



## Kathryn Sue "Kathy" Morgan

March 24, 1953 - July 8, 2020

Kathy Morgan, 67, of Laurel, died Wednesday, July 8, 2020, at South Central Regional Medical Center, following a battle with Interstitial Lung Disease and COVID-19.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Evelyn Ruth Bender Ates, her father, James Dallas Ates, and her step-mother, Frances Ates.

She is survived by her husband of 43 years, Alan Morgan, three children: Bethany Morgan Creath of Lincoln, MA, Kate Morgan of Jackson, MS, and Matt Morgan of Augusta, GA, a son-in-law, Peter Creath, a daughter-in-law, Emma Kate Morgan, three grandchildren: Evelyn, Irene, and Gardner Creath, and her step-mother, Jean Ates of Laurel.

Kathryn Sue Ates was born on March 24, 1953, to James and Evelyn Ates, in Laurel, and grew up there. Following undergraduate and graduate studies at Southern Miss and Mississippi State, Kathy and her high-school-sweetheart-turned-husband Alan moved back to Laurel. Over the next 4 decades, she raised three children who adored her. Kathy was a faithful member of Audubon Drive Bible Church for 40 years. She taught a girls Sunday School class and continually practiced biblical hospitality especially to her church family, whom she dearly loved.

She was also a beloved teacher of elementary school drama and high school speech at Laurel Christian School, leaving a legacy of countless students who credit her as one of their most influential teachers. She was spunky, smart, creative and funny. Most of all she loved and worshiped her Savior Jesus

Christ. Memory Chapel is in charge of arrangements. There will be a graveside service for the family this weekend. "For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever! Amen." Romans 11:36. To sign the online guest book, visit [www.memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com).

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUL 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

Lake Park Hills Cemetery  
2806 Emmy Dr.  
Laurel, MS 39440

# Tribute Wall

JE

“ Our love and prayers for a wonderful family who lost a precious loved one. We will understand it better by and by. Sincerely, Jim and Barbara Easterling

Jim & Barbara Easterling - July 16, 2020 at 03:46 PM

DR

“ Alan, We would speak every now & then. I knew Kathy Sue was in a lot of pain, as well as you & the kids. She's not anymore. Even though you & the kids are - Stay strong & fall back on you're faith. God Bless.

Dennis Roney

Dennis Roney - July 12, 2020 at 10:43 PM

MM

“ A true blessing to all her Kappa Delta sisters! She could light up a room with her talent & sunshine! She will be greatly missed by all that knew her. Sending prayers for Alan and her lovely family.



Marilynne Murray McMahon - July 12, 2020 at 06:59 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Kathryn Sue "Kathy" Morgan.



July 12, 2020 at 03:10 PM

DR

“ Donna Rustin Riles lit a candle in memory of Kathryn Sue "Kathy" Morgan



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**Donna Rustin Riles** - July 11, 2020 at 08:39 PM

TS

“ It is never easy facing the sting of death. You can take rest in knowing that Kathy is serving God as she always wanted to...perfectly! Christ Himself is leading her into ever increasing joy and ALL HER WOUNDS ARE HEALED!!! AND YOU WILL SEE HER AGAIN!!

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**Tom Smith** - July 11, 2020 at 06:43 PM

SP

“ Alan and Kathy Morgan taught me how a Christian couple should be. I remember having bible study at their home so many years ago. Kathy lived what she believed....a love for others through Christ Jesus. Go rest now good and faithful servant.  
Love through Christ,  
Shari Steiner Parish

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**Shari Parish** - July 11, 2020 at 04:36 PM

SH

“ Holding you all in my heart and prayers. Kathy's love and light live on through the countless people who were blessed to have known her. I met her the fall of 1973, became her Kappa Delta "little sister" and was blessed with her love and guidance. So, to you Ates, AOT.  
Sue Hall  
Columbia

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**Sue Hall** - July 11, 2020 at 03:39 PM



“ *I am glad to have known Kathy in this life - she was my friend.*

John Thibodeau - July 11, 2020 at 02:48 PM



“ *Alan,  
Janice and I are so very sorry to hear about Kathy. We so wish we could be there! Please remember that we are thinking of and praying for you and your family.  
David Morgan*

David Morgan - July 11, 2020 at 01:15 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Kathryn Sue "Kathy" Morgan.*



July 11, 2020 at 10:34 AM



“ *I am so sorry for this wonderful family. My heart aches for you all.  
Prayers for you all 🙏🙏🙏*

Etta Sanderson - July 11, 2020 at 09:05 AM



“ *May God be with you during this time. Mrs. Kathy was such a inspiring person. She had such a way with children, always bringing out the best in them. She will be greatly missed.*

Tara Melendez - July 10, 2020 at 10:22 PM

RB

“ My favorite memory of Kathy from high school days was her vibrant, bubbly, friendly, and outgoing personality. She was a beautiful person who was a bright light in this world.  
*Rhonda Wilson Blackwell*

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**Rhonda Blackwell** - July 10, 2020 at 09:26 PM



“ Kathy was a kind and lovable person and a fine Christian Lady. Praying for comfort for the entire family and for peace. You are all in our hearts and prayers.

*Much love  
Linda Patterson*

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**Linda Patterson** - July 10, 2020 at 08:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Kathryn Sue "Kathy" Morgan.



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July 10, 2020 at 05:47 PM

JD

“ *Wish the old Showstoppers and Watkins Choir could get together and sing for y'all. I know all our hearts are heavy but know all our prayers are with the family at this time.*

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**Johnny Davis** - July 10, 2020 at 02:24 PM

CS

“ Dear Alan and members of Kathy's family.  
I am so sorry for your loss. I have been praying for all of you in having to endure this sorrow since I heard the sad news. Kathy was always so sweet to me. I have fond memories of being with her in Girl Scouts. May our Father in Heaven bring you comfort during this awful time.  
Love to all of you in Christ alone....  
Carolyn (Keyes) Shedd

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**Carolyn Shedd** - July 10, 2020 at 01:06 PM

PT

“ Oh Kathy. Will miss you. Your impact on our family is immeasurable and will never be forgotten. The comfort is, we shall meet again. Praying for you Alan, Bethany, Kate, Matt. With tears for your loss, and joy for her beautiful life.  
Patrick and Patricia Tibbs

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**Patrick Tibbs** - July 10, 2020 at 10:38 AM

MR

“ Alan and family, May God Comfort and Bless each of you.  
Love and Prayers to all.  
Margaret (Coker) Rankin

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**Margaret Coker Rankin** - July 10, 2020 at 09:48 AM

AS

“ Alan and family,  
I am so sorry for the loss of precious Kathy. I know she is dancing on the streets of gold in heaven. I must share how she touched my life as Denise and I did a girls Bible Study at your house and she imparted such Godly wisdom. I will never forget this experience. I praise our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for the beautiful witness Kathy was. May God give each of you peace that passes all understanding and comfort in the days ahead. God Bless you all!  
Amy Gaddis Singletary

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**Amy Singletary** - July 09, 2020 at 09:06 PM



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July 09, 2020 at 07:47 PM

AB

“ We are so sorry for your loss. She was an amazing teacher to work with whom my children had the fortune of knowing. We will always remember her as “Your Majesty.”

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**Amy Burchfield** - July 09, 2020 at 07:41 PM

BF

“ It was both an honor and a joy to know Kathy Ates Morgan, fondly known as Ateez. She was my KD "secret sister" which meant she gave me little gifts and wrote special little notes during my pledge year. While we were always trying to tempt her to have a little college fun, she'd let us think we were leading her astray while she was really getting us all home safe and sound before getting locked out of Panhellenic. And, the singing. And, the skits. And, the late night talks and jokes. Kathy had a nickname for everyone -- I remember Daddy-bo, and she referred to me as Bephus (long before the sitcom). Behind the scenes, throughout the college years, there was always Alan, the mysterious man who held Kathy's heart. But, even above Alan, you knew that Kathy's faith in Christ was the center of her life. It wasn't in a way that made anyone feel like they weren't living up to the standards of a Christ-centered life; it was more illustrative of the joy and centering in her life. She really is one of those people that it is an honor to have known. She made my college years a richer and fuller experience, and I hate that I won't be able to connect with her here again. I hope for another connection.

*I saw pictures and heard tales of the family at my last visit with Kathy at your home in Laurel. My prayers and thoughts are with you. When God made Kathy, He threw away the mold. Blessing and peace to you all.*

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**Beth Franklin** - July 09, 2020 at 06:01 PM

FK

“ Alan, and family,  
I'm so sorry for your loss. Kathy was such a sweet and special lady. I know she will be missed so badly here, but Heaven has a wonderful new angel. My prayers are with you and the family.  
Frank Kellams

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**Frank Kellams** - July 09, 2020 at 04:47 PM

ND

*So sorry to hear this news of Mrs Morgan. Praying for you and your family . Nitha Davis*

**Nitha Davis** - July 10, 2020 at 04:02 AM

BC

“ *Love and prayers to Allen and family. Bobbie Cessna*

**Bobbie Cessna** - July 09, 2020 at 04:05 PM

BJ

“ *Kathy was the cutest, happiest, spunkiest person one would EVER want to meet. Her musical talents lit up our lives in Kappa Delta Sorority. I can't remember how many nights she would sit in the stairwell and play her guitar and sing. Rarely was she alone. Most of the time there were others who would sing and harmonize with her and those who thought they could. There weren't just her sorority sisters...friends from other sororities were drawn to the gathering.*

*She was a Bible scholar and was quick to soothe those who needed love and guidance. I don't think I ever saw her angry...always smiling and caring. Her light has left this earth but will always shine in our hearts.*

*I am so honored to have known and loved you Kathy Ates Morgan.*

**Becky Huston Montgomery Jenner** - July 09, 2020 at 03:59 PM

HB

*I only knew Kathy a few short years at USM but I can honestly say I have seldom met someone I admired so much. She had that rare ability — seldom seen today — to not label people and to respectfully listen to others even if she disagreed with what they were saying. I recall her intelligence, wit, compassion, leadership and character, mostly from our time together in student government.*

**Hal Braswell** - July 09, 2020 at 07:12 PM

CP

*Alan and family. Just learned of the passing of Kathy and wanted you to know that we send our prayers and love to you and the family. She has left a void that only God can provide comfort. May God be near you and the family as you adapt to this loss. Prayers!*

*Joe and Carolyn Payne*

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**Carolyn Payne** - July 11, 2020 at 10:25 AM

DW

*Dear Alan and Family,*

*I am sorry for the loss of your wife and partner in life. I remember her joy for life in high school and as a Kappa Delta Sorority leader. Kathy had a beautiful smile and a radiant personality.*

*Del Welborn*

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**Del Welborn** - July 11, 2020 at 11:55 AM

PH

*JOYFUL !!! That's how I would describe Ates (Kathy). As soon as I met Kathy, we had an instant connection, the joy of singing. What a blessing that , not only are we Sisters in Kappa Delta, we are also Sisters in Christ.*

*Praying for you, Alan and for your precious family, as the Lord keeps you in His tender care.*

*Paula Bounds Hurt*

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**Paula Bounds Hurt** - July 13, 2020 at 11:10 PM