



Mary Kay Woodruff

January 7, 1940 - December 2, 2017

Mary Kay Woodruff passed away on Saturday, December 2, 2017 at the age of 77. She was a native of New Orleans and a resident of Kenner. Mary Kay was a proud graduate of Mercy School of Nursing Class of 1960. Mary Kay was an exemplary nurse, practicing her vocation with an uncommon level of skill and compassion. Beloved wife and best friend of Walter R. Woodruff, Sr. for 50 years. Cherished mother of Walter R. Woodruff, Jr. and Matthew K. Woodruff. Adoring mother-in-law of Stacy Scarpero Woodruff, and doting grandmother of Ava Corinn Woodruff. Devoted daughter of the late Karl Kanzig and Corinne Meyer Kanzig. Caring and loving sister of Jules August Walsdorf and the late Jacqueline Mae Martinez. Affectionate aunt of Frank Martinez, Richard Martinez, M.D., Mary Romair, Jacqueline Guttierrez, Alvin H. Martinez, Kelly Martinez, Jonathan Walsdorf, Roberta Walsdorf, Andrew Walsdorf and Erica Walsdorf Vandenborre. The compelling force of Mary Kay's warmth and good nature shall live on in all who survive her.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Memorial Mass at L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home, 2607 Williams Blvd., Kenner on Friday, December 8, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. Visitation from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 8. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Kay Woodruff*

October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *Woody and Matt I am so so sorry to hear about your Mom's passing. Mrs. Kay was always beautiful and kind. Her clothes, make-up and jewelry I remember was so impressive and perfect! She is with Minie (spelling?) and Mr. Karl <3*

I can hear her yelling "M A T T H E W !!!!!"

I am so very sorry for your loss.



Stacie Savona Daley - December 07, 2017 at 04:15 PM



*Thank you, Stacie, for your condolences. Your words capture her spirit and memory. Matthew and I were blessed to have a mother with such a loving and caring nature. A blessing familiar- I know - to you, Rob, and Scottie.
W*

Walter Woodruff - December 07, 2017 at 07:30 PM



“ *Brianna, Cheryllynn, Darlene, Lacey, and Lina purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mary Kay Woodruff.*



Brianna, Cheryllynn, Darlene, Lacey, and Lina - December 07, 2017 at 01:18 PM

LD

“ Love, Special Operations Division purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mary Kay Woodruff.



Love, Special Operations Division - December 07, 2017 at 12:06 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mary Kay Woodruff.



December 06, 2017 at 06:28 PM

AB

“ I am forever grateful to have had the opportunity to work with Mrs. Kay. I'll never forget how scared I was as a new grad when I began working at Ochsner skilled nursing. Kay took me under her wing and I feel so honored to have had such a wonderful nurse guiding me. She was an incredible person. I am so sad to hear about this. I feel so blessed to have known her. Love you always Kay!!! I'll never forget you. I am so blessed to have had you in my life.

angelica brack - December 05, 2017 at 11:03 PM



“ Mary was wonderful lady to be around so glad i had the opportunity to work with her get your rest

Sandra Byrd - December 05, 2017 at 06:59 PM

LR

“ Mrs. Kay was an amazing nurse ,I am so proud to have known her love for people. She was a wonderful teacher to new nurses as I was. Thank you Mrs. Kay for everything you taught me. Rest in peace , God speed to you. My prayers go out to you and your family.

Linda Matherne Ray - December 05, 2017 at 03:43 PM

JC

“ I have not seen Kay for a few years because I did not want her to know I was ill ..when I did see her we talked a lot about the 2 chi chi pups she got from me and the old times on SNF😞😞. Joleen Cole



Joleen Cole - December 05, 2017 at 03:28 PM

WW

Thank you, Joleen. My mother loved those puppies with all her heart. She was grief stricken when she passed. I don't think she ever got over the loss of Maggie.
Woody

Walter Woodruff - December 06, 2017 at 12:34 AM

SD

I remember those pups!

Stacie Savona Daley - December 07, 2017 at 04:22 PM

TO

“ I worked with Kay when I first started out as a nurse, she was a wonderful and loving person who treated me like a daughter. She was an amazing nurse and teacher and my life will forever be better because she was in it. We kept in touch even after I left the unit. She will be missed. May God wrap you in his arms. Her family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Love,
Tonie

Tonie - December 05, 2017 at 02:52 PM

BD

“ Brenda Davis lit a candle in memory of Mary Kay Woodruff



Brenda Davis - December 05, 2017 at 02:11 PM



Mary was a very pleasant and kind person I will miss her Rest in Heaven my friend

Brenda Davis - December 05, 2017 at 02:13 PM

RM

“ Aunt Kay was one of three "mothers" in my life. Jackie, Kay, and Miney provided more love and direction than many have the good fortune to experience in their lives. If not for Kay, I likely would not have found my way to the profession of medicine. I remember the nights that Kay took me to Charity Hospital when I was 8-10 years old. Kay was nurse on the dialysis unit during the time when kidney transplants were only beginning. She was a compassionate and kind nurse. Her patients all liked her. Her technical skill with these large "washing machine" dialysis units was impressive. Most memorable was a young man with kidney failure coming to the dialysis unit over night for weeks. I would meet her patients and then sleep in a lounge chair on the unit while Kay worked through the night. This one young man died after several months of treatment. I remember Kay's grief and sadness over his death. This was my first experience with death. And Kay showed me what it means to be attached and to grieve with one's patients and their families. Such a wonderful moral example for me that shaped my life. I also am thankful that Kay loved my wife, Nancy, and my children, April, Isabel, and Nico. It meant so much that she was so happy that I was blessed with Nancy and my children. We will miss her, but not forget her as a positive spirit, always calm and faithful, when others were out of sorts. Rick

Richard Martinez - December 04, 2017 at 11:01 PM



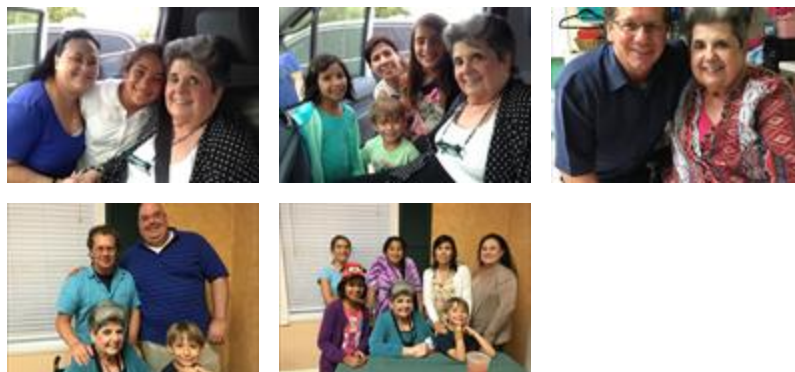
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December 04, 2017 at 09:23 PM

RM

“ 28 files added to the album Kay with Family and Friends



Rick Martinez - December 04, 2017 at 09:22 PM

FM

“ Aunt Kay, as I referred to her all of my life, was dear to me. There are many memories. Here's one- When I was 8 or 9 years old, during the late 1950's, I went on a long car trip to California with Aunt Kay, Miney, and Papa Karl. (In Papa's brand new Pontiac). In Los Angeles we went to newly opened Disneyland, Star's homes, and visited two famous cemeteries, as all New Orleanians do. When back at the hotel room, "The Roosevelt", Aunt Kay found me crying in the bathroom. (After hearing Miney go on and on about how she wasn't going to be here forever her guilt trip had taken its toll). Aunt Kay (she was 18 then) was always there to talk to, to console, to give affection, and was a deeply heart feeling individual. She helped me then and always afterwards and will be with me forever in life and hopefully beyond!

Frank P. Martinez - December 04, 2017 at 07:15 PM

WW

Thank you, Frank. A beautiful memory that captures her essence. I will forever remember her for her good sense, her good humor, and her loving nature. She defined the role of mother. WW

Walter Woodruff - December 04, 2017 at 10:25 PM