



Kay Epperson

March 13, 1942 - February 25, 2018

Funeral Services for “Kay Baby” Epperson, 75, of Rusk will be 1:30 p.m., Saturday, March 3, 2018 at the First United Methodist Church in Rusk under the direction of Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home with Rev. Jacob Smith, Rev. Bart Reddoch, and Bro. Keith Hassell officiating. Burial will follow at Old Palestine Cemetery, Alto.

Kay passed away Sunday, February 25, 2018. She was born to the late Joe and Maurine Coleson on March 13, 1942 in Rusk, Texas.

Friends and family are invited to celebrate Kay’s life during visitation starting at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, March 3, 2018 in the Fellowship Hall at the church.

Tribute Wall



“ *Kay Epperson*

October 04, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Jan Hardy lit a candle in memory of Kay Epperson*



Jan Hardy - March 13, 2018 at 11:22 AM



“ *Such a shock.*

Kay was a dear friend. My favorite place to stay in Rusk was in the Elvis room. I interviewed her several times for my radio program and spent a wonderful evening by the fire while she regaled me with stories about being Elvis's hairdresser. That conversation eventually ended as a CD album. I miss her great voice. I miss her great Texas accent and her wonderful stories. I'm so glad the movies allowed a wide audience for her.

Tumbleweed Smith

Tumbleweed Smith - March 08, 2018 at 11:06 AM



“ *Lisa Westbrook Dudley lit a candle in memory of Kay Epperson*



Lisa Westbrook Dudley - March 05, 2018 at 10:36 AM

Joanne Marie

“ Kay cut our hair, waving those hands in the air, cigarette in one hand, scissors in the other, and a story coming from her the size of Texas. Kay loved Life, loved Stories, loved Elvis ~ and loved Big. Kay brought Deborah & Donna into the world ~ beautiful, loving beings, my dear friends & sisters by marriage. Kay Baby, there is no one else like you.

"You fret ~

What music will you leave behind?

What scent? What memory?

My darling, you are forever woven in the galaxial fabric.

You are here.

You cannot leave.

A slender thread in all there is.

Forever woven in all there is." ~ Joanne Marie

Joanne Marie - March 02, 2018 at 06:25 PM

TP

“ Kay Baby Epperson was a woman bigger than life and had a truly unique personality. I have known her husband Gary, who is my best friend for many years. Susan and I have seen and heard Gary share his love, pride and respect for Kay and her many accomplishments. It is our loss to never hear her voice again when calling their home. We look forward to seeing her and hearing her treasured voice, in her many movies. She has been a warm and valued friend.

Tom Price - March 02, 2018 at 01:36 PM

TF

“ Tom Price & Susan Foley purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Kay Epperson.



Tom Price & Susan Foley - March 02, 2018 at 01:04 PM

LD

“ Deborah and Donna,
Having grown up with Kay, I have so many fond memories of good times in Rusk. Life back then was fairly quiet (until Kay arrived on the scene) when we all knew everything about each other. Those were the best years! Love to y'all!
Linda Norton Derrington

Linda Norton Derrington - March 01, 2018 at 03:33 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Kay Epperson.*



March 01, 2018 at 10:52 AM

BH

“ *Betty Gentry Hartless lit a candle in memory of Kay Epperson*



Betty Gentry Hartless - February 28, 2018 at 08:30 PM

DB

“ *Donna, so sorry to hear about Kay. She was a sweet lady and will be missed. I am praying for you and your family. Donna Bixler*

Donna Bixler - February 28, 2018 at 04:05 PM

RM

“ *Randy And Toni Meador lit a candle in memory of Kay Epperson*



Randy and Toni Meador - February 28, 2018 at 03:50 PM

TH

“ *Donna so sorry to hear about your Mom our pyayers are with you and your family. The Hipshack*



The Hipshack - February 28, 2018 at 03:34 PM

JS

“ *Jeanie Swink lit a candle in memory of Kay Epperson*



Jeanie Swink - February 28, 2018 at 09:56 AM

TG

“ *I have know Kay since she was a child. I remember this happy kid as she sat on display at the cafe in downtown Rusk. I enjoyed her contributions as we recently served on the Good Sam board. This is a better world because Kay past through it. Terry Guinn*

Terry Guinn - February 27, 2018 at 11:59 PM

KM

“ *Donna & Deborah ~ I am so very sorry for the loss of your Mom. I know your pain & will be praying for comfort for you now & in the coming days*

Kathy Hill Montgomery - February 27, 2018 at 10:59 PM

ET

“ *Sorry for the loss of your mother, Donna*




Ellen Torres - February 27, 2018 at 05:16 PM

JH

Sorry to hear that Our Kay Baby has left us.she was an amazing lady.We will all miss her.Now she can do her acting on the big screen.

Jan Hardy - February 28, 2018 at 10:44 AM

 Carroll King

“ *Caroll King lit a candle in memory of Kay Epperson*



Caroll King - February 27, 2018 at 04:22 PM

LH

“ Leslie & Charles Hassell lit a candle in memory of Kay Epperson



Leslie & Charles Hassell - February 27, 2018 at 03:17 PM

JC

“ Deborah and Donna, I am so sorry for your loss. I pray God will give you peace and comfort. Many prayers to you both.

Janet Cummins - February 27, 2018 at 08:57 AM

PD

“ Pat & Doyle lit a candle in memory of Kay Epperson



Pat & Doyle - February 26, 2018 at 03:06 PM

JH

Kay was such a happy lady. God bless you and your family. Jan Hardy

Jan Hardy - February 26, 2018 at 06:32 PM

DS

I have so many great memories of times spent with Kay. We grew up together.

Donna Bothwell Smith - February 27, 2018 at 06:29 AM

AK

I grew up with Kay along time ago on Sycmore Street we have been close since always stayed in touch even when she was in Mississippi when she had Beverly and I had Jeanne army baby's. I will love her always. Our last words were when she was in Hospital .She told me she loved me and I had got to tell her I was able to tell her I loved her.

Ann Kubicek - February 27, 2018 at 12:48 PM

LE

Going to miss her so much!

Leslie - February 27, 2018 at 03:18 PM

NB

Will miss you very much. Will remember the trips we made together to Alaska and Fall Foliage trip to New England.

Also talking about Elvis with you.

May God comfort your daughters and friends.

Norma Jean Bairfield

Norma Jean Bairfield - February 27, 2018 at 05:07 PM

BS

I remember my first time in Las Vegas going through McCarran Airport in 1978. I was strolling along with my cousin Horace Grogan and someone yelled my name in this strange place.

It was Kay Reynolds and her daughter Debbie. I was far far away from Rusk, and people were yelling my name. If you go through McCarran you will experience a major culture shock if you are from the sticks like me. How did they recognize me, I don't know, but they did. They are good people.

Bob Spinks

Bob Spinks - February 28, 2018 at 08:41 AM



What a blessing and light in our lives to have had Kay Baby as long as we did. I only knew her about 5 yrs. When I saw her in the movie BERNIE, I knew I must represent her. I became Kay's talent agent and the fun began for me for sure! What a joy to work with this sharp witted, smart, sassy, bright star! I had SO many actors that were honored to have worked with her. Anyone in the entertainment industry that worked with Kay felt her force and talent and love. Kay Baby, you will live on in our hearts and in the movies! Staying tuned! Our love and prayers to you and your family.

Linda McAlister - March 01, 2018 at 11:57 AM

JW

“ Kay was so special to me and my life...always generous and kind. She was there for us when my father passed away several years ago, and she has been there for so many others at similar times. She was one of a kind, and most definitely will be missed, especially by me and so many others. Her journey has not ended, and may she rest in peace with The Lord Jesus.

John C. Williams - February 26, 2018 at 01:59 PM