



## Kathryn 'Kathy' Marie Marr

July 9, 1950 - October 3, 2024

Kathryn “Kathy” Marie Marr (née White), age 74, passed peacefully on October 3, 2024 surrounded by family following a yearlong battle with pancreatic cancer.

Born on July 9, 1950, in Kansas City, Missouri to Joseph Mack and Mary Margaret White (née Bremhorst), Kathy was the eldest of seven children. The oil business took her dad first to Kansas and then to New Orleans where at the age of five, Kathy started falling in love with the Crescent City and all its culture and excitement! She introduced Beatlemania into the White household playing albums for hours on the den record-player and dancing all the latest moves with her willing little sisters. So expert at keeping the beat, her Uncle Paul gave her his snare drum, which she then practiced for hours to the dismay of her room-mate sister! Making life-long friends at her beloved high school, St Joseph Academy, she attended reunions whenever possible.

Kathy chose the School of Nursing at the University of Southwestern Louisiana to earn her nursing degree and RN in 1972. Prior to graduating, she was commissioned into the US Navy where she quickly rose through the ranks at Bethesda Naval Hospital ending her military service as a Lieutenant in 1976. Kathy had a very long and successful career in nursing and nursing administration, throwing her heart into every position that she held. She liked to take charge and was never one to give up control. She also furthered her education at the University of South Alabama and gained her Master of Science in Nursing. Her career spanned various locations: New Orleans area,

Colorado, Iowa, California and back to the New Orleans area where she retired and made life-long friendships.

Raising her three children in the New Orleans area, their home was always filled with music as she loved to dance while cleaning, bringing joy and rhythm to everyday moments. A Saints fan from the inauguration of the team, Kathy cheered them on wherever she went to the very end!! Many of her children's cherished childhood memories are of her Sunday ritual: turning on the Saints, ironing uniforms to military precision all while the squealing and the stomping carried throughout the house. Her hobbies and their family vacations always included camping, canoeing, hiking, and playing cards. Her sense of humor could be mischievous, bestowing her sharp tongue on each of her three children. Her personal philosophy was 'Life's most powerful combination: a passionate heart driven by a positive attitude.'

She is survived by her three children: Geoffrey (Mallory) Rodrigue, Lauren (Will) Whitehead, and Kevin (Jennifer) Rodrigue; her eight grandchildren: Brittney Evans, Gauge, and Reagan Rodrigue; Louise and Cecilia Whitehead; Alex Rossi and Evelyn and Ashton Rodrigue; her six siblings: Jim (Carla) White, Marilyn (Jerry) Davis, Mary Jo (Ivan) Surcouf, Margie (Johnny) Lopez II, Chuck (Debbie) White, and Bill (Denise) White; the father of her children: Mark Rodrigue, her many nieces and nephews, cousins, loved ones, and friends.

Kathy is preceded in death by her parents, her father and mother-in-law, Albert "Pop" and Eola "Mom" Rodrigue, her sister-in-law, Irma Rodrigue, and her husband Edward Marr.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation in Kathy's honor to either Lustgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research <https://lustgarten.org> or Circle of Life Hospice: <https://nwacircleoflife.com>

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

2122 W. University St.  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

# Previous Events

## Rosary Service

NOV 1. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home  
441 U.S. 412  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761  
(479) 524-5131  
wasson@wassonfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.wassonfuneralhome.com>

## Memorial Service

NOV 2. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary Catholic Church  
1998 Hwy 412 E  
Siloam Springs, AR

## Burial

NOV 2. 1:30 PM (CT)

Oak Hill Cemetery  
2122 W. University St.  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

# Tribute Wall



“ Michelle, Pam, Teresa, Estelle & Families purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Kathryn 'Kathy' Marie Marr.



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**Michelle, Pam, Teresa, Estelle & Families** - October 31, 2024 at 09:23 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kathryn 'Kathy' Marie Marr.

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October 31, 2024 at 08:35 AM



“ White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Kathryn 'Kathy' Marie Marr.



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“ Kelly Carboni Siguenza planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathryn 'Kathy' Marie Marr.

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**Kelly Carboni Siguenza** - October 21, 2024 at 07:52 PM

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“ Kelly Carboni Siguenza purchased the Lavender & White Sympathy Basket for the family of Kathryn 'Kathy' Marie Marr.



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**Kelly Carboni Siguenza** - October 21, 2024 at 07:52 PM

PH

“ OMG! I am beyond sad. My coffee buddy as we raised our crazy kids side by side on Accacia Lane. My heart and prayers go out to all of you. I am so sad.

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**Phyllis** - October 17, 2024 at 06:05 PM

JD

“ Kat was a very special friend, the best one I ever had. When she told me of the diagnosis I was positive she would pull through - that was how she was - determined to beat the odds. My heart is greatly saddened now that she has passed. But God has a new angel now, the addition of a brilliant white light in His Heaven. And even though she is not here in the physical form, I still talk to her spirit in my prayers. She was, and still is, a beautiful soul. Life is short, and it won't be long Kat 'til we meet again. So, in the words of Billy Crystal, "I'll see 'ya when I see 'ya". I love you dearly and miss you!  
John Duet - Belle Chasse, LA

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**John Duet** - October 17, 2024 at 12:05 PM