



Kathleen Estelle Buras

September 8, 1934 - August 7, 2019

Kathleen Estelle Buras, “Nana” passed away peacefully on August 7, 2019 at 12:43 pm in the care of MD Anderson Cancer Center. Kathleen was a native Houstonian, born in the Heights on September 8, 1934 to parents Allen Dock Reeves and Ruth Foster Reeves. She was raised by her mother, Ruth and stepfather, Bernard A. Ragazinsky, whom she loved dearly. She graduated from Reagan High School.

Her life’s work was raising her five children and loving on her grandchildren and great grandsons. She began her professional career as a volunteer at Memorial Northwest Hospital and retired 35 years later as the Director of Outpatient Services. Then, she began her second career as the Early Childhood Administrative Assistant at Our Savior Lutheran School where she worked until May 2019. When asked about her job, she’d describe it as “dispensing hugs and band aids”.

Her love for children led her to teach a four year-old Sunday School Class for many years at Champion Forest Baptist Church where she was a member.

Her greatest joy was spending time with her family hosting countless dinners, playing games, going to the beach and celebrating holidays, especially Christmas, and birthdays. Kathleen and her family celebrated 45 years of annual gatherings at Surfside Beach in July this year.

Other favorite past-times included gardening, traveling, reading and cooking. She was especially known for the “best potato salad in the world” served in her big yellow bowl.

She was preceded in death by her mother, stepfather, brothers and daughter, Susan A. Pipkin. She is survived by her remaining four children Ruth Wheat and husband Buck, Mary Helen Buras, Patti Jones and husband Steve, Kenneth Buras and wife Elizabeth, son-in-law Lynn Pipkin and honorary daughter, Mary Margaret Williford.

She is also survived by her sister Alice McDonald and husband Ron, grandchildren

Jennifer and Desley Kellum, Ashlee and Joel Wilson, Jacque and James Hayes, Chase and Joanna McCurdy, Chelsea McCurdy, Jeremiah Jones, Jacob Buras and Katelyn Pipkin and great grandsons, Corban and Cy Kellum, Connor McCauley and Benjamin McCurdy.

A celebration of Kathleen's life will be held on Friday, August 23, 2019 at 10:00 am in the chapel of Champion Forest Baptist Church – Champions Campus located at 15555 Stuebner Airline, Houston TX 77069. A reception will be held following the service for friends and family.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Champion Forest Baptist Church Pre-School Ministry or Our Savior Lutheran School Early Childhood, 5000 W. Tidwell Rd, Houston TX 77091.

Comments



“ Mary Helen,

I am praying for you for the loss of your Beautiful Jesus Loving Mom.....WOW.....what a Heritage]

Marilyn Mehaffey - August 23, 2019 at 07:42 PM



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Ruth Wheat - August 20, 2019 at 11:39 AM



“ Miss Kathleen was a very dear friend to my cousins Rachel and Sabrina. She was very kind and faithful to the Lord. I pray that she rests in the arms of Jesus and that her family & friends find comfort in the prayers sent to them today and in the days to come.

Sherri Gallardo - August 18, 2019 at 04:35 PM



“ Thank you so much for your kind words. Mom really loved Rachel and Sabrina. Rachel was such a wonderful friend and help to Mom. We appreciate your prayers.

Ruth Wheat - August 20, 2019 at 11:30 AM



“ Kathleen graciously opened her home to a friend and I when we were in Houston for the quilt festival one year. Her gift of hospitality shown in so many ways! Kathleen made us so comfortable and welcome. Our memories are long lasting and wonderful!

Thank you, Kathleen. Judy Tischmacher

Judith Tischmacher - August 13, 2019 at 01:49 PM



“ Thank you so much, Judy, for your kind words!

Ruth Wheat - August 13, 2019 at 03:02 PM



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Ruth Wheat - August 13, 2019 at 11:56 AM



“ Love you always Nana!

Laura Barclay - August 17, 2019 at 07:17 PM



“ Thank you sweet Laura!

Ruth Wheat - August 20, 2019 at 11:31 AM



“ Dear Cousins,

I know this message is coming very late afternoon the fact. The truth is I've been thinking of Aunt Kathleen often and the memories of our past lives together. The family Sunday dinners after church, lots of laughter, lots of singing, etc. I loved your mother's baking, especially her Pecan Tissues. I remember her making sandwiches for everyone's lunches wrapping them each in wax paper. She was always upbeat in our presence, positive, and ready to converse with all of us in a meaningful and thoughtful way. Her smile was most memorable. What a blessing she was as a mother to her family, and I marvel at the love you shared with her. I will miss her.

Vickie Scott - September 15, 2019 at 09:12 AM