



Glenna Katherine "Kathy" Pate

January 20, 1950 - April 10, 2025

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Date of birth: January 20, 1950

Date of death: April 10, 2025

Glenna Katherine Pate—known as Kathy to her friends and as Mom and Memaw to her family—died April 10, 2025. In the early morning of what would be a perfectly warm, sunny spring day with deep blue skies, she passed peacefully in her sleep.

Kathy entered and departed this world on Ranch Road in Pangburn, Arkansas. At a homeplace surrounded by daffodils, she was raised and farmed the land alongside her father and brother. Decades later, on the same land, she returned and built a beautiful red-brick home, flanked by homes of her family, and surrounded by her exquisite flower gardens and towering trees. An old water well marking the remnants of her family's original homeplace sat within view of her kitchen window—a reminder that this earthly home is temporary.

And that she was sure of. In a journal she authored while in remission from breast cancer, she wrote: "This life is so temporary and just a stopping point to the final resting place. Isn't that what we are all striving for."

Kathy's faith guided her foremost. She was an active, dedicated, and selfless member of the Searcy Church of God. She touched every part of the church. The women's ministry, community food pantry, children's church, and Sunday school classes are all marked by her unwavering Christian faith and her love for her neighbors.

Every day, she reflected God's character and the joy of a life lived in Christ. Every day, she reflected, as Paul writes in Galatians, the fruits of the spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

She was all of these.

She was also a steward of God's earth. Irises, daylilies, hydrangeas, hostas, and azaleas surrounding her home were cared for to perfection. Their beauty reflected hers. And she was an avid reader and writer. Devotionals, journals, and her Bible always covered on her side table.

Kathy's family followed her faith. In 1968, she married her high school sweetheart, Keith. Together, they raised Karyl and Kris. Their family grew to five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. When she and Keith built their final home—the red-brick home on Ranch Road—in 2000, she made sure the kitchen and dining room were big enough for the family they'd made together. What followed were Christmases, Thanksgivings, Easters, birthdays, anniversaries, and Sunday afternoons—too many to recount—with a crowded kitchen island and dining room table. Her chicken dressing was always the most popular dish.

As big as she built her kitchen and dining room, they could never be big enough to hold the love of her family that filled her home. The love overflowed.

In the same journal in which she wrote of her eternal home, she dedicated nine pages with nine letters—one for Keith, one for Karyl, one for Kris, and one for each of her five grandchildren. On the ninth page, she wrote to her family: “I took the time today to reflect on the people in my life who I love so very much. I thank God for each one of you. You are the people who have made my life full and worth living.”

Kathy is survived by her husband, Keith; her brother Sammy (Mary Lou); her sister-in-law, Twyla; her two daughters, Karyl (Tommy) and Kris (Royce); her five grandchildren, Dustin (Allison), Tyler (Hope), Kari (Robert), Keaton, and Kaleb; and her six great-grandchildren, Kasen, Blakeleigh, Kixton, Kolt, Rhen, and Tinley. She is preceded in death by her mother, Veda; her father, Sam; her stepmother, Dacia; and her brother-in-law, Spencer.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, April 13, 2025 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm, at Searcy Church of God. Funeral services will be conducted on Monday, April 14, 2025 at 2:00pm, at Searcy Church of God. Interment will follow in Henderson Cemetery in Pangburn, Arkansas.

Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. www.powellfuneralhome.net

Cemetery Details

Henderson Cemetery

Pangburn, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Searcy Church of God
1131 South Main Street
Searcy, AR 72143

Funeral Service

APR 14. 2:00 PM (CT)

Searcy Church of God
1131 South Main Street
Searcy, AR 72143

Interment

APR 14 (CT)

Henderson Cemetery
Pangburn, AR

Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Glenna Katherine "Kathy" Pate



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - April 12, 2025 at 04:08 PM

SB

“ Keith and Kathy will hold a special place in my heart forever. I will always cherish the memories from years ago and the promise that one day we will all be together again. I am praying for comfort and strength for the whole family. I love y'all.



Sheila Baker - April 14, 2025 at 02:48 PM

BA

“ I Love this family so such ❤️ This family was a big part of my childhood. Kathy was the epitome of what a true Christian should be like. She was absolutely Beautiful on the outside and inside. She had a heart of pure gold. I will never forget her love, her smile and her laugh ❤️ She had the absolute best of all those things. Rest In Peace Kathy.....you will be missed by many

Betty Atkins - April 13, 2025 at 03:35 PM

KP

Kathy was a sweet person and friend that I have known for many years. I know she will be missed by all who knew her. Prayers for her family.

Kathryn Perry - April 13, 2025 at 09:50 PM

BW

“ *Ms. Kathy was such a beautiful soul...Inside and out! I enjoyed working with her at Mafair Solutions and boy could she cook! Always brought something delicious for our potlucks!*

Many prayers and condolences for Mr. Keith and all the family.

Barbara Wildmon - April 13, 2025 at 01:50 PM

NS

“ *Love and Prayers for Keith and family, Kathy was a dear sweet cousin and I will miss her. Nell Adams Shelton*

Ne Il Adams Shelton - April 12, 2025 at 08:16 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Glenna Katherine "Kathy" Pate.*



April 12, 2025 at 02:26 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Glenna Katherine "Kathy" Pate.*

April 12, 2025 at 02:26 PM

SR

“ As a younger cousin, I wasn't around Kathy a great deal. What I can say though is that when we did get to visit, she was the kindest and sweetest spirit you could ever want to be around. I never heard a disparaging word from her. I'm sure everyone who knew her was blessed by her presence. Sharon Rouse

Sharon Rouse - April 12, 2025 at 10:35 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Glenna Katherine "Kathy" Pate.



April 12, 2025 at 09:49 AM

LF

“ Lindal and Tammy Hill and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Glenna Katherine "Kathy" Pate.



Lindal and Tammy Hill and family - April 11, 2025 at 10:40 PM

JH

“ Keith and Family; My thoughts and prayers are with you, Johnny Hodges Bald Knob.

Johnnny & Mary Hodges - April 11, 2025 at 06:34 PM

BD

Our thoughts and prayers are with your precious family. Kathy was so very special to so many people. There was a great celebration when she arrived home. 🙏 Rick & Bonnie Davis

Bonnie Davis - April 11, 2025 at 07:08 PM

PJ

*Love and prayers for this precious lady and the family legacy she leaves behind.
Larry and Patsy Jones*

Patsy Jones - April 11, 2025 at 11:03 PM