



Katherine Wilson Jones (Katy)

September 30, 1993 - December 22, 2025

Katherine Wilson Jones (Katy) of Austin, Texas, beloved wife, daughter, sister and friend to many, passed away on December 22, 2025, in London, United Kingdom while on her honeymoon with the love of her life, Kayla Wilson Jones.

Born in Houston, Texas on September 30, 1993, Katy grew up in West Houston and graduated from Stratford High School, moving on to attend Sam Houston State University. Katy was an avid singer and performer, performing in many theatrical productions including the role of Betty Blake in Will Rogers Follies. She served as an acolyte and performed in the Handbell Choir at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church, later joining the Agape Choir at MDUMC. Katy worked in advertising for Texas Monthly Magazine.

Katy was preceded in death by her father David Vandiver Wilson II, her grandfather David Vandiver Wilson, and her grandmother Betty Grierson.

She is survived by her wife Kayla Wilson Jones, mother Susan Barth of Houston, sister Sarah Margaret (Maggie) Wilson of Conroe, brother David Vandiver Wilson III of Virginia, grandmother Emma Lee Patterson of Lufkin, Texas, and grandfather Ted Grierson of Conroe.

Katy enjoyed cooking, loved the Astros and the Aggies, and every form of

musical theater. She had a fondness for reality TV and had an uncanny way of mimicking her favorite one-liners. Her friends, and she gathered many, were an integral part of her life. Auntie Katy was adored by the children who surrounded her in life. Katy would light up a room and have you laughing and wanting to hear more of her stories as she had a unique way of observing the world around her. Katy is leaving this world a better place because of her joy, empathy and compassion.

A Memorial Service beginning at 11:00 AM will be held Saturday, January 17, 2025, at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church 12955 Memorial Dr. Houston, TX 77079 with reception to follow in Friendship Court.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to <https://www.atdr.org/info/display?PageID=2146> in Katy's name

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

Memorial Drive United Methodist Church
12955 Memorial Dr
Houston, TX 77079
(713) 468-8356

Reception to Follow Service

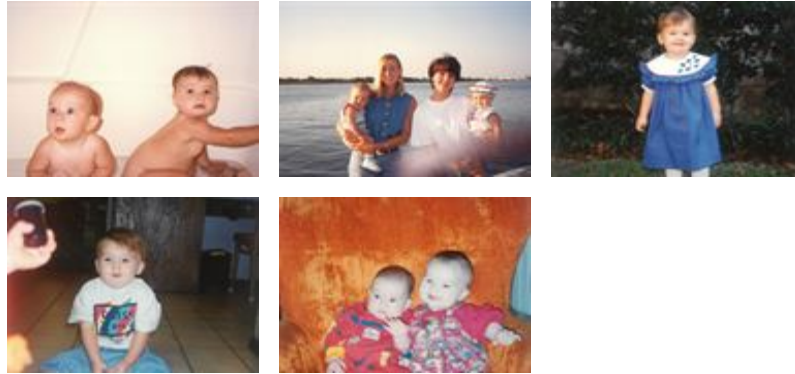
JAN 17. 12:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Drive United Methodist Church (Friendship Ct)
12955 Memorial Dr
Houston, TX 77079

Tribute Wall



“ 15 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Detting Funeral Home - January 22 at 01:55 PM

KH

“ *Katy will forever be a part of my best high school memories. She was an incredibly funny person and her presence always made situations bigger and better. Our friend group laughed a lot together. My heart goes out to her family and those who know her and love her.*

Kelsey Hunter - January 19 at 06:34 PM

DO

“ *Dear Susan, Maggie and Buck, We are so sorry to hear of the loss of Katy. Katy was a dear friend to our Hannah and we have sweet memories of their time together at Camp Olympia. Hannah always loved coming to Houston for a visit with your family and having her visits us at the beach, there was always a lot of fun and laughing happening when they were together! May God hold you close, giving you all, peace and comfort in the days ahead. Sincerely, Donna & Patrick Swain*

Donna - January 16 at 10:19 PM



“ 191 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Detting Funeral Home - January 16 at 03:33 PM

ZB

“ Zack and Courtney Barth purchased the *Heavenly Heights Bouquet* for the family of Katherine Wilson Jones (Katy).



Zack and Courtney Barth - January 16 at 02:09 PM

HE

“ 1 file added to the album *Tribute Wall*



Hemphill - January 16 at 12:27 PM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Katherine Wilson Jones (Katy).*



January 16 at 11:21 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Katherine Wilson Jones (Katy).*



January 15 at 06:00 PM



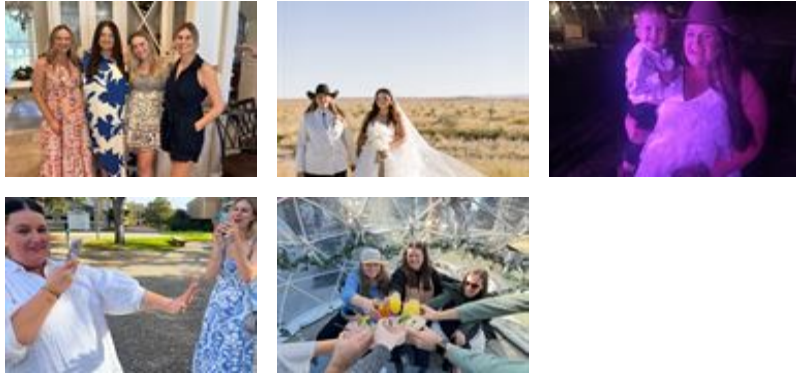
“ *Wayne Hebert purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Katherine Wilson Jones (Katy).*



Wayne Hebert - January 15 at 04:33 PM



“ 156 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Detting Funeral Home - January 15 at 10:19 AM



“ Prayers for Kayla Jones and Susan Barth. Katy was exceptional, gifted with talent, humor and a natural friendliness for all. She was taken from us entirely too soon and will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Ted Grierson - January 14 at 03:30 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Katherine Wilson Jones (Katy).



January 14 at 03:20 PM

TF

“ *The Skagerberg Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Katherine Wilson Jones (Katy).*



The Skagerberg Family - January 13 at 08:37 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Katherine Wilson Jones (Katy).*



January 13 at 06:04 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Katherine Wilson Jones (Katy).*



January 12 at 09:08 PM

WG

“ *With love, your GOOF small group purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Katherine Wilson Jones (Katy).*



With love, your GOOF small group - January 12 at 09:44 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Adele Wilson - January 12 at 09:40 AM



“ 101 files added to the tribute wall



Susan Barth - January 12 at 08:29 AM

MW

“ I got the privilege and the honor to call Katy my big sister for 29 years. Behind closed doors, throughout my *WHOLE* life, she was exactly the same.

I asked her one time “what do you like more- laughing or making people laugh?”

It took zero time for her response. She was always so thrilled to turn someone’s giggle box over. I will miss her and love her for the rest of time and thereafter.

Let’s all live like Katy. Love out loud, live out loud, sing out loud and laugh with all of your might.

I miss you Kathy.

*Love, Micky McSweaty.
AKA Maggie.*



Maggie Wilson - January 11 at 05:35 PM

LS

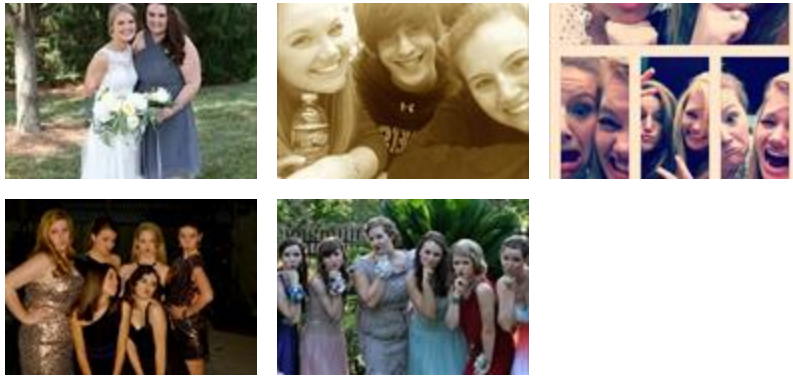
“ Love, Emilie Harris & Brooks Steele purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Katherine Wilson Jones (Katy).



Love, Emilie Harris & Brooks Steele - January 11 at 04:19 PM



“ 13 files added to the tribute wall



Morgan Davis - January 11 at 02:23 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Katherine Wilson Jones (Katy).



January 07 at 01:35 PM



“ I visited Kayla in October 2022 and at dinner she mentioned she might go meet this girl after and we were all giddy with excitement. Who knew 2 years later that girl would be walking down the aisle to her. I’ve never seen Kayla happier.

I met Katy two days before her wedding. She instantly felt like an old friend, someone whose warmth made you feel at home, whose laugh brought a smile to your face, and an embrace that made you feel loved.

That night in Marfa, Remi and I came back to their place and told stories under the stars. We belly laughed until our cheeks hurt and Gemma and Remi were attached by the hip. She spent the entire evening with people she just met and didn’t hesitate once. Looking back, I will be forever grateful for that night with Katy; getting to know her at what felt like a deep personal level.

*I got to witness her be a beautiful bride and be surrounded by people who loved her so much. I will cherish those moments for the rest of my life. I know Kayla will keep Katy’s spirit alive forever and I’m forever grateful to have experienced her presence and love.
Love you, Katy ☐*



Lexi Kimes - January 06 at 12:39 PM

TW

“ *Tana & Greg Weiss purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Katherine Wilson Jones (Katy).*



Tana & Greg Weiss - January 05 at 10:27 PM

CF

“ *Cousins Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Katherine Wilson Jones (Katy).*



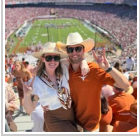
Cousins Family - January 05 at 03:35 PM

TM

“ *Texas Monthly purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Katherine Wilson Jones (Katy).*



Texas Monthly - January 05 at 12:32 PM



“ Katy was an avid Aggie because of her Dad. But every Saturday in the fall that Texas had a home game, she’d throw on her “neutrals” as she called it and would head to Papas Tailgate with Kayla to hangout with us and the boys because she knew how much it meant to us...she even went into a game or two. One time, she was so proud to show us her “orange” hat that she added to her outfit. It was a white hat with a tiny burnt orange patch on it ha! We miss her so much.



Samantha Handler - January 04 at 08:25 AM



“ I’ve known Katy since we were in seventh grade. She taught me how to tell stories and to laugh. I loved telling friends about “my hilarious friend Katy.” Love you so so much and will miss you forever.



Annie Garcia - January 03 at 08:41 PM

RB

“ Ronda Baggett purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Katherine Wilson Jones (Katy).



Ronda Baggett - January 03 at 02:17 PM

TW

“ Katy Bug was the first baby in our post-college friend group in Houston. She was always with us, wherever we were. She was the “group’s” baby...dressed in the cutest clothes (this tracks), always happy and laughing (this tracks). When David and Susan moved from Houston back to Lufkin (I grew up with David & Susan), Katy’s East Texas accent developed. As in...”here’s a PANK (pink) one!” as she described ornaments on our Christmas tree when they came to Houston for a visit.

We adore the Wilson family and are heartbroken once again for such a devastating loss.

Greg & Tana (Brown) Weiss

Tana Weiss - January 02 at 11:05 AM

HS

“ Katy was my Camp O bestie from the moment we met down at the Point. Her theatrics, laughter, and outgoing personality made someone as shy as young me feel so comfortable being an absolute goofball. Every summer held the best memories with Katy and I was so lucky to live not too far from Houston, so we could meet up throughout the year. I cherish many visits to Houston to stay with the Wilson family, Katy spending a week at the beach with my family in high school, and reuniting in college at tailgates in good ol’ Aggieland. When I think of my childhood at Camp Olympia, Katy is in every memory. Thank you for the laughter you brought into my life, Katy girl. - Hannah Swain



Hannah Swain - January 02 at 12:31 AM

KH

“ Katy,
Every time I remember that we met less than three years ago, I think “that can’t be right...surely it was longer than that?” You brought light to everyone in your life, and I feel cheated that I don’t get you for more time in mine. We will continue to celebrate you and make sure the boys always know how fun and great their Aunt Katy was. ☐



Kelsey Handler - January 01 at 10:18 PM

EB

“ RIP Katherine 🙏

Elizabeth Bell - January 01 at 06:51 PM



“ We hiked to the top of Mount Grizz and shared a tent together. She was always one of my favorite parts of summer and remained such a bright light in my life. She will be so missed. I love you Katy, my forever tent buddy.



Molly Anderson - January 01 at 01:13 PM



“ Katy was an amazingly fun, warm, and caring soul...having known her as a teenager when she worked at her dad’s law firm and as she grew into a great women, I always enjoyed our time together. I especially enjoyed sharing the state with her and David...which I know they are doing once again.



Mike DeScioli - January 01 at 11:54 AM



“ *Katy and I went to college together and were part of the same circle of friends. There’s something she did that I’ll truly never forget.*

During Covid, puzzles were hard to come by because everyone was stuck at home and buying them up. I posted asking if anyone might be willing to sell or trade puzzles. Katy DM’d me on Instagram, asked for my address, and simply mailed me one—no strings attached, just out of the kindness of her heart.

It was such a small, simple act, but it meant so much. I hope those who love and know her well carry this story with them, because her kindness inspired me to pay it forward far more often.

Paige Faulkner - January 01 at 11:45 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Katherine Wilson Jones (Katy).*



January 01 at 10:51 AM



“ I was Katy's counselor at Camp Olympia for just two weeks in June 2007, but that girl made a huge impact on me. Social media is such a trip, because it makes us feel as though we're keeping in touch with people we really ought to speak to more--but I loved keeping in touch, even infrequently, and watching her grow up. What a beautiful soul. Sending love and peace to all of Katy's family, Jan Edwards Hemming



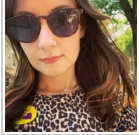
Jan Hemming - January 01 at 10:45 AM



“ A soul so bright, so kind, and so deeply loved ❤️ Katy's light will always be with us



Laura Caruso - January 01 at 08:53 AM

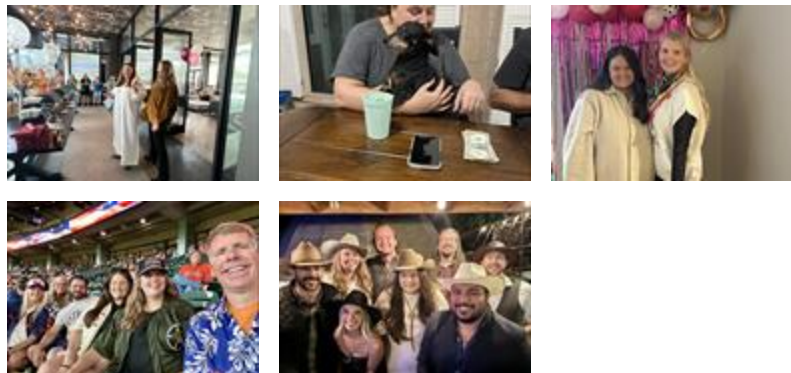


“Katy Wilson is a hoot” is how one of my best friends in college, Annie Rice, introduced me to her best friend Katy from Texas, probably about 10 years ago now. After hearing story upon story about this hilarious, fearless, gorgeous person, I first met her at our senior year spring break trip at Annie’s family beach house, and she could not have been more accurate. The second time I had the pleasure of meeting Katy, she was hosting Annie’s unforgettable bachelorette party in her and Kayla’s beautiful home in Austin, then again at Annie’s wedding where she served as a one of several stunning bridesmaids and danced the night away as we celebrated. Though I only got to meet her for a few short times, I can say with my whole heart that Katy is one of the kindest, funniest, wittiest people I’ve ever had the privilege of knowing. I am sending so much love to Kayla, my friend Annie, and all of Katy’s friends and family. I know she is so adored and missed. ❤️❤️❤️

Abbey Fisher - January 01 at 02:11 AM

MJ

“ Katy, you are missed. A light in our lives!



Mindi Jones - December 31, 2025 at 08:38 PM

MJ

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mp Jordan - December 31, 2025 at 08:28 PM

MJ

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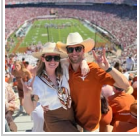
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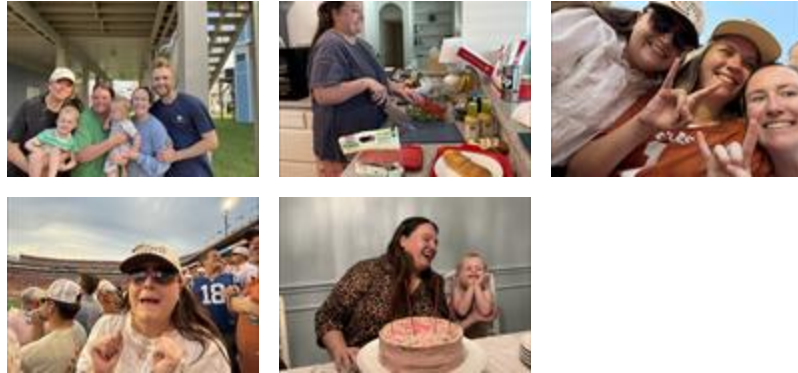
“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Katherine Wilson Jones (Katy).



December 31, 2025 at 08:13 PM



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Samantha Handler - December 31, 2025 at 07:48 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Katherine Wilson Jones (Katy).



December 31, 2025 at 07:19 PM



“ Julia, Bailey, Laura, Lauren and Crystal planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Katherine Wilson Jones (Katy).

Julia, Bailey, Laura, Lauren and Crystal - December 31, 2025 at 07:19 PM