



Kathy Ann Kresse

April 16, 1950 - September 1, 2020

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11:30 AM on Saturday, September 5, 2020, in the Delhomme Chapel of the Flowers for Kathy Ann Kresse, 70, who passed away on September 1, 2020 in her home, leaving all who knew her imprinted by her boundless love, generosity and fierce enthusiasm.

Kathy, a resident of Lafayette, was the daughter of the late Eugene Kresse and the former Dorris Gerke.

Kathy was born into a large family of eleven children. She attended Mount St. Mary's High School, where she was voted Most Valuable Belle as a stand-out basketball player, and a senior cheerleader. When Kathy graduated, she worked on the campaign staff of Winthrop Rockefeller before moving to Lafayette, LA. There she became involved in the Civitan International, a nonprofit group that raises money for the disabled and supports Special Olympics. Kathy formed the first Lafayette Ladies Civitan Club, and went on to be the first female governor of the entire Civitan organization. As her children grew, she went to work at St. Leo-Seton where they attended school. During this time, she earned her Paralegal degree. Then she took an administration position with Complete Home Health for the next 20 years, as her grandchildren came and her family grew. When her beloved sister Karen was diagnosed with cancer, she managed to spend months with her, all while working. Then Kathy gave up her position and returned to North Little Rock to care for her ailing parents for five years. While with her parents, she kept their family home a center, making sure dinners and gatherings were always happening there.

Once she retired back to Lafayette, she reveled in the wonderful proximity to her daughters and grandchildren, her tennis team, and her friends. She was able to fully indulge her passion for cooking, baking and masterful mixology.

She is survived by her daughters, Jaime K. Roussel (Troy) and Tracy L. Young; grandchildren, Taylor, Brant, Jacey, Sophie, Noah and Amael; great-granddaughter, Luna; mother, Dorris G. Kresse; and siblings, Tom (Sandy), Christy (Jim), Tim, Greg (Julie),

Cynthia, Sharon, Lisa (Paul), Kevin (Bridget) and John (Christy).

She was preceded in death by her father, Eugene Kresse; sister, Karen K. Stroud; and step-daughter, Sharlus Young.

A Rosary will be prayed at 10:00 AM at Delhomme Funeral Home - Bertrand on Saturday, September 5, 2020. Visitation will begin following the Rosary, until the time of service at 11:30AM.

The family would like to thank Dr. Gene Brierre for his compassionate care of their beloved mother in her time of need. A special thanks, as well, to Hospice of Acadiana for the incredible care and assistance they provided.

Kathy was selfless and committed to those she cared for, to the end of her life she inspired her family and friends with her concern for others. The loss to those who know her is immense, but you can donate to these charities in her name: Hospice of Acadiana and Miles Perret Cancer Services.

Personal condolences may be sent to the Kresse family at www.delhommefuneralhome.com.

Delhomme Funeral Home, 1011 Bertrand Drive, Lafayette, LA is in charge of funeral arrangements.

Events

SEP **Rosary** 10:00AM - 10:30AM

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SEP **Visitation** 10:30AM - 11:30AM

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SEP **Service** 11:30AM

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Delhomme Chapel of the Flowers

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Delhomme Funeral Homes - September 03 at 02:06 PM



“ Tim Kresse & Family, I am so very sorry for the loss of your beloved sister, daughter, mother and grandmother. I know Kathy from grade school at St. Pat's in NLR AR. She and my sister were in the same grade, Tim and I were from 1 thru the 8th, and of course there were other siblings that we both had that were in each other's class/grade. Kathy and I became FB friends several years ago and we both shared our stories of the loss of our sisters (Karen, Kathy's sister, and Nancy, my sister). I will never forget the sweetness and kindness she conveyed to me, so genuine and such a loving spirit. I know she will be greatly missed. She was an angel of a lady! - Colleen Dixon

Colleen Dixon - September 14 at 09:52 PM



“ White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Kathy Ann Kresse.



September 09 at 07:47 PM



“ My deepest condolences to Mrs. Kresse on the loss of a second daughter. Kathy was a bright light in a family of bright lights. She and all her sisters at one time or another played on our “old lady” soccer team. We had a lot of fun with the Kresse girls & Kathy will be missed by many.

Anne Head - September 09 at 12:13 AM



“ My sincerest condolences to Kathy's daughters, grandchildren, and the Kresse Family for your loss. My sweet friend will never be forgotten. I can hear her laugh and joy when telling a story, right now. The love she had for her family and friends was like no other. She will always be my Angel and my Hero. May the days ahead be brighter for all of you, continued prayers and big hugs.

Love,
Joycelyn Verot



Joycelyn Verot - September 05 at 07:33 AM



“ Aunt Kathy,
Every memory I have of you makes me smile. Whether it was you making yummy dishes at family events, writing me kind letters with great advice while I was in the military, you, aunt Karen and I having a drink and laughs off to the side at the 4th of July reunion, I even vividly remember my trip to your house in Lafayette when I was little and you helping me after I got sunburned. My thoughts of you will always be of a strong, caring, beautiful person. You will be missed greatly! Love your niece; Lauren



Lauren Kresse - September 05 at 04:02 AM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Kathy Ann Kresse.



September 04 at 04:07 PM



“ Aunt Sally and the northern Kresse cousins. purchased the Cherished Memories - All White for the family of Kathy Ann Kresse.



Aunt Sally and the northern Kresse cousins. - September 04 at 02:07 PM



“ Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Kathy Ann Kresse.



September 04 at 01:14 PM



“ White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Kathy Ann Kresse.



September 04 at 01:12 PM



“ Love your Complete Home Health family. purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Kathy Ann Kresse.



Love your Complete Home Health family. - September 04 at 10:48 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Kathy Ann Kresse.



September 04 at 08:17 AM



“ Though many years have passed, the memories i have of spending time with Ms. Kathy, her girls, and classmates and friends from SLS are vivid and valued. The friendship and comfort she brought to my mom, priceless - the times they shared always comical. (We once surprised the two of them with tickets to an Elton John concert - Ms. Kathy and my mom were giddy with excitement and sported matching shirts that night! They reminded me of two little kids) Her kindness touched so many of us at St. Leo. My deepest condolences and sympathy are sent to Tracy, Jamie and all of the family & friends all of you have been in our family's thoughts . No doubt in my mind her light, love and legacy will shine on through all of you. Much love.

Crystal Brewer Snider - September 04 at 01:40 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Kathy Ann Kresse.



September 03 at 10:40 PM



“ 1 file added to the album LifeTributes



Kurt Firehock - September 03 at 07:33 PM



“ The Firehock Family purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Kathy Ann Kresse.



The Firehock Family - September 03 at 07:18 PM



“ Judy Lukas Arnold purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Kathy Ann Kresse.



Judy Lukas Arnold - September 03 at 05:19 PM



“ Multicolor Pastel Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Kathy Ann Kresse.



September 03 at 04:59 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Kathy Ann Kresse.



September 03 at 04:58 PM



“ I knew Kathy for 65 years & all of that time, she remained a loyal & true friend. Everyone knew of her kindness, generosity of spirit, & exuberance for life. But having read the obituary, I am further reminded of her humility, given some of her accomplishments that never came to light (for me) until now. I will always treasure my memories with perhaps the most optimistic person that has ever crossed my path (other than my own Mother, who loved Kathy too, I might add). Kathy was one of those people, who "never met a stranger"! And she was courageous & valiant until the end. She called me recently &, so typical of her, she asked about my life before even letting on about her downturn in health. After 90 minutes of both serious discussion & funny reminiscences, we both had to go, but signed off with "I wanted to talk about to you about our spirituality! (Me) & "We'll pick up there next time." (Her) Well, Kathy, this is next time: I love your beauty that has always shown from the inside out. Thank you for showing me how to be a better person. Your energetic presence will remain with everyone, whom you loved & who loved you back. I can think of no greater legacy, Dear, Dear Friend.

Love Always, Judy

Judy L Arnold - September 03 at 04:05 PM



“ From Terry Taylor
I met Cathy at “Girls Weekend” in Toledo Bend. What a kind soul who cooked really good. She will be missed.



Terry Taylor - September 03 at 02:25 PM



“ 186 files added to the album LifeTributes



Delhomme Funeral Homes - September 03 at 01:51 PM



“ Kathy was such a lovely person and one of my oldest friends, having met in first grade at St. Patrick's. RIP Kathy. You fought hard and with grace.



Daniel Koehler Sr - September 03 at 01:31 PM



“ To the Kresse family,
My heart felt sympathy goes out to all of you.
I loved going down to Lafayette. Kathy was such a gracious host, and what a cook !
Kathy was such a loving, caring person.
She was special and will be greatly missed.

Love you all,
Mike

mike blackwell - September 03 at 01:19 PM



“ Dear Chrissy and family,

We were so very sad to read of Kathy's death in this morning's Democrat/Gazette.
Such a wonderful family! We have many great memories of fun with Kresse gang.

Sending you love and our heartfelt sympathies,
Alan and Ruthie Huncke Holland



Ruthie Huncke Holland - September 03 at 01:06 PM



“ From: Lisa's Bunco Buds! We Love You purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Kathy Ann Kresse.



From: Lisa's Bunco Buds! We Love You - September 03 at 12:37 PM



“ My prayers and thoughts goes out to Kathy's family. Many great memories at the Kresse's house growing up. May God be with you all during this time. Susan

Susan Wrobleski Kuehner - September 03 at 10:38 AM



“ Susan Wrobleski Kuehner lit a candle in memory of Kathy Ann Kresse



Susan Wrobleski Kuehner - September 03 at 10:33 AM



“ I met Kathy through tennis. I didn't know her very long, but she made such an impression. What a beautiful soul. She was one of a kind. I know her family meant so much to her. She will be missed, but never forgotten.

Lisa Simon - September 02 at 10:25 PM



“ I met Kathy through tennis. I didn't know her very long, but she made such an impression. What a beautiful soul. She was one of a kind. I know her family meant so much to her. She will be missed, but never forgotten.

Lisa Simon - September 02 at 10:22 PM

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“ A wonderful fun loving friend and person. I will never forget all of the great times we had with the Hens. You will definitely be missed. Love and prayers to the entire Kresse family. Kathy Schaub

Kathy Schaub - September 02 at 10:06 PM



“ Such a treasure. Sweet, kind, always smiling. Always a nice word for anyone. Her family was precious to her.

Linda Gilbert - September 02 at 07:54 PM



“ I came to know Kathy when she was my aunt Mary Ann Hoffpaur's neighbor. She was so kind and sweet and will be greatly missed. Our prayers are with her family.

Peggy Matthews - September 02 at 07:17 PM



“ "There are some who bring a light so great to the world that even after they have gone the light remains." — Unknown
That light was Kathy. You will surely be missed, always loved

Faith Cheatham - September 02 at 06:57 PM



“ I went to school with Sharon and Cindi. I just wanted to send prayers to the Kresse family. So very sorry for your loss.

Maureen Ilgner Parker - September 02 at 06:35 PM



“ Eternal Grace was purchased for the family of Kathy Ann Kresse.



September 02 at 05:58 PM



“ Cherished Memories - All White was purchased for the family of Kathy Ann Kresse.



September 02 at 05:48 PM



“ Kathy and I became friends on Facebook. She was one of the kindest, most loving and courageous people I have ever known. She was BEAUTIFUL - INSIDE and OUT! She was an inspiration to me and always made me smile. We felt we were kindred spirits. I am a cousin of Linda Lusher Fruge, Ben's mother. We were looking forward to meeting for lunch when she came to New Orleans, as soon as she was feeling better. I am shocked and heartbroken to learn of her passing. I will never forget her and her great love for her family and friends. I know she lives in her children and grandchildren and has left them all a great Legacy of Love. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and many friends. May the wonderful memories of Kathy sustain you until you meet again - never, ever to part. Rest in Peace my Sweet Friend!! I will miss you so much! Love, Betty

Betty Kennedy - September 02 at 05:47 PM



“ Sending my love, thoughts & prayers to all of her family.

Linda Kaiser - September 02 at 05:37 PM



“ I will miss this sweet, full of life friend. Wonderful memories of Hen Party trips, dinners, concerts and fun with our girls. Your light will continue to shine through your girls. You done good.

Bonnie guidry - September 02 at 05:34 PM



“ RIP Kathy, You have earned it. We will miss you on the Food nights for sure. You always brought the best desserts, exotic drinks.

ANDREW KELLER - September 02 at 05:24 PM