



Kathryn "Kathy" Ann Bush

September 6, 1950 - June 19, 2024

Kathryn Ann Bush ("Kathy"), 73, Houston, Texas passed away at home on Wednesday, June 19, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. Born September 6, 1950, in Kansas City, Missouri, Kathy was the daughter of the late Richard Kenneth and Mary Ann Jakeman.

Kathy is survived by her devoted husband, Steven Bush, daughters Melissa Bush Mihalick and Alison Bush Strelitz, their husbands Andrew Mihalick and Peter Strelitz, and her grandchildren, Lucy, Gus and Henry Mihalick, and Miles and Jakeman Strelitz. Her parents and brother, Richard Jakeman, predeceased her.

Kathy grew up on a small farm south of Kansas City, Missouri where she gained an appreciation for hard work, developed a common-sense approach to life and learned to love animals. Kathy graduated from Belton High School, where she and Steve met. She attended the University of Missouri and graduated from the University of Nevada – Las Vegas with a Bachelor of Science in Education. She and Steve were high school sweethearts, and they were married for 53 years.

After working outside the home in the early years, she decided to devote herself full time to raising their daughters. Kathy was involved in their school, sports, and church activities, and she was always happy to volunteer and lend

a helping hand. She later went back to work as a teacher in a private school and as a substitute teacher in Spring Branch ISD.

The couple moved with Steve's jobs to Nevada, California, Kansas, Texas, North Carolina, Florida, and Canada. In each of these locations she made homes warm, welcoming, and filled with love for family and visitors. Throughout her life she pursued creative projects, making household decorations, clothing, jewelry, and other items as gifts for family and friends and for the home. In Kansas City her creations were sold in department stores. However, most of her time and effort was dedicated to raising her daughters. She was a loving mother who taught by example how to be strong, independent, giving, and compassionate. Everyone who knew Kathy was affected by her genuine, thoughtful, and kind nature. She loved following the Astros and spent time discussing their games with her friends and attending games at Minute Maid Park. Kathy was an avid reader, and she enjoyed keeping up with her book club. She also loved music and especially attending concerts and musicals with family and friends. Her last two concerts were at Red Rocks Amphitheatre and in Sugarland, both while fighting the effects of ALS. She enjoyed vacationing and traveling with her family. Over the last 16 years, she loved spending time with her granddaughter and two sets of twin grandsons, while teaching them the same values and imparting the same spirit she shared with her daughters.

The family would like to thank the staff at The Methodist Hospital ALS Clinic, Griswold Home Care and Vitas Healthcare for their care and assistance during this difficult time. We also very much appreciate the assistance, visits, prayers and shared memories from friends and neighbors.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to one of Kathy's favorite charities or a charity of your choosing in Kathy's name: consider Citizens for Animal Protection (www.cap4pets.org), the Houston Food Bank (www.houston

foodbank.org) or the ALS Association of Texas ([http://web.alsa.org/goto/Kathy Bush](http://web.alsa.org/goto/KathyBush)).

A memorial service for Kathy will be at 2:00 pm on Monday, July 1, 2024, followed by a reception, at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church, 12955 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX.

Matthew 25:23 "His lord said unto him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. Thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joy of the lord'."

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Drive United Methodist Church
12955 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX
<http://www.mdumc.org>

Tribute Wall

SB

“ Sunday Broussard planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathryn "Kathy" Ann Bush.

Sunday Broussard - July 01, 2024 at 01:21 PM

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“ Sunday Broussard purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Kathryn "Kathy" Ann Bush.



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“ Houston Communit College planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathryn "Kathy" Ann Bush.

Houston Communit College - June 28, 2024 at 09:03 AM

HC

“ Houston Communit College purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kathryn "Kathy" Ann Bush.



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“ Ashley Martindale and Will Mullins purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kathryn "Kathy" Ann Bush.



Ashley Martindale and Will Mullins - June 26, 2024 at 03:56 PM

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“ With sympathy and prayers,
Mary Lou & Westlake United Methodist Church, Austin, Texas,
friends of Alison and family.

mary Lou - June 25, 2024 at 07:09 PM