



Kaye Bailey Medcalf

January 1, 1944 - October 14, 2021

Kaye Medcalf Obituary

Kaye Bailey (Goodwin) Medcalf of Tifton passed away with her children by her side on October 14, 2021.

Kaye was born May 3, 1944, in Tift County, Georgia. She was preceded in death by three husbands, each of whom she loved dearly: Raymond Goodwin of Tifton, Sonny Phillips of Ash Flat, Arkansas, and Wallace Medcalf of Durant Oklahoma. She was also preceded in death by her parents Mildred and Elton Bailey and three brothers, Everette, Pat, and Nelson Bailey. She is survived by four children and their spouses, Hollie (Joe) McGowan, James (Cindy) Goodwin, Ken (Tess) Goodwin and Austin Goodwin. She is survived by her sister Lynda (Raleigh) Moorman and her brother James (Audrey) Bailey. She is also survived by three sisters-in-law, Betty, Bonnie, and Ruth Bailey. She has five grandchildren, Kelly McGowan, Mandie McGowan, William Goodwin, Mitchell Maluda, and Kaylin Goodwin and five great grandchildren.

After retiring from Tift General Hospital as a nurse, Kaye traveled extensively. She visited each of the United States except for Hawaii, and traveled to several overseas countries, having briefly lived in Scotland. An avid gardener and an excellent cook, we have wonderful memories of many family gatherings held at her home over the years. She enjoyed birdwatching and loved a succession of pet cats including Agnes, who survived her. A

voracious reader, she kept an ever-changing stack of books so she could jump directly from one to the next. She possessed a sharp wit and a strong will. She loved the light and detested dark, cramped spaces. The first things she did when she moved into her last home was to knock out a wall and to add several windows, saying, "Why would I want to live in a sarcophagus?". As a result of her aversion to dark, cramped places, she wanted to be cremated, threatening, "If you bury me in the ground, I will come back and haunt you all!". A viewing was also against her wishes, saying "I want you to remember me as I was in life". Her ashes are to be spread at the gravesites of her first two husbands and the remainder mixed with her last husband's and spread with a "nice view somewhere in Colorado". She assigned a postmortem adventure, maintaining her wit and will to the end. She is already missed.

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in memory of Kaye Bailey Medcalf, please visit our floral store.

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Tribute Wall

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“ *A Memorial Tree was planted for Kaye Bailey Medcalf
We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Reflection Cremation
& Funeral Service
Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree*

A Memorial Tree was planted for Kaye Bailey Medcalf - August 24, 2023 at 10:20 AM

NH

“ *Family, I remember Kaye from my early years at TRMC when we both worked night shift. She was a lovely person and it was a pleasure to work and converse with her. I didn't realize how many of her family I know and the connections we have. Prayers to you all during this time.*

Nancy Hilton - October 20, 2021 at 01:30 PM

HD

“ *May our God of love and comfort be exactly that for each of you in these days. Howard and Karla DuVall*

Howard and Karla DuVall - October 18, 2021 at 09:39 PM

LB

“ *One of the most fun hiking trips that I have ever been on was with Kaye and Lynda on the Appalachian Trail. Memories of that trip flood my mind now as I look at her photo. God bless you Austin and Lynda. Prayers.*

Larry Bussey - October 18, 2021 at 03:44 PM