



Kathy M.T. Orr (Vidra)

December 10, 1953 - July 9, 2013

Sadly, our Kathy M.T. Orr (Vidra) passed away on July 9th, 2013 after fighting a courageous battle against cancer. She was born in 1953 in Cleveland, Ohio and moved to Salt Lake City, Utah in 1988.

Kathy was preceded in death by her parents Donald J. Vidra and Josephine M. (Srdjak) Vidra.

She is survived by her loving daughter H. Kinsella Orr, her grandchildren Briana J. Ochoa, Gisella K. Ochoa and Xylus AC Montoya and her stepmother and best friend Janice M. Vidra, 3 sisters, 1 brother, 3 stepsiblings and 2 nieces. Kathy also leaves behind many dear friends and co-workers.

Kathy graduated from Ontario High School and The Ohio State University. After moving to Salt Lake City she started working for Job Corps where she developed a lifelong interest in helping people better themselves. Kathy continued her interest in helping people from diverse cultures when she went to work for The State of Utah as a welfare caseworker. She then went to work for Marriott International. She earned a promotion to Quality Assurance Specialist, a position she loved and held until the time of her passing. While employed at Marriott, she earned the respect and admiration of many clients, supervisors and co-workers. Co-workers have mentioned that Kathy was an example and inspiration with her perseverance and work ethic and always kept a good sense of humor.

Outside of work, Kathy enjoyed spending time with her family and reading. International music, movies and cultures became her passion, so much so that she studied other languages to be able to communicate with people in their native tongues.

Friends and family teased her often about how such an educated woman could also really enjoy reality TV shows like Flava Flav and Love and Hip-Hop in Atlanta.

We will greatly miss her outrageous sense of humor, her year-round light displays in her apartment window and her outlook on life that, "You cannot control what life has given you only how you deal with it".

We would also like to thank special friends and caregivers Angelique Watkins and Cherelle Clardy- they were with her until the end along with family as well the staff of IHC Hospice team.

A memorial will be held in Salt Lake City in the lobby of The Terrace Apartments located at 1810 South Main Street on Tuesday, July 16, 2013 from 6-8 pm where memories about Kathy can be shared. There also will be a memorial in Ohio at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, Kathy asked that you plant a lilac bush or a tree in memory of her and that you always remember to do something nice for someone else. "If I can I will..." ~Kathy Orr

Previous Events

Memorial

JUL **16**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Terrace Apartments
1810 S Main Street
Salt Lake City, UT

Tribute Wall



“ *Kathy M.T. Orr (Vidra)*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *Dear Helen,*

Your mother loved you and your children so much. You were her heart. To me your mother was both my Little Flower and the Queen of Everything. She was truly audacious. I love her strength and passion. She is also one of the most interesting and intelligent people I have ever known. Of all the friends I have had in my life she is the only one who never let a year pass without sending me a Christmas card or birthday card. When I told her I was planting flowers in May, she told me to plant a Lilac for her so we planted two. I will also greatly miss the monthly letters she sent me full of clippings of things happening in this world we were both passionate about. Regardless of where life took us, she always remained my friend. I was humbled often by her integrity and strength. You are now and will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers, -Mary Silva Brown

Mary Silva Brown - July 13, 2013 at 03:55 PM



“ *Dear Mommy,*

I already miss you so much- but do not worry about us as we will be okay.

I love you and can't wait to see you again~

Your loving daughter~

Kinsella Orr - July 12, 2013 at 04:53 PM

GS

Rest in Paradise Kathy you are in a better place out of pain. You will be missed. I have a lot of great memories with you and Kinsella when I was a kid. and, as a adult. You will been in my heat and memories always Rip Kathy and watch over all of us

Gena Starr

Gena Starr - July 14, 2013 at 11:03 AM

VC

Dear Kinsella,

I am so sorry to hear that your mom has passed away. Kathy is one of the most amazing person I have ever met. She was so academically intelligent and at the same time, so street smart. When you got her on a roll, she would keep you laughing until you thought your sides would burst. I know she loved you and your children with everything she was and she will find a way to always be with all of you. I hope she had a glorious reunion with her mom and dad. I have a perfect spot in my yard where I will plant her lilac bush next spring.

I pray for peace to be with you and yours.

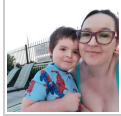
Vicki Cordova-Wade

Vicki Cordova-Wade - July 14, 2013 at 04:57 PM



I was lucky. I only worked at Marriott for about 6 months, but I spent most of that time right beside Kathy. She volunteered to mentor me and was an incredible teacher. Mostly she taught me by 'simply' caring about every person she talked to! Kathy was one of the most caring people I have ever met and I already miss her. However, I consider myself lucky to have crossed her path for 6 months and then becoming friends for the last several years. I haven't been back to Marriott much, but consider myself fortunate to have returned with my wife for lunch with Kathy just a month ago. My life has forever changed by meeting Kathy.

Michael Gifford - July 15, 2013 at 08:18 AM



I have worked at Marriott for quite awhile and didn't know Kathy very well. And for the past few years, I have been a home agent. But, one day I had to go into the center, and Kathy(who had just started monitoring my calls) came up to me and whispered to me how good I was. :) She just made my day, I was caught off guard. She brought a smile to my face, probably for the rest of the day. I never forgot that, and every time I saw her, she made it a point to say "hi" to me, and greet me, which was very nice, as I am shy.

Jenny Galvez - July 19, 2013 at 11:46 PM

JB

*Helen,
As you probably know, your mother and I have been friends since grade school. She was the most loyal and unconditional friend there will ever be. We share a love of world music and quirky movies. I will put her organizational skills up against anyone! We spent many nights sleeping over at one another's house figuring out the world with flawed logic and imagination.
Of all the things she loved and there were many, you were always at the top of the list. She knew you completely and could describe you and all your mannerisms and charms in such detail that anyone would know you were her greatest study. I never wondered what you were like, because she told me so completely. Now you have grown into the loving mother that she was to you, and I am proud of you and sorry that her time was short with you. You have the best example to follow and I am so sorry for your loss and for mine, too.
Jayne*

Jayne Bey - July 24, 2013 at 07:58 AM

YT

To: Kathy: We send our love to you in Heaven, An know you will be greatly missed, We thank you for sharing your family, and Your Life with us, we will not ever forget you, NOR WILL we forget all of the wonderful, an inspiring things that you've done in LIFE, an happyness you brought to us all, YOU ARE a wonderful MOTHER, FRIEND, SISTER, NOW ANGEL. looking over all of us, WE LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU, LOVE YOUR NIECE AN GRANDSON KICKAPOO N ASANTE, MAY YOUR MAKER WATCH OVER YOU KINSELLA N KIDS, ttyl.

YONNI TABBYTITE - July 30, 2013 at 02:45 PM