



Kay Clarke

November 3, 1950 - April 5, 2024

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Leah “Kay” Clarke, 73, of Grand Island died Friday, April 5, 2024, at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Celebration of Life Service will be at 10:30 AM Friday, April 12th at First Faith United Methodist Church. Reverend Ray Stone will officiate. Burial will be in the Grand Island Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 5-7 PM Thursday at All Faiths Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the GILT Jr. Program. Funds will be used as a scholarship for to participate in the summer theatre camp.

Kay was born on November 3, 1950, in Shreveport, Louisiana. She is the daughter of Thompson Lanus Clarke and Leah (Knott) Clarke.

Kay graduated from Joseph Moore Davidson High School in 1968. Kay received several degrees after, including bachelor's and master's degrees from the following colleges: Millsaps College, Indiana University, and Louisiana State University.

Kay taught English at many different schools throughout her career. She was an English Instructor for Grand Island Public Schools and Central Community College. She retired from teaching after 40 years of making a difference in the lives of her students.

She belonged to various organizations including First Faiths United Methodist Church, Alpha Delta Kappa, Phi Mu, Scrapbooking clubs, book clubs, and “Drama Mamas”, to name just a few.

Kay had a passion for life and her family. "Gammie" was cherished by her grandsons whom she spoiled on every occasion. Kay had a blast traveling and received many stamps in her passport. Scrapbooking was a creative outlet for her as well as making memories. Each grandson had a "book" (or 6) that they looked at with her every time they were together. Reading was another passion for Kay. Her keen sense of the English language gave her insights that no one else thought of. She adored teaching English and was known for correcting your grammar and making sure stories were just so and never exaggerated. Kay built many relationships with her students and would always stop anytime she saw them around town to catch up on what they had been up to. Kay was a wonderful cook with a sweet tooth; she always saved room for dessert or ate it first. Finally, Kay will always be known for her fierce love of the LSU Tigers. She would never miss a game and could always be seen wearing purple and gold. She was a great example of a southern belle and was known by many for her genuine kindness.

Those left to cherish her memory are her daughters, Meg Winski of Lafayette, Louisiana; Leah (Devin) Borer of Grand Island, Nebraska; grandchildren, Greyson, Lanius, and Eli.

Close to her heart were her stepchildren, Zunie Stovall of Texas; Millicent (Randall) Grove of Texas; William (Jen) Stovall of Texas; and her newfound brother, Gene Williams of Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Cemetery Details

Grand Island City Cemetery

Grand Island, NE

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

APR 12. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Faith United Methodist Church
4190 West Capital Ave.
Grand Island, NE 68803

Visitation 5-7 PM Thursday All Faiths Funeral Home

Tribute Wall

KM

“ Kay was one of my favorite instructors and a pleasure to be around. I enjoyed her affinity for dressing up at Halloween. I'm saddened to hear of her passing.

Kazia Marquez - April 22, 2024 at 04:15 PM

AG

“ I will always remember her southern cooking and all the help she gave me as a student in my English classes at GISH. She was a truly one of a kind and loved by many! My condolences to the family during this difficult time 🌸

Analy Gonzalez - April 12, 2024 at 10:26 PM

JB

“ Jamie Wright, Tina Boroviak And Julie Brandes planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kay Clarke.

Jamie Wright, Tina Boroviak And Julie Brandes - April 11, 2024 at 04:09 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Kay Clarke.



April 10, 2024 at 08:54 PM

NB

“ Kay was a lovely southern belle who was kind to everyone. I met Kay 30 years ago when she first came to Grand Island. Then reconnected when she returned from Louisiana and taught at GISH. We kept in contact at Central Community College where she was an excellent teacher of MANY students. I also knew Kay through Alpha Delta Kappa, she was my sister and I will miss her.
NB

Nancy Bishop - April 09, 2024 at 08:55 PM

KD

“ Kay, fondly known to her family as "Kay Baby," was such a kind hearted, gentle person who loved her cousins of all ages...Our camp on Lake Bruin was next door to their weekend camp and I am sure I wore her out during my excursions and excuses to visit her, and spend time with her, especially during her college years at LSU. She was my "older" Clarke cousin who we all adored. She will be greatly missed by many. Sending love to Meg and Leah during this terribly difficult time.

Kristen Martty Dry - April 09, 2024 at 07:07 PM

DH

“ Kay was a dear far away friend I met thru our mutual friend Sim Shattuck. The 3 of us were avid readers, writers and we'd planned trips together. Sadly we did not get to take.
Kay was a true, dear friend and will be remembered by her students as a special teacher and by her friends as a greatly missed friend.
My love to her family and friends.

Dwan Hightower - April 09, 2024 at 04:53 PM