



Kathryn "Katie" Elaine Springs Krehmeier

August 19, 1969 - July 25, 2020

Kathryn "Katie" Elaine Springs Krehmeier, passed away Saturday, July 25, 2020 after a hard-fought battle with respiratory complications related to COVID-19. She was 50 years old.

Katie was born August 19, 1969 in Houston, Texas. Katie is survived by her husband, Jeff Krehmeier; parents, Darryl and Delores Springs; brother, Michael Springs and his fiancée, Jen Fabbi; aunt and uncle, Elaine and Ingo Hentschel; stepsons, Clinton and Harrison Krehmeier; and many beloved cousins. Katie was a nurturing soul and surrogate mom to Allie Kessler and "Aunt Katie" to many of her friends' children.

Katie attended St. Michael's Elementary School, St. Agnes High School, and Alief Hastings High School. A proud Aggie, Katie graduated with a bachelor's degree in Business Management from Texas A&M University in 1990. She attended the University of Texas in Arlington and earned a master's degree in Human Resource Management. Katie worked for Royal Dutch Shell for ten years in Human Resources and frequently traveled internationally in this role. Katie's interest in helping people led her to attend the University of Houston-Victoria for a second master's degree in Counseling Psychology. Counseling became her chosen profession, where she worked in successful private practice specializing in mental health and addiction issues. She was a Board-Certified Counselor, a National Certified Counselor and a Board Certified Telemental Health Provider.

Katie and Jeff Krehmeier were married at St. Luke's Methodist Church on May

17, 2014. Katie and Jeff spent happy times in their second home in Angel Fire, NM. They enjoyed traveling through Europe and New Zealand. Katie found joy in many high-energy hobbies over the years, including bicycling and scuba diving – where she became an instructor.

Katie was generous with her time and served in many volunteer roles throughout her life. Since 2008, she served as a committee member on various committees, including the Wine Competition as well as a four-year captain of the Auctions Assistance for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Katie was a member and President-Elect of the Houston Junior Forum.

Her vibrant personality attracted many people to her, and she formed rich relationships, which often resulted in her helping and guiding others through life's hardships. Katie had a vast network of friends and touched many lives for the better. Katie was a devoted dog-mom to Jake, and most recently, Josh, who she rescued during a rainstorm and nursed back to health.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Houston Junior Forum Scholarship Fund (www.houstonjuniorforum.org/donate). In honor of Katie, the family also requests that you fulfill her wish to protect yourself and others during this Coronavirus pandemic by wearing a mask.

The Springs Krehmeier family will be present to receive friends Tuesday, July 28, 2020 from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM for visitation at Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Dr., Houston, TX 77079. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at 10:30 AM at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 625 Nottingham Oaks Trail, Houston, TX 77079.

Houston Junior Forum Tribute:

The Houston Junior Forum (HJF) grieves the loss of Katie Springs who died Saturday, July 25, 2020. During her short four-year tenure as an HJF member, Katie had a significant impact on our organization and our members. HJF benefitted greatly from her keen mind, knowledge base, problem solving

abilities, willingness to help, efficiency, inclusiveness, communication skills and kindness. At the time of her death, Katie was President-Elect of HJF and was an ex-officio member of numerous HJF committees. She embraced each role with enthusiasm, and an openness to new ideas and processes. Her love for and belief in HJF fueled her commitment to excellence. Her brilliance gave our organization new ideas, plans and approaches which will help guide HJF in the future.

As the 2019-2020 Chair of the HJF College Scholarship Program, Katie transitioned the committee and its systems to a fully online/digital system. This was our Katie; she saw an issue and developed a plan to efficiently reach a resolution. Next, she trained and convinced the rest of us that this could and must happen. This transition brought many benefits to the College Scholarship Program. Her commitment to all HJF College Scholarship recipients were apparent in every action she took. To Katie, these young students needed help and she believed that we had a responsibility to provide the support they needed.

Katie brought this same “can do attitude” to the 2017-2018 Conversations from the Heart fundraising committee. This time Katie designed and built a custom website for the fundraiser in less than a month. Our Katie was an amazing woman whose strength allowed her to be intrigued by challenges and to not “miss a beat” as she met those challenges.

During her time in the hospital, Katie’s thoughts were for us. She wanted us to know that although she could not always respond, we were truly making a difference and making her smile. Her friends will always value her efforts to reassure us. Katie said in early May that “one thing the quarantine . . . taught me is that it’s important to connect when you can, to let people know they are important. So, if no one has told you today: you are important to me.”

Katie, you were equally important to us. We will miss you and your spirit dearly. You will not be forgotten because you made a difference in our lives!

Please join us in our condolences to Katie's husband, Jeff Krehmeier, her parents, Delores and Darryl Springs, her brother, Michael Springs, her "niece" Alexis Kessler, and her many friends.

In honor of Katie's commitment to and love for the Houston Junior Forum's College Scholarship Program, the family requests donations honoring Katie may be made to www.houstonjuniorforum.org/donate

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **28.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home
14094 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-2121
david@dettlingfuneral.com

Funeral Mass

JUL **29.** 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-1500

Tribute Wall



“ Kathryn "Katie" Elaine Springs Krehmeier

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ Kathryn "Katie" Elaine Springs Krehmeier

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ Kathryn "Katie" Elaine Springs Krehmeier

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM

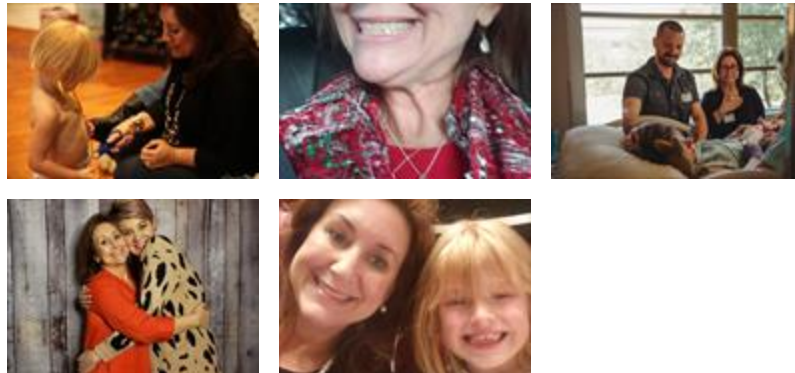


“ Kathryn "Katie" Elaine Springs Krehmeier

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ 8 files added to the album LifeTributes



Leslie Branam - August 02, 2020 at 02:57 AM



“ Momma, I am so blessed that you allowed me to inherit that title from Justin. Momma by proxy. No one, no one has ever loved me like you. I've never had someone so protective, so supportive, so nurturing, so proud of me, so....everything a mother should be. I waited my 29 long years to find that love, and you were worth the wait. 100x over. And although 6 years wasn't nearly enough time, in those 6 years you taught me more about life and love than anyone I've known. I wouldn't trade that time with you for anything. And what I would give to have one more day with you.

I know, without a doubt, you're my guardian angel now. You gifted me one several years ago, and now, I know it's you. I know you'll be here cheering me on and telling me to go for it. I know you'll be here watching me through the ups and downs. I can hear your encouragement in my head and your famous "I'm going to put on my therapist hat now" line. You'll always be with me, Momma. And I promise, with all my heart, to carry on your legacy of love and giving. I will raise these babies to be kind, caring, accepting, strong, brave, loving, giving, and of course, silly and goofy; like you.

Thank you, Momma. Thank you for everything.

I love you too the moon and back.

Leslie



Leslie Branam - August 02, 2020 at 02:51 AM

CH

“ *Cousin Nancy Hollub lit a candle in memory of Kathryn "Katie" Elaine Springs Krehmeier*



Cousin Nancy Hollub - July 30, 2020 at 01:49 AM

MS

“ *Katie is totally responsible for so many friendships in our Spring Shadows area! I am forever grateful to her for being a friend to me, and for bringing other friends into my life.*

*Katie is the one who lit up the room when she entered! Katie is the one who brought fun and laughter in the door when she arrived!
Katie is the one with the big smile!*

We are all sad and will miss her greatly, but we are left with so many stories and memories to share over and over again!

So, Katie, Thanks for those Memories! God Bless you and all your Family!

Your Friend, Maria Shaw

Maria Shaw - July 29, 2020 at 04:46 PM

SS

“Katie moved into our subdivision, Spring Shadows, and decided to build a new organization Spring Shadows Women's Club. Many of us who had lived here many years owe it to Katie for introducing us to our neighbors.

Katie and my sister Maria and I would often ride to our Weight Watcher's meeting together. It was on one of those days that we spotted the "Burger King Dogs" on the way home. Katie and I were both animal lovers, and decided instantly to pull in to rescue the two dogs near the feeder road of Sam Houston Beltway. After loading the dogs into the car (which took some time and effort), Maria and Katie took them to the vet, no micro chips found. I had to go to work that day, but Katie started working on a Go Fund Me page, and we sent it to everyone we knew to raise money for heartworm treatments, kennel and other vet bills, and to find a home for these darling terriers that had suffered neglect. My family made substantial contributions, as well as others that we knew. We had donations from all over Texas, Boston, Denver, and even as far away as Sweden! It took over a month to get all of the treatments necessary to bring good health to the two dogs. Ultimately, Katie found a permanent home for one dog through Angel Rescue, and since she and Jeff had bonded (fallen in love) with "Josh", they decided to keep him. I find comfort that Jeff has Josh to share Katie's efforts and love of animals.

Katie had a very big heart, with high energy, and shared it and her time with many people, animals, and charitable organizations. She was a take charge and get the results person. We are all so blessed to have shared in her life. She was a remarkable example of how we should live and love during our time here on planet Earth.

God bless Katie and her family.
Sara Shaw

Sara Shaw - July 29, 2020 at 01:15 PM

BP

“ Prayers for Katie’s eternal rest and for those who are left without her.

Another “Bunco Babe”

Brenda Pierce - July 29, 2020 at 10:59 AM

ML

“ Although I hadnt seen Katie in a number of years she was great to be around. She used to be a member of a scuba diving club I am in. I went diving with her one time in Cozumel. Cant believe she is gone

Mark Leiserowitz - July 28, 2020 at 11:39 PM

RB

“ Katie was my step cousin. We didn’t interact on a regular basis, however she was always so special to me. We first met when I was maybe 10 years old and I thought she was the coolest girl. I last saw her at my grandmas funeral about 10 years ago. Katie always had the right words to say and always had the best smile. We chatted on social media thru the years. I am heart broken by this news. If I could send a message, I would say...Please say hello to Grandpa Barney, Grandma Deena, and Lester. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

regina burris - July 28, 2020 at 10:12 PM



“ I knew Katie from when I was really young as our families became close. She knows more about my family than anyone outside my family and continue to be a presence to me as I navigated life after my dad’s passing, college and she was always in attentive and listening ear and always had a bed for me and her townhouse in Houston if I ever needed it. I got to see her in November all she was doing the wine competition and feel grateful for that. She had visited my family in Maryland not long ago and made a point to see me and my mom and brother and have quality time. I could tell Katie anything and she had a way of making you feel like you were the only one in the room. I love you Katie and thank you for modeling a Christ centered love it has impacted me on so many levels and I’m sure it has impacted so many others. I pray for your transition into God’s presence and for you to watch over us as we continue to navigate these difficult times I pray for your transition into God’s presence and for you to watch over us as we continue to navigate these difficult times. I miss you so much.



Bill Haardt - July 28, 2020 at 08:28 PM



“ Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathryn "Katie" Elaine Springs Krehmeier.



July 28, 2020 at 04:59 PM

HU

“ I am so sorry to learn of Katie's passing. She was always such a bright light with a beautiful smile and warm heart. My heart goes out to her family.

Holly Uverity - July 28, 2020 at 03:11 PM

SC

“ Thank you for the gift of your friendship. You were always there, always inspirational, always kind, always gracious, always supportive. I still can't believe you're gone. To your family, I send my deepest condolences. The days ahead are going to be so very difficult but Katie would want us to carry on with strength and grace.

Sherri Cooley - July 28, 2020 at 02:52 PM

DR

“ Although I only met Katie when she joined the HJF 4 years ago, her presence in my life was profound. Her dedicated and thoughtful personality will be missed. Her loss is profound.

Diana Root - July 28, 2020 at 12:32 PM

RM

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Rochelle L Mannigel - July 28, 2020 at 12:15 PM

SR

“Only a moment you stayed, but what an imprint your footprints have left on our hearts.” -Dorothy Ferguson That was Katie.

Suzi Russell - July 28, 2020 at 11:08 AM

LA

I just looked at all the photos of Katie and saw that beautiful smile! That smile radiated the joy she found in life. Her can-do attitude was such a gift to those of us who knew her. She will be missed by so many. May the Peace of God be with her family, as they learn to navigate a world without her. I pray the memories of the happy times shared will fill the fracture in their hearts.

Liz Arend

Liz Arend - July 28, 2020 at 05:06 PM

RW

I am so blessed to have met Katie. She left such an impact in my life with her beautiful spirit, patience, loving heart, sweet smile, and giving of herself to all those who came into her life. My heart is broken. I will miss her dearly. May our loving memories of Katie bring a smile to our life as we go through this journey. My prayers are with you Jeff and all her family and friends. RozWise, Houston Junior Forum

Rosalyn "Roz" Wise - July 29, 2020 at 01:52 PM



“Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Kathryn "Katie" Elaine Springs Krehmeier.



July 28, 2020 at 10:43 AM



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Detting Funeral Home - July 28, 2020 at 10:28 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Kathryn "Katie" Elaine Springs Krehmeier.*



July 28, 2020 at 10:08 AM



“ *Katie was a bright light that illuminated everything and everyone near her. She enriched Programs of the Houston Junior Forum and nurtured enduring friendships. Our hearts are heavy with grief. We will miss her. Janet Juban*

Janet Juban - July 28, 2020 at 10:03 AM

BG

“ I have know Katie's family over 40 years and attended her wedding. We were neighbors and I have been playing bridge with her mother, Delores, all those years. So I was delighted when she joined the Houston Junior Forum 4 years ago and recently became our President - Elect. Since I have been a member of that organization for over 40 years, I enjoyed so much getting to know her better at our meetings & events. She will be truly missed by all of us!
Betty Gosse

Betty Gosse - July 28, 2020 at 10:02 AM

IH

“ Ingo and Elaine Hentschel purchased the Adoring Heart for the family of Kathryn "Katie" Elaine Springs Krehmeier.



Ingo and Elaine Hentschel - July 28, 2020 at 08:56 AM



“ Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathryn "Katie" Elaine Springs Krehmeier.



July 28, 2020 at 08:24 AM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Kathryn "Katie" Elaine Springs Krehmeier.



July 28, 2020 at 01:00 AM



“ *Your Light Shines* was purchased for the family of Kathryn "Katie" Elaine Springs Krehmeier.



July 27, 2020 at 10:57 PM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray* was purchased for the family of Kathryn "Katie" Elaine Springs Krehmeier.



July 27, 2020 at 08:37 PM



“ *A Full Life* was purchased for the family of Kathryn "Katie" Elaine Springs Krehmeier.



July 27, 2020 at 07:09 PM