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Kathy Ann Payne, daughter, little sister, niece, aunt, loyal friend, and exceptional teacher returned to her Heavenly and earthly parents and brother Gregg on October 30, 2020 after a long struggle with multiple health problems. She was 58 years old and at home with her brother and sister-in-law, Myron and Connie Payne, when she passed. Kathy was born April 30, 1962, in Murray Utah to Noel Lee and Geraldine Potts Payne. She was the baby of the family and was welcomed, adored, and loved by her family, aunts, uncles, cousins, neighbors, and friends. Kathy spent her childhood in the family home in Kearns, Utah.

Kathy graduated from Kearns High School and Utah State University. She was a creative teacher for many years and was devoted to the students who were in her classes. Kathy liked to create and decorate her home and classroom to be warm and welcoming to all. Kathy spent most of her professional life in Logan and Hyrum, Utah. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She had a great love of children and was happy to teach Primary and be with her nieces, nephews, and her friends' children and grandchildren at celebrations and activities.

Kathy had many interests and liked going to plays and musicals, Utah Jazz games, Salt Lake Bees games (especially if there were fireworks), Utah Shakespeare Festival, dining at various restaurants with yummy food, music, concerts, and other activities. She was able to go to a play this summer at Pickleville Playhouse at Bear Lake. She liked to play Scrabble and other games and had a fun, humorous, and competitive spirit. She liked to travel and some of her favorite trips were Alaska, British Columbia, Alberta, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, Lake Tahoe, Mt. Rushmore, Bethesda, Baltimore, and Orlando, Florida. One of her favorite places was the Oregon coast. She was excited to visit the Grand Canyon in October with her friend Joanne. Kathy liked to camp out and travel with family and friends.

Kathy had a way of developing deep relationships with those close to her. She was a loyal friend and made an impact on a lot of people. Even though she struggled with her health, she was compassionate and wanted to be there to help others with their own challenges. Kathy liked to shop and pick out things that were perfect gifts for others. She will be missed.

Kathy is survived by her brothers and sister: Myron L. Payne (Connie), Jeffrey L. Payne (Linda), and Sharon K. Folland. She is survived by nephews Aaron N. Payne (Angie), Zachary G. Payne (Duli), Seth M. Payne (Kimberly), Jason M. Payne (Teresa), Brady J. Payne (Miah), Jordan W. Payne (Taylor), and nieces Sarah J. Halterman (Dan), Katie Payne Lebbon (Justin) and the many grand nieces and nephews that she loved.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Geraldine Potts Payne; brother, Gregg Allen Payne; father, Noel Lee Payne, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins who helped care for her after her mother's death.

We would like to thank Intermountain Homecare and Hospice and all her medical care team for their help during this time. Kathy chose to be cremated and her ashes may be spread on the Oregon Coast at a later date. There will not be a memorial service at this time due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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“ I was lucky enough to work with Kathy at South Cache and learned how caring and compassionate she was. She was definitely a blessing to her students and for many she was the best part of their day. They knew she loved them and that she was someone they could rely on and trust. Condolences to her family and friends - may you find peace knowing she is at rest.

-Jill Hansen

Jill Hansen - November 03, 2020 at 02:04 PM



“ Kathy was an amazing teacher while she was here at South Cache. She always worked hard for the students and helped them in every way she could. Kathy was kind and patient. She will be missed. I enjoyed working with her over many years. My deepest condolences go out to her family.

- Sherry

Sherry Anderson - November 03, 2020 at 11:58 AM



“ We had so much fun at the Grand Canyon! So glad we got to go!



Joanne Peterson - November 03, 2020 at 06:32 AM



“ I don't even know where to begin. Kathy is the sweetest, kindest person I've ever met. I miss our daily texts and talks. She was always there for me no matter what was going on in her own life. She was an amazing teacher and loved and cared deeply about her students. I was blessed to be able to work with her, go to church with her and have her as my friend. I am happy that she is in a better place now and able to be free from her physical pain. Thank you to the Payne family for taking care of her. I know she loves you all very much. I am sorry for your loss. I love her dearly, and I know someday we'll get to see her again.

Joanne Peterson - November 02, 2020 at 09:25 PM



“ Kathy was always kind, pleasant, and willing to help kids at South Cache. I enjoyed my association with her. I hope she has found peace. My sympathies go out to her family.

Ilene - November 02, 2020 at 07:16 PM



“ Here are some photos of my lovely friend, Kathy and I grew up together sharing life's sorrows and blessings. We explored childhood and teens and on into adulthood with each other. Thank you Kathy for blessing me with the friendship and love. You will for always be in my heart until we meet again.



gail - November 02, 2020 at 03:09 PM



“ I am already missing our daily texts and talks, I know it will always leave an empty space. I know you are finally where you can be 100% your wonderful self. For that I am so happy

In the last year I have been part of this journey. It's been a very rough road and the outcome is bittersweet. In this year I have witnessed the Payne family provide the most wonderful gift to Kathy. Our conversations at times would go to, “ if you would have asked me in my lifetime if I ever imagined being with Connie and Myron, living in their home at the end of my life, I would have looked at you sideways. But here I am, the luckiest person I know. I have a beautiful home and not one worry in the world.”

Kathy knew how to count her blessings, and we both knew she had many of them. I am so thankful for my friendship with Kathy. All of the memories, good and not so good but all in all, our memories.

One day my tears will take a break and I will be able to think of her with only a smile. As for today I will let them flow for my loss and heartache. I am blessed to know her family and to have witnessed their love for her. The spot that was Kathy here on earth will not be filled..... My deepest condolences to each of you.

Marianne Domery

marianne domery - October 31, 2020 at 05:34 PM



“ I will miss my dear friend Kathy. I was assigned as her visiting teacher in Hyrum several years ago and got to know and love Kathy. I loved her optimism and cheerfulness in spite of her health problems. She must have been an amazing teacher because she sure did care about the children in her classes. Until we meet again Kathy.

Nancy Hyde

Nancy Hyde - November 08, 2020 at 01:51 PM