



# Katherine Gail McDonald

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**T**here are lights that continue to shine even though we can't see them. They shine in other places, in other realms and at times even more steadily, more brilliantly...

Our beautiful Kathy McDonald slipped from us on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, surrounded by her loving family after battling cancer for more than three years. Born in Nashville and raised in Madison where kids played backyard basketball and stayed outside until the streetlamps came on, Kathy enjoyed playing host to sleepovers and game days. She was an honor student who attended Middle Tennessee State University before going to work at Piedmont/USAirways for 14 years. While working for the airline she traveled to faraway lands with friends amid love and laughter during both good times and bad. As one always open to new possibilities, Kathy surrounded herself with learning all she could and loved to "name drop" all the exotic places she visited, the things she did, people she met and the appreciation she developed for different cultures. Florence remained her favorite city. Her outlook on life was just that: seek the good, find the fun, share the joy and laughter wherever you are!

Ready to be challenged more at work, Kathy left the airlines, obtained her bachelor's degree in Human Relations during a 22 year career with Deloitte on numerous assignments. Kathy was an avid reader and a major proponent of education and spent several years in the 90s teaching adults to read. She led a great life as a self-described Mary Tyler Moore type career girl.

Though a consummate professional, Kathy was most proud of her title as aunt to nephew Drew and nieces Ginger and AnnaLee. The joy they brought to her eclipsed everything else in her life! A close second would be her fur babies; Rockette (rip 2018) and Briley, so named for the well-known boulevard in Nashville!

Kathy was preceded in death by her father Billy Dean McDonald and brother, Marty.



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She is survived by her mother, Mary McDonald; brother Dwain (Jennifer) McDonald; nephew Drew; nieces Ginger and AnnaLee

Kathy's close friends were by her side through cancer treatments. They were by her side when she got good news and bad news. They were with her during the most challenging times of her life and listened to her cry and laugh and without judgement, let her say aloud those things we usually keep to ourselves. Her great fortune recalls a quote from Yeats: "Think where man's glory most begins and ends, and say my glory was I had such friends."

We all go through this life, seeking to find its essence, trying to learn all we can and find when it's our time to leave that nothing we've done has been in vain, been wasted. We hope we can leave a smile on the faces of those we love and will be remembered by the smile on our own. Kathy will be remembered for all these things along with her great laugh! Knowing her people are deeply charitable without prompting, it was her last wish that in lieu of flowers, we might gather and remember all the good times spent with her and laugh!

A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 11:00 AM in the Historic Spring Hill Cemetery. Anyone wishing to attend is asked to meet at the funeral home at 10:40 AM.

Cremation arrangements for Kathy have been entrusted to Spring Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5110 Gallatin Road, Nashville. A landmark since 1780, "Where Nashville Comes to Remember."



## Events


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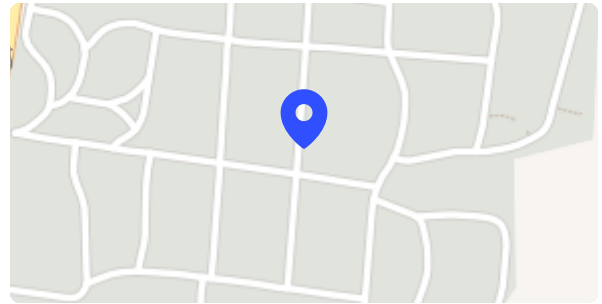
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### Graveside Service

 **Tuesday**, January 25, 2022

 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM CT

 **Spring Hill Cemetery**  
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville TN 37216





## Tribute Wall

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DS

**Devon Scales** posted:

I have this link saved as a favorite and thought I was opening a different page. I guess this is a sign to share that I still miss you Kathy. You're beautiful pearly whites that were perfectly aligned when you smiled. Every time I see Blue Bell Ice Cream on sale you are the first person I think of to tell. Welp, I hope you are getting a kick watching us pack on the Covid 19, 20, 30 pounds while you're probably struttin around all slim and trim and being modest about it. How I would love to hear you on the soap box talking about current events. Talk to you later.

September 21 at 2:36 PM

VH

**Verlee Hager** posted:

"How lucky are we to have someone in our lives that makes saying goodbye so hard." I will forever miss my dear friend.

January 22 at 4:52 AM

JM

**Jean Messemer** lit a candle in honor of Katherine.

It was a privilege to meet Kathy upon my arrival at the Deloitte Hermitage office. Her guidance and insight were invaluable. She was one smart lady, always smiling and willing to help. I feel blessed to have been given the opportunity to know her. My deepest sympathy to her family. Jean Messemer

January 19 at 3:40 PM



LP

**Lori Pierce** lit a candle in honor of Katherine.

January 19 at 8:14 AM



DS

**Devon Scales** lit a candle in honor of Katherine.

January 18 at 7:44 AM





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**Sandra, Jared, And Seth** lit a candle in honor of Katherine.

Our sincere condolences to Kathy's brother and sister-in-law, Dwaine and Jennifer. We are Kathy's across the street neighbors. Kathy was the sweetest and best neighbor! We shared conversations often and laughed a lot. Kathy looked out for our sons when they were latch-key kids and they loved hanging out with her when they'd forgotten their key or gotten locked out. Well, Kathy, I took the candle lights out of my windows. I promised you that I'd keep them on for you to look at and enjoy. So after two years, they are gone. The street is darker without you. I will miss our chats. I miss you. We've lost a beautiful soul. Rest easy...- Sandra, Jared & Seth



January 17 at 7:40 PM



**Sandra Franklin** posted:

I am very sorry to hear of Kathy's passing. I will always remember Kathy's unique way of listening — when Kathy spoke to you, you were the only person in the room and she made everyone feel special and respected. At the company we worked for, if her name came up in conversation, it was always "she's SO nice!" Or "I just love her," or "she offered to help me with ..". I think she influenced more people than she realized and we are all better people for knowing Kathy. We will think of her beautiful smile and spirit always. Sending thoughts and prayers to her family and closest friends.

January 17 at 9:56 AM



**Marlene Richardson** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Reunited. ❤️



January 16 at 1:02 AM



**Marlene Richardson** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

"Days turn to minutes, and minutes to memories." - John Mellencamp Thank you for all the days, all the minutes and all the memories. Love you "fur"ever.



January 15 at 3:17 PM



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DZ

**Darlene Zoccola** posted:

I had the privilege of working with Kathy at Deloitte a few years ago before I retired. I was so sorry to learn of her illness/passing. Many happy memories of Kathy came immediately. Some of the best included working our first Partner meeting and getting stuck in an elevator at DU. Many memories of conversations about her beloved family and Rockette. She was a talented and caring manager whose light shined brightly as she cared and interacted with her work team. Rest in peace Kathy. My sincere condolences to your family.

January 15 at 10:29 AM

BM

**Barbara Myatt** posted:

Over this past year my visits with Kathy were special. We found we had things in common of which we would have never known. This world has lost a wonderful person.

January 14 at 10:43 AM

CW

**Carlene Waller** posted:

I'm so sorry to hear this. I worked with Kathy at both Piedmont and Deloitte. She will be sorely missed. May God hold you close as you traverse this new world without her presence.

January 14 at 10:25 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the McDonald family.



January 13 at 2:03 PM



## Media

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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Katherine by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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