



Portia Kinney

May 6, 1945 - November 7, 2025

Portia Kinney, 80, passed away Friday, November 7, 2025, in Houston, Texas. Mrs. Kinney was born May 6, 1945, in Port Arthur, Texas. She is preceded in death by her parents, Elva Harris Tipps and Russell Tipps and sisters Jackie Goats, Gwyn Carriere and Grace Moye. She is survived by her husband of 38 years, Dale Kinney; children, Kelli van Gool & husband Jacques, Jennifer Porchey & husband Rob, George J. Polk III & wife Amy; grandchildren, Taylor Moll & husband Nick, Elizabeth Tate Porchey, Wesley Polk, Emerson Polk; great grandchildren, Laura Moll and Lindsey Moll; brother Nolan Tipps & wife Gayle; sister Beckie Simpson & husband Mike; and many nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her dear friend and caretaker Nereida Morales.

Portia grew up in the Port Arthur area where she attended Port Neches Grove High School. She was well-loved, friend to many and cheerleader her whole life. After graduation she moved to Houston and started her family. She raised 3 children and became a top sales associate with BFI Industries. While at BFI she met and married the love of her life, Dale Kinney in 1987. The couple spent the next 38 years together watching their beautiful family grow. Portia spent many years as an interior designer in the Houston area before retiring. Her “love project” was the lake house she and Dale built on Lake McQueeney.

Portia’s faith was central in her life. She was a member of Second Baptist

Church. She was an avid shopper, often antiquing and bought as much blue and white as she could. She was the life of the party, loved to dance and had a great sense of humor. Her family was her true love and joy of her life. She spent countless days with her 4 grandchildren watching them grow and become fine adults. She was loved by all who knew her and will be greatly missed.

Portia's life will be celebrated Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 10:30 AM at Second Baptist Church, West Campus. A reception will follow on the church grounds. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Samaritan's Purse. <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/memorial-page/portia-kinney-houston-tx>

The memorial service will be livestreamed beginning at 10:30 AM on Thursday, November 20, 2025 at this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NCw8_W7DXCE

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **20**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Second Baptist Church, West Campus
19449 Katy Freeway
Houston, TX 77094

Tribute Wall

GE

“ George lit a candle in memory of Portia Kinney



George - December 05, 2025 at 10:16 PM

MI

“ Mick purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Portia Kinney.



Mick - November 20, 2025 at 10:44 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Portia Kinney.



November 19, 2025 at 09:13 AM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Portia Kinney.



November 19, 2025 at 08:11 AM

CF

“ Charles Sparkman Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Portia Kinney.



Charles Sparkman Family - November 18, 2025 at 03:53 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Portia Kinney.



November 18, 2025 at 11:08 AM

TL

“ The Robertson Family-Travis and Liberty purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Portia Kinney.



The Robertson Family-Travis and Liberty - November 18, 2025 at 10:32 AM

JK

“ Jackie, Ronnie, Danielle, Scott & Kathy purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Portia Kinney.



Jackie, Ronnie, Danielle, Scott & Kathy - November 17, 2025 at 10:30 PM

HJ

“ Hank rains and barbara jampolis purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Portia Kinney.



Hank rains and barbara jampolis - November 17, 2025 at 01:19 PM

PR

“ Paul and Beverly Rowntree purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Portia Kinney.



Paul and Beverly Rowntree - November 17, 2025 at 12:42 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Portia Kinney.



November 16, 2025 at 07:28 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Portia Kinney.



November 16, 2025 at 08:04 AM

SJ

“ An angel named Portia came into my life 40 years ago full of fun, laughter and Love I want her family to know how much I loved her and am so sorry for her family’s loss❤️
Sherry

Sherry Jessop - November 15, 2025 at 11:36 AM

SB

“ Shelton, Karina, Sophie, Karisa & Bina purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Portia Kinney.



Shelton, Karina, Sophie, Karisa & Bina - November 12, 2025 at 09:51 AM

FC

“ From the Porcheys, Hudsons, and Crouches purchased the Touching Tribute Spray for the family of Portia Kinney.



From the Porcheys, Hudsons, and Crouches - November 10, 2025 at 03:17 PM

AF

“ Altemus Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Portia Kinney.



Altemus Family - November 10, 2025 at 01:08 PM

PS

“ Paul and Linda Song purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Portia Kinney.



Paul and Linda Song - November 10, 2025 at 10:37 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Portia Kinney.



November 10, 2025 at 10:10 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Portia Kinney.



November 09, 2025 at 06:37 PM

LS

“ Love Robert Saunders purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Portia Kinney.



Love Robert Saunders - November 09, 2025 at 04:08 PM

KP

“ Kelly P. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Portia Kinney.



Kelly P. - November 09, 2025 at 12:34 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Portia Kinney.



November 09, 2025 at 06:24 AM



“ I remember the hospitality Ria, Adri and Ellen received in 2004 when we secretly were in Houston to celebrate Jacques Big 40. We had a fantastic time. Ans now life is over for Portia. My deepest condolences to Dale, Kelli and her brother and all family and friends. Donald Lupescu, Netherlands.

Donald Lupescu - November 09, 2025 at 06:17 AM



“ One very talented lady! I will miss my dear friend. Till me meet again.

Jean Stephens - November 08, 2025 at 06:37 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Portia Kinney.



November 08, 2025 at 05:10 PM



“ My dear Aunt Portia,
I know you are so happy to be reunited with your sweet sisters and I think maybe you and my mom are smoking a cigarette and drinking tea. I will miss you so much and words can't express what you mean to me. Your influence in my life, your beauty, your charm, your kindness, your style and zest for life. So many memories with you and my mom and your kids from back in the day I can never fully express what that means to me. Give my mom a big hug for me. I love you forever 💕💕



Suzanne Williamson - November 07, 2025 at 06:41 PM