



Kathy Welch

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Kathy Renee' Welch of Longview Texas passed away on June 15, 2025. Kathy was born September 7, 1961 in Henderson, Texas to Ronald Thurman Bridwell and Francis Dorsey.

Kathy Welch was married to George Thomas Welch, the love her life on August 17, 1979. Together they cherished a marriage of 46 years of love and devotion, inspiring each life they touched with a testament of their love.

Kathy was a loving mother of two children, Tiffoney Main, husband Johnny Main, and Dustin Welch, wife Sarah Spivey-Welch. Kathy Welch was Mimi to two grandchildren that she held very close to her heart Emma Grace Main daughter of Tiffoney and Johnny Main and Waylon Thomas Welch son of Dustin Welch and Sarah Spivey-Welch. In addition to her children Mrs. Welch was a mother figure to so many who lovingly called her Momma K, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Kathy was the youngest of five children. Preceded in death by her two brothers Ronnie Bridwell, wife Sue Bridwell and Thurman Bridwell wife Paula Adams. Left to cherish her memory are her two sisters Brenda Mattson, husband Carl and Debbie Johnson, husband David.

Kathy Welch loved life and people she was never without kind words in conversations and had a smile that drew you to her in a way that was unimaginable. She had the ability to light up a room and speak to others in a way that you always felt welcomed, appreciated and loved, a true lady of class, christianity, and grace. Her hobby was people. She loved everyone as if they were her own family and she lived her life loving each person that came in her path as if they were her very own child. Cherishing each moment to the fullest being a devoted wife, mother, Mimi, and Momma K.

Visitation for Kathy Welch will be on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 for 6-8pm

Funeral services will be Thursday, June 19, 2025 at 10 AM at Rader funeral home with graveside services immediately after at Memory Park Cemetery.



Obituary

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Pallbearers: Travale Henson (Slow B), Cody Yoder, Mason White. Brady Putnam, Dustin Williams, and Adrian Hawkins (Twankie). Honorary Pallbearers are: Bhavesh Patel and Fred Hawkins.



Events

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Visitation

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT

Chapel of Rader Funeral Home of Longview
1617 Judson Road, Longview TX 75601



Chapel Service - Longview

Thursday, June 19, 2025

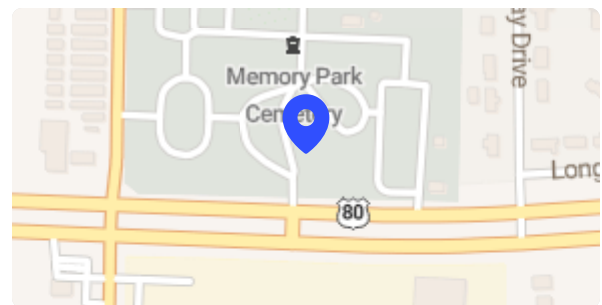
10:00 AM CT

Rader Funeral Home
1617 Judson Rd., Longview TX 75601



Cemetery Details

Memory Park
2823 E. Marshall Ave., Longview TX 75601





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Rader Funeral Home shared a **Video**.



June 18 at 7:22 AM



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Steve Hundl Jr June 20 at 4:55 AM

I am extremely sorry for those who had lost this angel. She was sweet and loved everyone including me. She will be missed so so much.

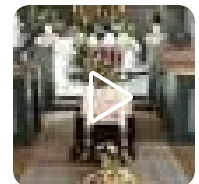


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Kathy and I have been friends forever. Never did she not walk away without our hug and love you's. If you were blessed to know her; it was totally a blessing. Kathy was great cook, and doing it! George and family you are in my prayers . Annette Boyd Wallace



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June 19 at 5:06 AM



Tammy Fried Crawford posted:

My sincerest condolences to the family. Prayers lifted for comfort.

June 19 at 6:32 PM



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KS

Karen Stroman posted:

I met Kathy years ago through her sister-in-law, my cousin, Sue, when they both worked at Eckerd Drugs. My mom and I often frequented the store where Kathy worked and we always enjoyed visiting with her as she was so fun and friendly. Kathy was especially kind to my mom which meant a lot to me. Miss Kathy was a precious lady. My prayers are with her family.

June 19 at 4:32 PM

SB

Sybil Blacklock posted:

I have known Kathy for over 40years! I had the pleasure of teaching her son and daughter in kindergarten and later at LHS. I also taught her granddaughter! She was simply the most loving person and I am totally in shock! Heaven truly has a another angel.

June 18 at 3:02 PM



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MP

Melanie Payne sent a virtual gift in honor of Kathy.

Kathy has been my best friend since the fourth grade. Though she was a self-proclaimed "daddy's girl", she had an even closer relationship with her mother who passed Kathy her extraordinary wisdom. As kids, we would occasionally lay out in the sun...oh, yes, with baby oil, "tanning it up"! Even then, she always had a kind word and smile for everyone! Throughout life, we always found time to laugh and "cut up". I can hear her infectious laughter even now! She had a way with words; direct, practical, and often funny! I recall her picking me up for high school in her "tennis shoe", often going for donuts and her famous Dr. Pepper first! Once, she laughingly told me, "Stick with me Mel. I'll have you in diamonds!" Hahaha! Whether I knew it at the time or not, Kathy's love of life and humor affected my choice of spouse and my outlook on life, giving me strength to forge ahead, when life was difficult. Kathy enjoyed cooking and made some great country dishes and breakfasts. My favorite memory was learning to make homemade biscuits. "The Secret is in the cast iron skillet, Mel!" Kathy was always proud of her family. She chose wisely in her beloved husband, Thomas. Their love is boundless and eternal. When God made Kathy's daughter, Tiffoney (and then her granddaughter Emma), He must have been very pleased with Kathy, because He created near replicas! Beautiful Tiff was the apple of Kathy's eye and I know they shared an extra special bond. I know this because I heard about all of Tiff's milestones and enjoyed every minute of it! Then there's her son, Dustin. He was always so cute and born to be active! I often heard from her about all his new antics and jokes. Yes, she was very proud of her family...And her Cadillacs...plus, the fact that they were gifts from Thomas. Their love was, indeed priceless! Over the years, I was always amazed how perfectly she managed her hair, makeup, and nails. I think she started that trend, lol! I also swear she also coined the term "date nite", always eager to spend more time with Thomas! These things, and many more, set a fabulous example (and a high bar) for her children, extended family, and friends! I am truly blessed and grateful to have had her in my life. If I had to pick one word to describe her, it would be LOVE. Though my memories of her will always be with me, there will now be a Kathy-sized hole in my heart. Rest in peace, my dear friend. I see you hugging your mother now. You'll always be missed and never forgotten!



June 16 at 11:24 AM

RH

Ron H. sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Welch family.

June 18 at 10:07 AM





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RH

Ron H. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Kathy.

June 18 at 10:07 AM



CH

Cindy Hall lit a candle in honor of Kathy.

Prayers for comfort at this time with deepest condolences - Ron and Cindy Hall

June 18 at 7:06 AM



SS

Steven Smith posted:

Kathy was the kindest and most loving person I have ever known. Seeing her at family gatherings, or just being out and about, she always made me feel as if seeing me made her day, as I am certain she did with everyone. Heaven gained an Angel, as we have lost one here on earth. Steve

June 18 at 5:32 AM

YG

Yvonne Gutierrez June 18 at 10:05 AM

Kathy welch was the most loving person I have ever met. Very sweet and always with a big smile. Condolences to her beautiful family. R.I.P. my beautiful friend.

BW

Billy Wayne Williams sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Welch family.

June 18 at 4:02 AM



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AT

April Thomas posted:

Sending prayers, love and strength for all of you! Momma K was one amazing woman. There was never a time when you seen her that she didn't have a smile and the biggest hug to give you. Even if it had been months since she seen you! She will be greatly missed and no one will ever be able to match those "Momma K hugs"!

June 18 at 3:27 AM

CK

Carson & Kimber sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Welch family.



June 18 at 2:55 AM

JJ

Joe And Frances Jones posted:

Prayers in your time of sorrow!

June 17 at 12:52 PM



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Peggy Henson lit a candle in honor of Kathy.

Sending condolences to Kathy Welch entire family. Pops had a wonderful wife, friend and a beautiful mother to the kids. I will always remember how you treated my family, Travale ,TZURIEL, AND TYJAI HENSON nothing but LOVE AND KINDNESS. We will miss you dearly Love Peggy Henson



June 17 at 9:07 AM



Karen Cox June 18 at 2:46 AM

Thanks for all the kind words and loved you showed we every time we were together. Momma K you will be missed, praying for Dustin and your entire family. Get your rest....I love you.



Pamela Williams Spaulding June 17 at 8:34 PM

Thomas you and the family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.,and in the days ahead, Please take comfort in knowing that Kathy made preparation for this very day. I love you cousin and you are in my thoughts and prayers.



Travale Henson June 17 at 2:47 PM

Thank you mama, we love you Mama K thank you for everything In life we will truly miss you ily 🤝👉🌸



Melissa Dickard lit a candle in honor of Kathy.

Prayers and love to a special family. I have wonderful memories of Kathy and our conversations and special trips to eat Mexican food and our bicycle rides when we were younger. She will always be in my heart.



June 17 at 9:01 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Welch family.



June 17 at 7:24 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Kathy.



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SR

Shannon, Sanaai, And Reina sent a Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray to the Welch family.

June 17 at 5:12 AM



Anonymous sent a Joyful Memory to the Welch family.

June 17 at 4:52 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Kathy.

June 17 at 4:52 AM



TH

Tricia Hesler posted:

Love, prayers and strength to you all on your loss of sweet Kathy. Heaven has just been blessed with a beautiful soul. She will be greatly missed ❤️

June 16 at 6:40 PM

SB

Shirley Brousseau posted:

Kathy, a beautiful woman inside and out! I will miss your smile!

June 16 at 3:57 PM

ST

Sheila Tucker posted:

Beautiful woman inside and out! Always a smile and a sweet word for everyone. We are going to miss you. Love y'all Sheila (cuz)

June 16 at 3:29 PM



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Anonymous sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Welch family.



June 16 at 11:39 AM



Margaret Street posted:

My love and prayers are with you all. I know how hard this is. Kathy always made everyone feel special and loved. She will always have a special place in my heart. Hold to your memories and faith d Box will see you through. Love to each of you.

June 16 at 11:24 AM



Peggy Hidlebaugh June 18 at 6:57 AM

Always in my heart my sweet child hood friend. Our connection was one without measure. Thank you God for the time you gave me with my sweet friend ❤️



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Kathy by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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