



Kathleen Kelley Cunningham

October 22, 1943 - July 6, 2016

Beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, Kathleen Kelley Cunningham, was called to her Heavenly Father on July 6, 2016. Kathie was born October 22, 1943 in Columbus, Ohio to E.F. Kelley and Eva Hackney Kelley.

Kathie lost her beloved mother at the age of 16. After high school graduation, she moved to California in order to be closer to extended family. She worked various jobs until she started working at the Phone Company, where she met her future in-laws. Nine months after meeting him on a blind date, Kathie married the love of her life, Steve Cunningham. They made their home in North Hollywood, where they would live for over 30 years. Kathie was extremely devoted and involved in the lives of her two children, David and Kelley. She served as a den mother for Boy Scouts, PTA, and a Teachers Aide, among other things. She was very creative and mastered many arts and crafts mediums. Kathie was very spirited and could not help but make every holiday extremely special. In the 1990's, she returned to the work force as a residual payroll accountant at NBC studios. After Steve retired from CBS in 2004, they moved to Apple Valley and Sun City. They attended and became very active in the Community Church at Jess Ranch. Kathie sang in the church choir as well as being a member of the singing groups Melodix and Reflective Sounds. Cruising the world and following NASCAR were big loves of both Kathie and Steve. After Steve's passing in 2014, Kathie focused on passionately serving Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child and spending as much time as she could with her children and grandchildren, all the while bravely fighting cancer.

Kathie is survived by her son David (daughter in-law Shannon), daughter Kelley Wilde (son in-law Edward), grandchildren Cassandra, Phillip, Aubrey & Justin Wilde and Wesley & Julia Cunningham. She was preceded in death by her husband, Steve Cunningham, and her grandson Edward C. Wilde, Jr. Her "Celebration of Life" service will be held July 30th at 11am at the Community Church at Jess Ranch, Apple Valley. A reception will follow. Private internment at Sunset Hills Mortuary.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to one of the following:

Operation Christmas Child - Samaritan's Purse (828) 262-1980

City of Hope - "Dr. Pal's cancer research" (866) 683-HOPE

Cemetery

Sunset Hills Memorial Park & Mortuary

24000 Waalew Road

Apple Valley, CA, 92307

Comments



“ I remember summer bible study with her!! She was such a blessing and had such a joyful heart!!

Stephanie Nacionales - July 30, 2016 at 12:51 AM



“ I remember meeting your Mom, Kelley, in your home. She was in the midst of her treatments and yet that famous smile of hers was just as brilliant. And as I saw pictures of her with the family on FB, 2 things always stood out - her smile and the fun! She was always ready to have fun. Our hearts are saddened for your loss. With much love, George & Christy Binder

Christy Binder - July 29, 2016 at 10:08 PM



“ I'll remember fun times with Kathie singing in Melodix, great days with Maggie and sharing memories of Bingo with she and Steve. Serious things we couldn't fix. I will miss her as a neighbor and friend.

Carolyn Miller - July 29, 2016 at 08:58 PM



“ My sincere condolences. She and Steve were very welcoming and friendly when my late husband and I moved to Solera Apple Valley. Kathie's photo posted here warms my heart. Her smile is infectious as was her fighting spirit. Her positive outlook during her health challenges was inspirational. She made a lasting impression on me and so many others in this community. She will be missed.

Beverly Weston - July 28, 2016 at 09:52 PM