



Ms. Kay Whitehead

September 5, 1952 - August 24, 2022

Funeral services for Ms. Kay Whitehead, 69, of Henderson, will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 30, 2022, in the chapel at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home with Dr. David Higgs officiating. Interment will follow at Strong Cemetery under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. on Monday, August 29, at the funeral home.

Ms. Whitehead passed from this life on August 24, 2022, at her residence. She was born September 5, 1952, in Henderson, to the late Woodrow and Mildred (Derryberry) Barnett and was a life-long resident of Henderson. Kay graduated from Henderson High School and went on to attend Stephen F. Austin State University. Upon graduation from SFA, Ms. Whitehead embarked on a 30-year career as an English teacher and retired from Henderson ISD. She was a devout Texas Longhorn fan and a long-time member of First Baptist Church of Henderson.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers Dee Barnett and wife Sara, and Tommy Barnett, sister Patsy Barnett, granddaughter Kynleigh Kay Whitehead, brother-in-law A.B. Thomas, and her uncle Sam Barnett.

Survivors include her children, Donald Whitehead and wife Jessica of Henderson, and twins Luke Whitehead and wife Chanele of Longview, and Joanie Mims and husband Corey of Carthage; sister, Joan Thomas of Bethesda, Maryland; grandchildren, Adilyn and Madisyn Whitehead, Kaylee Mims, Ava Cavaliere, and Avereigh Mims; as well as a host of nephews and nieces, great-nephews and nieces, cousins, other family and friends.

Pallbearers will be Lem Thomas, David Barnett, Matt Barnett, Mike Barnett, Paul Harris, and Tom Cheatwood. Honorary pallbearers will be Steve Hazlewood, Billy Schulze, and Joe Mims.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Cemetery Details

Strong Cemetery

Cr 333
Henderson, TX 75652

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 29. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 S. Main St
Henderson, TX 75654

Service

AUG 30. 10:00 AM (CT)

Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 S. Main St
Henderson, TX 75654

Tribute Wall



“ Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Ms. Kay Whitehead



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - August 30, 2022 at 09:15 AM

SB

I have som fond and happy memories of Kay from my childhood. She was so sweet and I loved her cheerful attitude. Sue Cranford Burrow

Sue Burrow - August 30, 2022 at 09:51 AM



“ Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Kay Whitehead



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - August 29, 2022 at 11:53 AM

ML

“ *Mary Lowe lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kay Whitehead*



Mary Lowe - September 01, 2022 at 03:31 PM

BB

“ *Brandy Bridges lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kay Whitehead*



Brandy Bridges - August 31, 2022 at 03:56 PM

RJ

“ *Rena Jordan lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kay Whitehead*



Rena Jordan - August 30, 2022 at 07:50 AM

JH

“ *I remember first hearing about Mama Kay and thinking she must be quite a woman. Meeting, hugging, and getting to know her did not disappoint. Being in her presence was a true blessing and I will never forget her smile. I was lucky enough to experience her strength, spirit and love and I'll be forever thankful.*

Jeremy Hegge - August 29, 2022 at 11:41 PM

SS

“ How fortunate to have Kay as a next door neighbor at our apartment complex in Austin! Kay worked for the State of Texas and I was a teacher, and we found plenty of time to hang out together, watch UT football or head to a home game, and cheer for the Dallas Cowboys. . Kay had a heart that was full of 'goodwill' and fun.. We lost touch for many years, but when she retired from Henderson ISD, I headed east for her Retirement Party...We stayed closely connected since then, and I was really Blessed by her friendship. Kay's children and grandchildren were the 'light' of her life, and she was happiest when she was speaking of them. She will be so terribly missed by her family and her "YaYa" girlfriends! Treasure those memories of a wonderful mother, grandmother, and friend, as Kay was a unique woman whose love and humor enriched many lives.

Suzanne Sanders - August 29, 2022 at 07:46 PM

TR

“ Mama Kay, you are a force to be reckon with. The love you shared and the love you created is evident with your kids and grandkids. You will always live in my heart for how amazingly wonderful you were. Thank you for loving me and helping me pick on your son.

Tracy - August 29, 2022 at 05:33 PM

CB

“ Cindy Belcher lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kay Whitehead



Cindy Belcher - August 28, 2022 at 09:54 PM

HM

“ *Hal Martin lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kay Whitehead*



Hal Martin - August 28, 2022 at 09:14 PM

CJ

“ *She was a very sweet lady. I'm praying for her family.*



Carla Johnson - August 28, 2022 at 06:44 PM

CJ

“ *Carla Johnson*



Carla Johnson - August 28, 2022 at 06:40 PM

DA

“ *Donna Abercrombie lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kay Whitehead*



Donna Abercrombie - August 28, 2022 at 02:05 PM

KT

“ Kay sat in front of me in Ms. Dorothy Grays Geometry class and we became friends. She was funny, sweet, and a wonderful person. Always happy.



Kay Trammell - August 27, 2022 at 12:09 PM

BS

“ Brad & Lou Ann Standard lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kay Whitehead



Brad & Lou Ann Standard - August 27, 2022 at 09:26 AM

BB

“ Kay was a neighbor and great friend during her years in Austin. We were happy for her when she married and moved back home, but our group of friends was diminished by her leaving. We reconnected in recent months over the phone. I am happy to have shared those conversations prior to her passing.

Brad Beal - August 27, 2022 at 08:02 AM

SC

Kay was awesome friend in High school .My heart was broken when I found out she was very ill.My prayer was that she not suffer anymore.Now I know she met her savior.No more pain.

SUZETTE COOK - August 27, 2022 at 06:08 PM

JT

“ Kay was the best sister a girl could ask for .
I love her and her children so much and she returned the love to me
and mine.
She will always be in my heart and I will always miss her.
All my love to Donald, Joanie , and Luke and their sweet families.
JBT

Joan Thomas - August 26, 2022 at 11:41 PM

JD

“ I'm never going to want this to be real. Thank you for always
opening your home to Willis visitors, for your ready prayers
whenever any of us asked — and for letting me sit in the back seat
while you drove home many a night. Smooches, you sweet girl.
Love, Jan

Jan Parker Dial - August 26, 2022 at 10:53 PM

AM

“ Amy Miley-Payne lit a candle in memory of
Ms. Kay Whitehead



Amy Miley-Payne - August 26, 2022 at 08:56 PM

TS

“ I am sorry for the loss of your wonderful mother. She loved you
three so much. You will all be in my prayers.
Craig and Paula Sweeney

The Sweeneys - August 26, 2022 at 07:29 PM

LG

“ *Linda Gooding lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kay Whitehead*



Linda Gooding - August 26, 2022 at 06:52 PM

DR

“ *Donna Roycroft lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kay Whitehead*



Donna Roycroft - August 26, 2022 at 06:04 PM

RM

“ *Kay was a dear friend and neighbor for many years. She was always positive and had a sweet smile. We shared a lot of good times together.*



Rebecca (Becky) McMurray - August 26, 2022 at 05:11 PM

MM

“ *Continuing prayers for the family and for each of you to find comfort in your new chapter of life. Love Billy & Monte*



Monte Masters - August 26, 2022 at 04:59 PM

KJ

“ *Krissy Kelsey - Jones lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kay Whitehead*



Krissy Kelsey - Jones - August 26, 2022 at 04:55 PM

SM

“ *Sandy McMurray lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kay Whitehead*



sandy mcmurray - August 26, 2022 at 03:44 PM

SS

“ *My dear neighbor, Kay, in long ago Austin, Texas, days! Always smiling, always positive, and a died-in-the-wool Longhorn Fanatic! Great memories of a sweet friend who will be so sorely missed! We shared many a laugh and many fun times! Suzanne Sanders of Austin, TX*



Suzanne Sanders - August 26, 2022 at 02:53 PM

SU

“ *Suzanne lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kay Whitehead*



Suzanne - August 26, 2022 at 02:49 PM

PC

“ Pam Dorsey Combs lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kay Whitehead



Pam Dorsey Combs - August 26, 2022 at 02:22 PM



“ Joe White lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kay Whitehead



Joe White - August 26, 2022 at 01:44 PM

SD

“ I am so sorry for your family's loss of Kay. She was such a good person and my kids loved her as their teacher. She will be missed. May God bring you peace.



Sherri Davis - August 26, 2022 at 01:08 PM

NK

“ Nancy Ann Kniffen lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kay Whitehead



Nancy Ann Kniffen - August 26, 2022 at 01:05 PM

SR

“ *My heart goes out to you all. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*



Stephen and Kirby Rains - August 26, 2022 at 11:50 AM

LC

“ *Kay was one of the sweetest and kindest person that I've had the privilege to have known. She always made me feel like one of the family. I always enjoyed the time I spent with her and the family. She will be missed, but her memory will live on in our hearts. God bless*

Linda Commons - August 26, 2022 at 11:46 AM

KD

“ *KASHENA DAVIS lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kay Whitehead*



KASHENA DAVIS - August 26, 2022 at 11:40 AM



“ *So very sorry for your loss. Praying the comfort of Jesus through these days to come. Stephanie Green Osteen.*



Stephanie Osteen - August 26, 2022 at 11:38 AM

CH

“ *A true legend of Henderson ISD. A absolute great teacher. She will be missed*

Craig Harrington - August 26, 2022 at 11:32 AM

CN

“ *Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kay Whitehead*



Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb - August 26, 2022 at 10:43 AM

JB

“ *Jon Best lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kay Whitehead*



Jon Best - August 26, 2022 at 09:39 AM

CW

“ *Kay was a sweet person all her life. When my family moved to Henderson in 1960 she lived next door to us. It was hot summertime when we moved and my parents always talked about the precious little girl next door who came over and asked if we would like a cold glass of water. That was Kay. Praying that God will comfort the family.*

Cyndi Walker - August 26, 2022 at 09:37 AM

KM

“ So sorry to hear of Kay’s passing. Such a sweet person. My prayers are with her family.
Kay Green Myers

Kay Green Myers - August 26, 2022 at 09:08 AM

HH

“ Our condolences .



HeartsWay Hospice - August 26, 2022 at 09:07 AM

JJ

“ Jason&Susan Jarrell lit a candle in memory of
Ms. Kay Whitehead



Jason&Susan Jarrell - August 26, 2022 at 09:04 AM



“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Kay. We grew up together and attended First Baptist Church and sang in the youth choir.
Prayers for the family.
Donna Dorsey Aaron

Donna Aaron - August 26, 2022 at 08:39 AM

CW

“ So very sorry for the loss of your mother, Joanie, Luke and Donald. She and I were school teacher friends. She will be missed. ❤️🙏

cyndy willard - August 26, 2022 at 08:04 AM

MG

“ Mark And Nancy Gibson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kay Whitehead



Mark and Nancy Gibson - August 26, 2022 at 12:27 AM

JO

“ I love you mama! ❤️

joanie - August 26, 2022 at 12:16 AM

BE

“ Buddy And Dianne Everitt lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kay Whitehead



Buddy and Dianne Everitt - August 25, 2022 at 10:00 PM

VH

“ Vicki Brooks Harper lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kay Whitehead



Vicki Brooks Harper - August 25, 2022 at 09:06 PM

TC

“ Tony And Anita Cavaliere lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kay Whitehead



Tony and Anita Cavaliere - August 25, 2022 at 08:59 PM

CC

“ Chris Cavaliere lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kay Whitehead



Chris Cavaliere - August 25, 2022 at 08:16 PM

PA

“ Such good memories with Kay talking and laughing rocking baby Ava. You are going to be missed by a lot of people. I was honored to know you. RIP. You are finally home.

Phyllis Ashby - August 25, 2022 at 07:19 PM

WP

“ Wendell And Anne Pool lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kay Whitehead



Wendell and anne pool - August 25, 2022 at 07:16 PM



“ *Many good times, especially in junior high. A sweet lady.* ”

Donna Hudgins - August 25, 2022 at 06:02 PM