



## Kay Thorpe Williams

August 24, 1955 - August 6, 2023

Our graceful and strong Mom passed away at 67 years old after a hard-fought fight with ovarian cancer. No stone was left unturned in her battle to beat this disease and she did it with bravery and grace. Our hearts are shattered with her departure, but we find comfort knowing she is no longer suffering and imagine the reunion she is having with her mom Nadene Thorpe, dad Charles Thorpe, brother Karl, and nieces will be beautiful. She grew up in Salt Lake City, Utah with her 5 brothers and sisters (Kirk, Karl, Kathy, Keryl, Kris) and graduated from Hillcrest High School in 1973 where she made lifelong friendships with Sara and Rachel. She married James G. Williams "JW" 9/28/1979 and together had two children Ashleah Pope (Jordan) and Parker who were her pride and joy (until her grandchildren dethroned them). She was very patient and settled for granddogs until Kash 2016, Charlie 2018, and Romey 2020, were born. Nothing brought a bigger smile to Mom's face than seeing her grandkids.

Mom spent her working years holding various titles for the Utah Department of Public Safety and was lucky enough to retire in 2005. She spent many of those years working (and playing) alongside her loyal sister Kathy. She enjoyed anything outdoors having spent lots of time on Lake Powell, snowmobiling, hiking, scuba diving, water and snow skiing, trap shooting, cheering on her Utah Utes, but she also had an artistic side. She enjoyed and was very good at painting with watercolors and sewing blankets, "ta-ta's" and

her grandkids Halloween costumes.

In her last several years, Mom made St. George her permanent home and adapted quickly to the warmer weather. She tried to recruit those closest to her to join her and move down south and was thrilled when her sister Keryl did. They spent time together kayaking, hiking, shopping, solving the world's problems and stocking up on "Pandemic Creamer".

Mom, my heart is broken. I'm so grateful for the incredible relationship we had, but no doubt I will be lost without you. You taught me to be independent but appreciate the support of a good man (her favorite son-in-law Jordan). You taught me to think critically, pave my own trail, family forever, and always to have fun, be selfless and to appreciate the little things. You were my best friend, my North Star, my biggest supporter, and the greatest Mother. Send me those signs that you are close like you promised. ~Ashleah

Your beautiful spirit resonates bittersweetly in our hearts. Continue seeking high ground in the light of the Krishna conception of Divinity. We will carry on cherishing those deep conversations we had and the soul-charging hearty laughs. I feel that in this lifetime you and I made substantial steps forward in the soul's inner evolution back home, back to Godhead. The way you lived your life, setting an example of inexhaustible inner strength and grace, from beginning to end, deeply encourages us to go onward and upward too. We will certainly go on singing your glories and celebrating our sweet, serene and beautiful mom. ~ Parker

A celebration of life will be held for friends and family on September 24, in Sandy, Utah at the Flat Iron Park from 10am-12pm.

Thank you to those that visited, text, called, supported, fed us, and cared for our mom, especially during her recent trials.



# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP **24**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Flat Iron Park  
1765 E 8600 S, Sandy, UT 84093  
Sandy, UT 84093

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Cousins, I am so very sad to find this out about sweet Kay. I have been trying to find Kathy for a very long time. Please get in touch with me through my instagram or facebook...  
[@loriwoodsstudio](#) or [lorilynnwoods](#). formerly Lori Sabin or Lori Gardner

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**Lori Woods** - February 26, 2024 at 01:46 AM

LB

“ love and sympathy. Paul Benson purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Kay Thorpe Williams.



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**love and sympathy. Paul Benson** - September 22, 2023 at 01:26 PM

DG

“ Deanna G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kay Thorpe Williams.

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**Deanna G.** - September 21, 2023 at 04:58 PM

 CJ

“ I will never forget you Kay. I feel blessed knowing and considering you one of my closest and dearest friends. Our early times playing softball, our celebrations whether we won or not. The five of us, me you, Kathy G, Kathy S, Sheri and others having our fun breaks at the state cafeteria. Not to mention our sometimes longer lunches. Weekend parties at your house or taking the boat on the lake. Our one time ski trip, laughing ourselves to tears. Those were the best of times. I miss you and will also miss getting together for lunch occasionally, and girls sleepovers. Till we meet again, love you ❤️ my dear friend. Cal Julian

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**Caleene Julian** - September 12, 2023 at 08:07 AM

 JL

“ Janet L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kay Thorpe Williams.

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**Janet L.** - September 06, 2023 at 04:56 PM

 CD

“ As Kay's Celebration of Life approaches, Kent, Dee and family, April and Mike, Ron, Jennie and family, and I, remember her for her grace, beauty and her loving ways. Our thoughts are with all of you. We will cherish the good times and remember her for all that she was. Love, Aunt Carol

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**Carol DeMill** - September 05, 2023 at 02:55 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kay Thorpe Williams.

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September 05, 2023 at 02:41 PM



“ Mrs. Fields 90 Nibblers Signature Tin Nut-Free was purchased for the family of Kay Thorpe Williams.



August 14, 2023 at 04:55 PM



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“ Family, I’m so sorry for your loss. Kay and I shared an office at the DPS Highway Safety Office where we became great friends and shared family stories and bucket list dreams. I will always remember her saying that she works out so she can “eat one more damn cookie”.

Rest in peace Kay! -Sherry McCusker

Sherry McCusker - August 14, 2023 at 12:06 PM

KF

“ I'm so sad to hear this news. I grew up in Sandy next door to Jim and Kay. My parents were friends with them so we enjoyed years of BBQ's and parties. In my little kid viewpoint, Jim was this dare devil, life of the party, cool guy who somehow was able to marry Kay, who was this glamorous, classy, humble, smart, kind, funny woman that I wanted to be like when I grew up! I would babysit for them from time to time but when the kids went to sleep, I had to sit at Kay's vanity and pretend I was her. She exuded beauty inside and out and I admired her. I can only imagine how many lives she has touched since I last saw her. My heart goes out to Jim, her babies, grandbabies, family and friends, I know she will be so missed. My Deepest Condolences.  
Kim (Holbrook) Fox

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**Kim Fox** - August 10, 2023 at 05:06 PM

JE

“ Kay was one of the most giving and loving people you could ever meet. She was beautiful inside and out. I will miss her dearly. My deepest sympathies to all her family. Love Jean Ferguson

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**Jean** - August 08, 2023 at 04:33 PM

ST

*I had no idea and I am so deeply saddened to hear this. I have many fun memories of time spent with Kay. Sending love and healing to the family.*

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**Shannon Thatcher** - August 08, 2023 at 06:28 PM

HP

*Kay was such a great friend to my parents, Norm & Mary Ann. I have sweet memories of her kindness, joy, and love for living. It's so good to hear of her great relationships with her kids and grandkids. What a gift to have her as a mom! I send my love to Jim & all of you! It was so special to see him at our dad's celebration of life last month. Hug and tears for you all!!!*

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**Heather Paez** - August 09, 2023 at 01:24 AM

KB

*Kay was Tom and my neighbor in St. George. She and I spent so much time standing in the street talking and enjoying holidays drinking wine. I will miss Kay, our texts between SG and Seattle, sharing pictures of our grand babies and keeping up on our life's happenings.*

*You will be missed and remember.....*

*"Bloom where you are planted"*

*Kris Burckhard*

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**Kristine Burckhard** - August 09, 2023 at 02:32 PM