



## Kathryn (Kathy) Cook

March 19, 1952 - December 10, 2010

COOK – Kathryn (Kathy) Smith Cook, 58 of Alpharetta, GA died December 10, 2010 after a courageous battle with endometrial cancer. She was born and grew up in Madison, Wisconsin and was a graduate of LaFollette High School. Kathy and her family moved to Alpharetta in 1985. She was an employee with Fulton County Schools, where she worked for 12 years. She served as the main office secretary at Centennial High School and most recently worked at Taylor Road Middle School as the bookkeeper and Principal's secretary. Kathy was a servant to all she met, and found grace and comfort in the arms of our Lord. Survivors include her husband of 31 years, Rick Cook; daughters, Jenny and her husband Bruce Wells of Clarksville, TN and Alison and her husband Joe Bradford of Clemson, SC; parents, Bob and Betty Smith of Madison, WI; aunt and uncle Mary Alice and Eddie Falkenstein; cousin, Linda Falkenstein and her husband, Bill Lueders. The celebration of Kathy's life will be at the Mt. Pisgah United Methodist Church on Monday, December 20, 2010 at 5:00 PM. The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Hospice Foundation. The Cook family will receive friends at a reception immediately following the service at Mt. Pisgah United Methodist Church. Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory, Roswell/Alpharetta, 770/645-1414. [www.northsidechapel.com](http://www.northsidechapel.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

DEC **20**. 5:00 PM (ET)

Mount Pisgah United Methodist Church  
9820 Nesbit Ferry Road  
Alpharetta, GA

# Tribute Wall



“ Kathryn (Kathy) Cook

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM

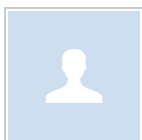


“ Kathy and I were best friends starting in first grade through high school. She was a bridesmaid in my first wedding and is my oldest son's godmother. The last time I saw her was at my house, probably 20 years ago! All of the "old" friends got together for a lovely afternoon with our kids. We had a swimming pool in the back yard and all of the kids had a lot of fun. It was so nice to see everyone again. Kathy was always a great friend and wonderful person. I have many, many great, happy memories.

*The old gang is trying to make plans to get together for lunch in the near future. It's been way too long. Maybe Kathy's passing will remind us of how very important it is to keep those old friendships going. Time passes by way too quickly.*

*Rest in peace, Kathy. We'll all miss you very much.##imported-begin##Kathy Innis Topp##imported-end##*

January 07, 2011 at 11:03 AM



“ Kathy was such a lovely, poised, ladylike person. I will always remember her role in "Kiss me Kate" and how fun it was to participate in that play with her! I also remember how gracious and loving her parents were and how much they loved Kathy. Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of a beloved daughter, mother and friend.##imported-begin##Joan Prey Canto##imported-end##

December 30, 2010 at 07:05 PM



“ Rick, Jenny and Alison,

*I was shocked when Betty called to tell me about Kathy's battle with cancer. I fear she did not get my letter before she passed. The last time I saw you girls you were babies. Unfortunately over the years we have seen less of each other. I always looked forward to our dinners at Paisans, in Madison, when she came to visit her mom. Mary, Kathy and I would eat, drink a little and laugh about the good old days on Mission Circle, where we lived. That's were she met your dad. We have all sorts of pictures of your mom before she got married. If you are at your grandmother's house sometime, have her call Mary and myself, as we would love to see you all grown up. I did see a wedding picture that Mary had of the family. You all looked lovely. My heart goes out to all of you. It sounds like your mother was deeply loved by everyone who knew her, but that doesn't surprise me. She was a vibrant, smart, beautiful woman who loved her children and her husband. She will be missed by all that knew her. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love, Debbie Slotten*

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December 27, 2010 at 07:50 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear the news about Kathy- it was always great to start my day seeing her smile. She would always drop everything to help you no matter what it was. I am thinking about all of you and sending long distance hugs!*

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December 22, 2010 at 08:25 AM



“ We were thrilled to have the privilege of working with her the last 7 years at Taylor Road. She was patient and kind with everyone and did a fabulous job with the books. Our wishes and prayers are with her family.##imported-begin##Sue Stovall##imported-end##

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December 20, 2010 at 02:55 PM



“ Our deepest and sincerest sympathies to Kathy's family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. We are confident that Kathy remains full of your love and continues to give it back.

Love,

Allen, Rene', Vicki and John##imported-begin##Allen and Rene' Bradford##imported-end##

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December 19, 2010 at 08:36 PM



“ Rick,  
My deepest sympathy and prayers to you and your family. Kathy was one of the kindest people I ever knew. NEVER heard a cross or negative word out of her mouth. What a model for all of us.##imported-begin##David H. Hayes (Coach)##imported-end##

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December 19, 2010 at 02:09 PM



“ Jenny, Alison and family. I am so sorry to hear about your mom. She was always kind and welcoming. I am glad I had the opportunity to have known her. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Sarah Briney##imported-end##

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December 19, 2010 at 12:44 AM



“ Jenny and family, we are so sorry to hear about Kathy's passing. She was a very special lady and Drew talked about her often. He always left notes on her office door when Nicki had an Orchestra concert. He always was asking Nicki how she was doing. We know she will be missed terribly. Our prayers are with you. May God give you his peace that surpasses understanding at this time.

Blessings, The Sperry family##imported-begin##Kim and Scott Sperry##imported-end##

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December 18, 2010 at 12:42 PM



“ I am Kathy's one and only aunt. Kathy is my only niece. I have so many wonderful memories of her. I spent many hours with Kathy when she was a little girl. Betty and I sort of shared her, till my Linda came along. Kathy loved to spend time at my house. She used to walk from grade school to my house for lunch. Kathy loved Franco American Spaghetti. She wanted it every day. After Kathy moved to Atlanta we did not see her often, but she made sure she called and we e-mailed often. Kathy will be forever in our hearts.##imported-begin##MARY ALICE fALKENSTEIN##imported-end##

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December 17, 2010 at 04:53 PM



“ My husband, Ray and I have many good memories of Kathy and of the stories Bob and Betty told about her. I remember her as a young girl coming to visit my Mom and Dad when I was in Madison. I remember Kathy and Betty going ice skating before they came to visit. Ray and I remember Kathy's wedding when she and Rick were married. We also remember Betty and Bob telling us of Jenny and Alison and all the good times they had when Kathy and the girls were visiting. We remember the cute little room that Betty and Bob decorated for them in their house. Kathy was precious to them and she was a wonderful wife and Mom. We know she will be missed greatly by all who were close with her. Love and prayers. Jayne and Ray Stark###imported-begin###Jayne and Ray Stark###imported-end##

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December 16, 2010 at 05:12 PM



“ What a wonderful person Kathy was...She was one of the MOST caring and kind person around.. I feel very fortunate to have know her..What a fight she gave to her cancer..My sympathies to her family.Kathy rest in peace.###imported-begin###Wanda Bartlett###imported-end##

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December 16, 2010 at 10:19 AM



“ Kathy, you will be sorely missed by all of the people you touched: teachers, students, parents, and community. God bless you and your family.###imported-begin###Kira and Todd Willis###imported-end##

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December 15, 2010 at 06:33 PM



“ Rick, my prayers are with you and your daughters. I hope that you and they feel the love of friends near and far away.##imported-begin##Bill West##imported-end##

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December 15, 2010 at 05:58 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear the news. It is always sad when someone dies, but even more so when it happens in a family as great as yours. Remember, she will always be with you in your memories and in your heart.##imported-begin##Mark Palmer##imported-end##

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December 15, 2010 at 03:21 PM



“ Dear Rick, Jenny & Alison:

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time in your life.*

*Although we have not seen Kathy in some time we have many fond memories of her.*

*May God bless you and help you through the coming months.*

*Steve and Joan Plotz##imported-begin##Steve and Joan Plotz##imported-end##*

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December 15, 2010 at 02:36 PM



“ I pray for your family to feel God's presence and his love during this time. I really am so glad that I was able to meet such a wonderful her during Alison's graduation. She was a wonderful person.

Sincerely,

Alfreda Miller##imported-begin##Alfreda Miller##imported-end##

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December 15, 2010 at 01:28 PM



“ Hello:  
I live in Mayfair and am so sorry to hear about the loss your family is experiencing.  
You are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Rachel Broach##imported-end##

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December 15, 2010 at 01:05 PM



“ The world has lost the most lovely person I have ever met. We will miss her so much but she will live in our hearts forever.##imported-begin##Maria Luque##imported-end##

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December 15, 2010 at 10:42 AM



“ Very touched to hear about Kathy's battle against cancer and although I send my regrets to hear that she is gone, I hope for you comfort that she is in a better place. She was a wonderful person who touched many lives. Take care.##imported-begin##Kristi Doan##imported-end##

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December 15, 2010 at 08:08 AM



“ Remembering the many and varied ways that Kathy served her church family while at Northminster Presbyterian Church. I attended my PW circle today and thought of her--an active PW member. Jenny, Alison, and Rick: May God wrap His/Her arms around you and give you comfort in your grief.##imported-begin##Darlene McDonald##imported-end##

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December 14, 2010 at 10:03 PM



“ Kathy Cook. You were always a wonderful person, lady, and mother. What's more, you were always honorably kind and courteous.

More people should strive to be as you were in life.##imported-begin##Chris Kemerait##imported-end##

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December 14, 2010 at 06:50 PM



“ Kathy was a kind, genuine person. I loved her laugh and quiet sense of humor. I have taught in the Fulton County school system for 34 years. I have met many good people. Kathy stands at the top. She was competent, sweet and always could help find a solution to the problem. I pray now for her peace and for strength for her family.##imported-begin##Ben Crosby##imported-end##

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December 14, 2010 at 01:27 PM



“ Rick, Jenny and Alison,  
I have a feeling that there's one more star up in the sky tonight. And even though it seems so far away, it's brightness and warmth can reach us here to make the night a little less dark.  
I will cherish my memories of Kathy and think about fun we had so very long ago. She was a very sweet and caring lady....I have her in my heart.##imported-begin##Denise Deauchamp  
Mueller##imported-end##

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December 14, 2010 at 01:24 PM



“ Rick - as we shared yesterday, words alone can never say enough. But our memories of the times we shared with you and Kathy were always special, and our memories of her are positive and wonderful. May her presence always live in you and your daughters. Our prayers are with you. Craig and Wendy##imported-begin##Craig  
and Wendy Francour##imported-end##

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December 14, 2010 at 11:54 AM



“ Rick: You and your daughters are in my prayers. May God be with you as you celebrate the time you had with Kathy and grieve the huge loss her death represents. John##imported-begin##John  
Wimberly##imported-end##

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December 14, 2010 at 11:20 AM



“ Kathy was the first person I met as I embarked on my first "real" job as a teacher. I walked into Centennial for my interview with Mr. Box and was greeted with her warm smile and kind words. She took me under her wing from that point on. She was like a mother figure to me. She always stopped whatever she was doing to help me as she seemed to do for everyone. The Angels are singing much louder now that she is in their presence. My prayers are extended to the family for your loss. Your mother, sister, aunt & friend was an AMAZING woman. Love you Kathy...##imported-begin##Jen Barr##imported-end##

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December 14, 2010 at 10:53 AM



“ Kathy was a wonderful friend and co-worker at Taylor Road Middle School. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to get to know her warmth and sweet spirit. Kathy continued to be kind and helpful despite her failing health. She had such a determination and will to live. We will miss her! Monica McCrary##imported-begin##Monica M. McCrary##imported-end##

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December 14, 2010 at 09:35 AM



“ Jenny and family,  
You are in my thoughts and prayers. I am so very sorry for your loss. I am sure your mom fought a good fight. Please let me know if there is any thing I might be able to do for you.

Love in Christ,  
Farrell##imported-begin##Farrell Garth##imported-end##

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December 14, 2010 at 09:14 AM



“ Kathy was an incredible friend. She had a spirit of love and mercy towards others and a way to brighten another’s day unlike any other person. It’s incredibly tough to think that she will no longer “be there” when needed. However, I know without a shadow of a doubt that her future is secure in Christ and am 100% confident that she’s in a much better place.....a place where we all will be better off one day and will be reunited again. I’ll miss Kathy dearly and can’t thank her enough for all the love and support over the years.##imported-begin##Ryan Irvine##imported-end##

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December 14, 2010 at 08:18 AM



“ I was lucky enough to be Kathy’s good friend during our elementary and high school years. She was a so kind and loving. We had lost touch over the years, but I will never forget her. Kathy, thanks for the wonderful memories. Rest in peace.##imported-begin##Maggie Lourim##imported-end##

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December 13, 2010 at 10:31 PM



“ Kathy was a wonderful person who gave so much to so many, she will be missed. Our prayers are with the family. Bill and Bonnie Busbin##imported-begin##Bonnie Busbin##imported-end##

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December 13, 2010 at 09:27 PM



“ To dear sweet Alison....I am so sorry for your loss and for the pain you are feeling right now. You were such a strength for your mom and I am so, so glad that you were able to be with her as much as you did over the last few weeks. I am sorry that Laura was out of the country....she loves you so much. To your Dad, sister and your husbands, as well as other family members, I am sorry and I will pray for you to be comforted in away that only God can truly do. With love to you Alison and Joe....Dovie Bohnhoff###imported-begin###Dovie Bohnhoff###imported-end##

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December 13, 2010 at 08:04 PM



“ Kathy will truly be missed by all who knew her. She was always so kind and patient with everyone. When we opened Centennial it was my pleasure to get to know Kathy. Jenny and Alison, I will always remember how proud your mother was of all your accomplishments. Peace be with your family.###imported-begin###Beverly Spangler###imported-end##

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December 13, 2010 at 06:34 PM



“ To the Cook family my deepest prayers and sympathy are with you in your loss. I worked with Kathy at Taylor Road and she was an inspiration to us all.The world is a lesser place without her. May your wonderful memories sustain you. Sincerely,  
Barbara Irons###imported-begin###Barbara Irons###imported-end##

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December 13, 2010 at 06:17 PM



“ I am glad that I had an opportunity to work with Kathy my first few years at Centennial (and to teach Alison too!) Kathy extended me unprecendeted kindness and for that I will be forever thankful. She will always be in my heart.##imported-begin##Ria Galanos##imported-end##

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December 13, 2010 at 04:46 PM



“ It was my privilege to work with Kathy at Taylor Road and before that, for many years, to volunteer with her at Northminster Presbyterian Church. She was a gentle soul--one of the kindest and most giving people I have ever known. My prayers are with Rick, Jenny, and Alison as well as all my former colleagues at TRMS. I know she will be irreplaceable for all of you.##imported-begin##Lynne Lower##imported-end##

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December 13, 2010 at 03:51 PM



“ It was so hard to say good-bye to Kathy when she left us at Centennial High School. Taylor Road was extremely lucky to have Kathy! I remember our fun times at the UGA games. I still have the University of Wisconsin ornament you gave me and it goes on my Christmas tree every year. I will cherish it forever! We are now all so sad that she lost her battle with cancer. Rest in peace Kathy until we see you again. You will be missed by many people.##imported-begin##Stan Fouts##imported-end##

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December 13, 2010 at 02:57 PM



“ *If there is one thing that I can say about Kathy from knowing her over the years, she was one of the most positive people I knew. Always has a smile and always happy to see you. To the family, I am so sorry for your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Shep & Jessica Lawrence##imported-begin##Shep Lawrence##imported-end##*

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December 13, 2010 at 01:53 PM



“ *Kathy will forever have a special place in my heart and my family. Her gentle nature will forever be remembered along with her many acts of service. What a caring, lovely spirit.*

*God has brought a great person home to live with Him. I am thankful that He created her to touch so many lives while she was with us.*

*Forever in our thoughts. Until we are reunited, it is nice to know we have a special angel in heaven smiling down on us!*

*With love and devotion,*

*The Irvine family##imported-begin##Doug Irvine ##imported-end##*

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December 13, 2010 at 01:44 PM



“ Kathy, we are going to miss you--you're ready smile, the way you always offered to help, and your patience with us. Your presence was like the flowers that you so dearly loved. You are truly in a better place. We all love you!##imported-begin##Jean Thoss##imported-end##

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December 13, 2010 at 12:16 PM



“ Dearest Alison and family,  
Words seem inadequate to relate how much we would like to express our sympathies to you all. I am sure your Mom is very very happy on a spiritual plateau we can only imagine. God created each and every person with unique qualities and personalities. The love a parent expresses to their child is a reminder of the love GOD is now showing your Mom. We are created with a spirit and that spirit returns to Heaven, to peace and to a higher love. I pray your earthly Father and your Heavenly Father give you peace and understanding of the future which will include a reunion with your Mom in a much happier place and state. Much love and sympathy, Andrea Bradford##imported-begin##Andrea Bradford##imported-end##

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December 13, 2010 at 11:01 AM



“ May the Lord comfort you and your family at this time as only He can do. Kathy was an inspiration to all who knew her. She greeted me every morning when I walked into TRMS with her warm smile and gentle words. I will miss her!##imported-begin##Sue Calhoun##imported-end##

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December 13, 2010 at 10:45 AM



“ I remember Kathy as a very sweet, accommodating lady. No matter what was going on in the front office at Centennial, she was always helpful and calm - we never saw her feathers "ruffled."

May she rest in peace now...##imported-begin##Darlene Davis-Conte##imported-end##

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December 13, 2010 at 10:40 AM



“ I feel very fortunate to have known and worked with Kathy for many years at Centennial HS. She will always be remembered as being the sweetest person you have EVER met and going above and beyond for you with a smile! ALWAYS! She was loved and will never be forgotten.##imported-begin##Jessica Kasten##imported-end##

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December 13, 2010 at 10:38 AM



“ Please know that Mrs. Cook was loved and served Taylor Road's students and faculty extremely well. She will be sorely missed. I will miss her. I will keep the family in my prayers.##imported-begin##Pansy Green##imported-end##

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December 13, 2010 at 10:35 AM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Kathy was a beautiful person and her suffering is over now. What I will miss most about Kathy is her smile and her gentle spirit. May God bless your family and heal your hearts during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Linda Bryant-Butler##imported-end##

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December 13, 2010 at 10:20 AM



“ *What a lovely lady Kathy was. I will always remember her smiling face. She was always so helpful and friendly. I pray that God will give you strength to help you through this period and beyond.*

*Fondly,*

*Marie Robinson  
Centennial High School##imported-begin##Marie  
Robinson##imported-end##*

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December 13, 2010 at 10:19 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Cook family. I am so fortunate to have known Kathy. I echo the sentiments my fellow co workers at Centennial have shared. Kathy was an extraordinary combination of kindness, positive energy, and professionalism. She will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Chris Bray##imported-end##*

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December 13, 2010 at 10:07 AM



“ *I worked with Kathy at TRMS. I always admired her for her unwavering positive attitude that was evident even in her last days. Her smile and cheerful hello always brightened my day. She will be missed by all who knew her, and my thoughts and prayers are with her family.##imported-begin##Robin Berlin##imported-end##*

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December 13, 2010 at 10:04 AM



“ *To the family of Kathy Cook:  
My sincere and deepest sympathy is extended to your family. We loved Kathy so much and will miss her terribly. She kept Taylor Road running seamlessly. God has a new angel. May she watch over us all.*

*Bonnie Bailey##imported-begin##Bonnie Bailey##imported-end##*

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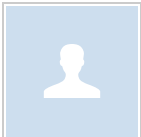
December 13, 2010 at 09:59 AM



“ *The smile that Kathy had. Nothing compares. Her spirit, coompassion and kindnes to myself and my son were priceless. TRMS will truly miss her, but God is now blessed with a new angel.##imported-begin##Amanda Mobley##imported-end##*

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December 13, 2010 at 09:33 AM



“ *Love is not an easy thing to put into words, but Kathy was the embodiment of love. Those who were lucky enough to know and love her were forever touched by her gentleness and caring spirit. She was a true sister and friend, and heaven is brightened by her presence. I will miss her more than I can say. My deepest sympathies go out to Rick and Jenny and Alison. I love you all very much.##imported-begin##Sue Cook##imported-end##*

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December 13, 2010 at 09:30 AM



“ As long as I knew Kathy I could always count on her to make my day better. In her caring and calming way she was a friend to anyone who was with her. I will remember her fondly. My sympathies to the family.##imported-begin##Patrick Cox##imported-end##

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December 13, 2010 at 09:10 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Kathy and I worked together for two years at Centennial High School when it first opened. She was a joy to work with and will be greatly missed. It's never easy when a daughter loses her mother - so I pray both of you girls keep her in your hearts forever.  
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Sally Edwards##imported-begin##Sally Edwards##imported-end##

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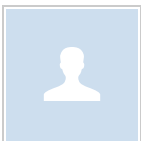
December 13, 2010 at 09:09 AM



“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Ms. Cook's illness and passing. She was remarkable in her kindness, to me and everyone. My thoughts are with her family. She will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Gary Ruther##imported-end##

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December 13, 2010 at 09:08 AM



“ I have known Kathy for so many years. She was a lovely person - caring, generous, giving, talented and devoted to her family. My deepest sympathy to Rick, Jenny and Allison.##imported-begin##Patty Houghton##imported-end##

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December 13, 2010 at 08:55 AM



“ *I have such fond memories of a wonderful person/woman/mother/friend. I am honored to have known Kathy. She has touched so many lives and will truly be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Kathy McGonegal##imported-end##*

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December 12, 2010 at 10:43 PM