy. We are praying for you and stand with you. Forever in our hearts, The Robinson Family.

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**Demetrius Robinson** - August 18, 2020 at 12:34 AM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers* was purchased for the family of Kathleen Rae Boyd.



August 13, 2020 at 11:35 PM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Kathleen Rae Boyd.



August 13, 2020 at 06:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Kathleen Rae Boyd.



August 13, 2020 at 03:13 PM



“ *Cherished Memories - Multicolor Pastel* was purchased for the family of Kathleen Rae Boyd.



August 13, 2020 at 02:28 PM

LM

“ I cannot find words to express how much I learned about Joy from Kathy. I used to tell her that I wanted to be her when I grow up. She was my hero and an encourager to me. I remember a few years ago, I was speaking to a group of women in a lifegroup we had at West. I was so nervous, but as I was talking, Kathy was my focal point. She kept smiling that warm smile of hers and that gave me confidence to keep going! I will always be eternally grateful that I got to be in her life! My hero!!!

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**Leslie McDonald** - August 13, 2020 at 12:36 PM

KM

“ Kris Dalthorp Myers purchased the Healing & Hope Sympathy Basket for the family of Kathleen Rae Boyd.



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**Kris Dalthorp Myers** - August 13, 2020 at 12:30 PM

KM

“ Kathy and I met in high school at Billings West High back in 1975. We became fast friends. We spent many weekends together and had wonderful memories. I went to Tennessee and was a bridesmaid for their wedding and had a great time over the 3 days. Tony has been a wonderful partner and husband over the years. She was very lucky to have him. I met her girls when they were very young at our 10 year reunion. We kept in touch over the years. We were together at my cabin in Montana when we first heard Elvis died back in '77 so when I went to see her in Olive Branch we had to go to Graceland. We always picked up right where we left off when we got together after several years. Another time I visited, she really wanted to take me to the Grand Ole' Opry and stay in the hotel. That was just a year and a half ago. We had a blast and I'll forever be thankful that I had that time with her. She was a true light and will be greatly missed. I'll miss you Kathy! We'll meet again one day....In the meantime Choose Joy!



Kris Dalthorp Myers - August 13, 2020 at 12:24 PM

BH

“ I have some great memories with Kathy. She was always so full of joy and fun! One of my fondest memories was going to hear Chonda Pierce together! We laughed and laughed! We both noticed that she had on leather pants, and we decided we weren't too old to wear them! Kathy suggested we go shopping for some, so we did! I have to tell you that our laughter continued!! Kathy made life fun and enjoyable! She exuded the love of Christ in everything she did, even shopping for leather pants! I am praying for you guys. I love you Mindy, Kelli, and Tony.

Betsy Hataway - August 12, 2020 at 08:58 PM

TD

“ *The Drane Family - Mark, Linda, Matt, Jacki, & David purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Kathleen Rae Boyd.*



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**The Drane Family - Mark, Linda, Matt, Jacki, & David** - August 12, 2020 at 08:06 PM

GM

“ *I visited Life Fellowship a couple of years ago and loved it so much that i came back. Kathy was so kind to reach out to me and make me feel so welcomed there. i knew the first conversation we had that she was such an amazing woman. She will be missed by many people.*

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**Glenda Mills** - August 12, 2020 at 01:15 PM

TF

“ *The Extended Conklin Family (and Holman Family) purchased the Pink & White Sympathy Basket for the family of Kathleen Rae Boyd.*



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**The Extended Conklin Family (and Holman Family)** - August 12, 2020 at 11:34 AM



“ *Lavender & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Kathleen Rae Boyd.*



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August 12, 2020 at 09:09 AM

PK

“ Kathy was such a special friend to me! While I was a teacher at SBEC and she was on staff at church, we were blessed to be a true confidant for one another! She had her little bitty car back then and I remember riding with her down Goodman road and she would just be talking away and doing things with her hands because she WAS NOT hanging on to the steering wheel!! She just drove that little car with her knees!!! I remember thinking “Well ok then!!!” She brought so much joy and wisdom to my life!! I will forever be grateful for the impact she made on my life!

Paige Kimberlin - August 11, 2020 at 10:36 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Kathleen Rae Boyd.



August 11, 2020 at 09:06 PM

PA

“ My heart is sad that we won't have her beautiful, gracious smile & influence among us. My heart sings that Kathy is with Jesus dancing with pure joy!! She will be greatly missed. Much love and prayers. Paula Baxter

Paula - August 11, 2020 at 08:47 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All Red was purchased for the family of Kathleen Rae Boyd.*



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August 11, 2020 at 07:09 PM



“ *Your friends at Raymond James Public Finance purchased the Lavender & White Sympathy Basket for the family of Kathleen Rae Boyd.*



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**Your friends at Raymond James Public Finance** - August 11, 2020 at 06:04 PM



“ *Kathy always had a smile and was so positive ..to live a life as she did is her testimony...*  
*Phyllis and James Meier*

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**phyllis meier** - August 11, 2020 at 10:21 AM

LH

“ I met Kathy in 2nd grade. We lived in Des Moines and went through school together until she moved to Montana. We reconnected in Springfield where our Mom's were best friends. Kathy talked me into leaving her the first day at CBC and driving across town where I knew no one and walk into Evangel. Later we worked together (Kathy, Kaye and I) with Mindy and Kelli in baby carriers at our feet. Her Mom and Bob watched our for me while I was in school. Over the years we never lost touch. She always had a smile. While she was in pain she inspired others. She will be missed by Tony, Mindy and Kelli and their wonderful families. A couple of years ago we were in Dallas together and she wanted to go to. Dallas Children's and take all of the nurses gift cards who has taken care of Tucker. That is just who she is. Watching out for all of those around her....always with an inspiring word. God gained an angel.

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**Lori High** - August 10, 2020 at 09:51 PM

PB

“ What an honor and privilege to have Kathy (and Tony) in our lives. From the first moment we met, we knew they would be a great inspiration to us. Kathy was definitely one of the wisest, kindest women I have ever known. Thank you, Lord, for blessing us with her friendship. We love the Boyd family.  
Tom and Trisha Brumbelow

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**Patricia Brumbelow** - August 10, 2020 at 08:56 PM

NK

“ I’ve known Kathy since 2004. She always amazed me how positive she was all the time.i couldn’t comprehend her level of love and and Christian maturity. Being a Christian since I was 15 I thought my walk was good but she challenged me in ways no one else had done. We kept in touch on Facebook and I prayed that the lord would heal her. She is now healed and I will miss her. I pray I can walk the walk and be the Christian legacy she was. My prayers are with her family as they navigate this season. Sincerely, Nancey King

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**Nancey King** - August 10, 2020 at 07:09 PM

VF

“ Ten years ago I moved into my home in Olive Branch. I walked into Life Fellowship and found my church home. The Boyd Family, the Lamars, Brandy and Scot Simmons... Pastor Patrick of course... and then there was Kathy. She was little but her hugs were huge, smile was bright and after a divorce that lasted six years for me... her words were God’s words and I felt the comfort instantly. Her prayers gave me faith and strength. I know I told her thank you. It still seems like it will never be enough. I love you all.

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**Victoria Foth** - August 10, 2020 at 07:04 PM

MC

“ One of the most precious people I have ever met in my life!!! You will be missed!! Love you and love your family!

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**melanie carter** - August 10, 2020 at 06:51 PM



“ *Kathy you are loved by so many people. Everyone who knew you could easily see the Love you had for God and for your family. It showed in everything you did. The magnitude of your love for God, your joy, strength, courage and determination, you never ever gave up, you my friend are a true inspiration. Your inspiration and your love for God will live on and on in the hearts of those who knew you. You have blessed so many people in this World. Thank you Kathy for bringing us all closer to God. God, Thank you for Kathy! God loves you so much. You are with your heavenly Father and I pray that your are having the time of your life.*

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**Stephanie Lannom** - August 10, 2020 at 06:38 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Kathleen Rae Boyd.*



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August 10, 2020 at 05:33 PM

CW

“ Tony, Kelli and Mindy, we love you so very much!

*Kathy was one of the most beautiful women, inside and out, that I have had the blessing of knowing. Though she was my cousin, she truly became my big sister. I am so thankful to have lived here in Olive Branch these past 5 years, and journeyed through life with her and all of you.*

*I already find myself wanting to text her and ask her something, or meet her for dinner, or just to see how she is doing.*

*She married a most wonderful man, and raised two incredible daughters. She loved you all fiercely, and was so proud of each of you!*

*There are so many things to say, memories that come to mind. I am grateful that she was able to stand up with me as matron of honor at our wedding, and that she got to be a part of everything along the way - from the first connection to Steve, to the proposal, wedding, and first anniversary. Treasured memories.*

*Kathy has impacted more lives than we can ever know this side of Heaven. Thank you for sharing her with all of us, allowing her to shine the love of Jesus to all who crossed paths with her.*

*Kathy will remain alive in our hearts and memories for now, and we have the hope of sharing eternity together.*

*I love you all so very much!*

*Carrie Whitney*

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**Carrie Conklin Whitney** - August 10, 2020 at 02:56 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Lavender and White* was purchased for the family of Kathleen Rae Boyd.



August 10, 2020 at 02:43 PM



“ *Dad purchased the Love's Embrace Roses – White* for the family of Kathleen Rae Boyd.



**Dad** - August 09, 2020 at 07:07 PM



“ *Pink Rose Fireside Basket* was purchased for the family of Kathleen Rae Boyd.



August 09, 2020 at 11:43 AM