



Kathy Ann Horton

February 26, 1952 - June 8, 2017

Kathy Ann Horton, 65, of Midland passed away on Thursday, June 8th, 2017. She was born in Monahans, Texas on February 26th, 1952 to Roy and Bobbie McMinn and graduated from Seminole High School in 1970. After graduation, she went on to study business and then moved to Midland where she met her husband Craig Horton. The two were married on April 3rd, 1982 and gave birth to their daughter Stephenie in 1983. Kathy was a loving wife and mother who was known for her vivacious personality and quick wit; she brought laughter and joy wherever she went.

Kathy's true gift was helping those in need, and she spent her adult life volunteering with numerous organizations. She served with Family Promise, which offers shelter and care to homeless families. She also provided counseling and support for children experiencing grief through Rays of Hope, but her greatest passion was advocating for children in foster care through CASA of West Texas. She was honored twice as CASA's Volunteer of the Year before being asked to work at CASA full-time in 2016 as their Volunteer Supervisor. Kathy believed in living out her faith by serving others and was also an active member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband Craig Horton of Midland; her daughter

Stephenie Smith, son-in-law Scott Smith, and grandchildren Owen, Zoe, and Max Smith all of Lubbock; her brother Mike McMinn and sister-in-law Ann McMinn of Russellville, Arkansas. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother her David McMinn.

Family and friends will celebrate Kathy's life on Monday, June 12th at 3:00PM at St. Luke's United Methodist Church. The family would like to express their gratitude for the outpouring of love from friends, family, and her CASA family. They would also like to thank the nursing staff and doctors at Midland Memorial Hospital who took excellent care of Kathy and her family during her brief illness. The family suggests donations in Kathy's memory be made to CASA of West Texas, 1611 W. Texas Ave., Midland, TX 79701.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 12. 3:00 PM (CT)

St Luke's United Methodist Church
3011 W Kansas Ave
Midland, TX 79701-5593
(432) 694-2571

Tribute Wall

PM

“ *Craig and Stephanie,
My heart is so heavy hearing of Kathy's passing. She is one of my favorites, and I always looked forward to spending time with her catching up on pictures and funny stories with all of our darling grandchildren. We both felt we were the luckiest people in the world being blessed with these creatures who we couldn't keep our lips off!*

Kathy had the best sparkling eyes and widest smile that no one could resist. When I learned of her involvement with CASA, I wasn't surprised as everyone she touched must have fallen in love with her warmth.

If memory serves me, the last time together we sat side-by-side and each ordered a slab of prime rib. I do remember her saying she loved prime rib and ordered it every chance she got. We both raised our eyebrows together when Sally's grand daughter, Hadley, who sat directed across from us, proceeded to devour every piece of broccoli Grandma gave her. We agreed, we didn't have grandchildren of this nature.

I am so sorry for all of this pain. I will keep Kathy close to my heart and remember all of her kindness towards me. Much love, penni mellon

Penni Mellon - June 12, 2017 at 05:30 PM

PM

“ *Kathy was a wonderful person that Penni and I had the pleasure of knowing. I know Kathy will be missed by everyone especially my dear friend Craig. May you rest in peace. Peter Mellon*

peter mellon - June 12, 2017 at 10:58 AM

MW

“ *I will always cherish our friendship. Good friends are hard to come by. I believe she was an angel put in my path for a short while and I am grateful for the time I had with her. I will miss her.*

Merry Worley - June 11, 2017 at 06:37 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kathy Ann Horton.*



June 10, 2017 at 09:19 PM

EY

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Elizabeth Young - June 10, 2017 at 09:09 PM

EY

Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, Unheard, but always near, so loved, so missed, so very very dear. You will always be in our hearts.

Elizabeth Young - June 10, 2017 at 09:09 PM

RS

Kathy, my heart is broken knowing that you have left us. I know that you are now in a better place; but I am sure going to miss you. I looked forward to seeing your beautiful smile and getting a warm hug from you when I would go by the CASA office. You epitomized what CASA is in our community. Thank you for guiding me with my first case, holding my hand and telling me that you would be by my side until I was ready to go at it alone. Thank you for reassuring me that being nervous and scared were normal emotions. May your rest in peace my friend, fly with the angels! <3

Rachel Stone - June 11, 2017 at 12:17 PM

KL

Kathy will be missed!

Karen Lemmons-Hocker - June 12, 2017 at 02:54 PM

KD

“*Kathy Ann, that is what she went by in her youth, at least at church. We were best of friends and I went home with her almost every Sunday after church and we spent the afternoon at the movies. Her parents owned the movie theater in Seminole. How sweet the memory of the fun times we had then. Had not seen her since graduation, then. One day sitting in a court room, listening to instructions for CASA. Volunteers in Midland about 5 years ago,,,I heard this voice behind me and a light touch on my shoulder saying "Kathy"....I turned and found myself looking into the eyes of my childhood friend...she truly gave it her all in the things she believed in...rest in peace..*

Kathy Hidges Dunn - June 10, 2017 at 07:09 PM