



Kay Harrod

January 10, 1949 - January 1, 2018

Frankfort - Funeral services for Kay Harrod, 68, will be held at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home, Friday, January 5, 2018, at 10:30 a.m., with Judge Roger Crittenden, Dr. Larry Bishop of the Cynthiana Christian Church and Dr. Chuck Queen of Immanuel Baptist Church officiating. Private interment will be held at a later date. Visitation will be held at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home Thursday, January 4, 2018, from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. A native of Frankfort, Kay was born on January 10, 1949, to the late Miles and Lillian Crittenden Harrod. Kay died suddenly on January 1, 2018, of heart failure at St Joseph East, Lexington, KY.

Kay was a 1967 graduate of Frankfort High School and a 1971, graduate of Western Kentucky University majoring in History and Journalism. Kay earned her Masters of Education Degree from Georgetown College.

She began her professional career as a journalist for the Orlando Sentinel Star in Orlando, FL. having her own column Where to go; What to do in Orlando. Although an interesting life, she missed Frankfort and returned to teach within the Franklin County School System. She taught at Elkhorn Jr. High School and Western Hills High School.

Having an interest in government and education she took a position with the Department of Education, Division of Food Services, where she was

instrumental in implementing the summer school lunch program and the project graduation program.

Kay became Executive Assistant to First Lady Judi Patton in 1995 and held that position for eight years and continued for a year during the Fletcher administration. During her service to Mrs. Patton she assisted in obtaining passage of legislative funding for the Ovarian Cancer Research Program at the University of Kentucky. She supported Mrs. Patton's initiative for breast cancer, which just celebrated its 30-year anniversary.

After retiring from state government in 2005 Kay enjoyed writing a column for the Frankfort State Journal. Writing was her true passion.

Kay treasured friendships maintaining close relationships with many friends first made in kindergarten and others met over her lifetime. Kay enjoyed entertaining and cooking. You didn't go to Kay's home without eating or at least taking food with you when you left. And of course, you didn't just run in for a moment. Conversations on her porch ranged from politics to community events to just "what's up with you."

Her family was her lifeline. Everyone who knew Kay knew all about her family. She gave of herself to make their lives just a little bit better.

In addition to her parents Kay was preceded in death by her beloved nephew, Steven Donald Dearborn, and her foster daughter, Elaine Aurora Riehl.

She is survived by her much-loved family; sister, Peggy Harrod Meyer and her husband Robert, nephew, Kenneth Miles Dearborn and his wife Stacy, great nephews, Eric Miles, Evan Dee, and Eli Reed; step-niece, Monika Meyer Hubbard and her husband David, step-great nephews, Christopher Robert, and Sean Richard and niece-in-law, Beverly Dearborn. Kay loved being called

“GAK” – Great Aunt Kay.

She is also survived by cousins, Roger Crittenden and his wife Patti, Rita Harrod Redmon, and Michael Ray Harrod and his wife Debbie.

Kay leaves as a legacy her organ donation to the Kentucky Organ Donors Association (KODA). Her gift that others may enjoy life to its fullest.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in Kay's memory, to Celebration of Hope, UK Markey Cancer Center, 800 Rose Street, CC160, Lexington, Kentucky 40536. An organization Kay held dear to her heart.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Harrod Brothers Funeral Home
312 Washington Street
Frankfort, KY 40601
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<https://www.harrodbrothers.com>

Service

JAN 5. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kay Harrod*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *I knew Kay as a good friend when we played piano (Kay) and organ duets at Bellepoint Baptist Church in Frankfort. She was young at that time but quite exacting regarding our performances. I'm sure she continued that approach throughout her life and made the world a better place.*

James (Jimmy) Chisholm - May 20, 2019 at 01:20 AM



“ *Kay was so friendly, so warm, always glad to see you and her SMILE!!! I liked reading her articles in the St. Journal and couldn't wait when she started sharing her cooking articles. Keeping you in our prayers. Pam Cloyd & Family.*

Pam Cloyd - January 12, 2018 at 09:11 AM



“ *Kay was my college roommate at WKU and oh my, did we ever have fun! She was so full of life and everyone loved her. She was so smart and intelligent but she love to have fun. She will always be in my heart and great memories of college days. I know she is entertaining the angels.*

Jane Zimmer - January 07, 2018 at 09:53 PM



Jane I have letters from Kay when she was at Western. She loved her college days.

Peggy Meyer - January 14, 2018 at 06:02 PM

JP

“ While we were long time friends it can never be long enough. Kay's joy, wit (and of course her dinner parties) brightened the world for so many of us, and her hospitality always let us know we had a place in her world too.

John Patterson

John Patterson - January 04, 2018 at 12:36 PM

CG

“ I am so saddened by the sudden death of my dear neighbor and friend, Kay. My husband Kenny and I would so enjoy seeing her on our nightly walks in the neighborhood. We would see Kay coming sown the street with her two dogs, enjoying the the late evening temperatures. We would always stop and chat and share a story or a laugh. She was so fun to be around and we will surely miss her in our neighborhood. Rest in peace dear Kay. We love you.

Carolyn and Kenny Goins - January 03, 2018 at 03:57 PM



Thank you Carolyn and Kenny.

Peggy Meyer - January 14, 2018 at 06:00 PM

AH

“ I have only had the privilege of knowing Kay for several years. We met through a mutual friend, Betsy, that has known her from childhood. Kay always made me feel welcome and her humor and love of life was a delight to enjoy! The picture captures her 100%. I have fond memories of sitting on her porch at her wonderful table and laughing!

Kay will be missed by many who had the pleasure to be in her company.

My sympathy to her sister, Peggy, and all her family and friends.

Anne S Hill - January 03, 2018 at 12:38 PM



Thank you Anne for your memories. She enjoyed her porch and many of us shared our hearts there.

Peggy Meyer - January 14, 2018 at 05:59 PM



“ Red Magnolia and Yellow Lily Mix (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Kay Harrod.



January 02, 2018 at 11:35 PM

PR

“ Kay walked in the door at Red Cross right after Hurricane Katrina hit and wanted to know how she could help. I asked her if she'd go and in a few short days and classes, she was on her way to Mississippi where she touched lots of lives. She made a difference there just like she did everywhere with everyone she knew.

Paula Rutledge - January 02, 2018 at 10:19 PM



I couldn't believe she was going. She was so excited about going. Kay also recently talked about going for Irma. She was so giving.

Peggy Meyer - January 14, 2018 at 05:57 PM

SW

“ *Was friends with Kay when at Western Kentucky. A sweet friend and remember trips to Frankfort with Jane for visits. RIP MY FRIEND*

Sheryl Toon Whitman

sheryl toon whitman - January 02, 2018 at 10:13 PM

BH

“ *My prayers for comfort goes out to the family. In the 1950's and 1960's My grandparents lived right next door to The Harrod's Peggy and Kay and I I would play at their house and my grandparents house(McNees) as young girls.Havent seen them in many years but I will always cherish those childhood memories.My grandparents thought the world of the family. Rest in peace Ms. Kay you accomplished so much here on earth.Much prayers for her Family. Your childhood friend,Brenda Hockensmith Hager.*

Brenda Hager - January 02, 2018 at 07:55 PM



Brenda we certainly have wonderful childhood memories from Cline Street. Thank you for sharing your memories.

Peggy Meyer - January 14, 2018 at 05:55 PM

MW

“ *I had her for a school teacher and she was nice lady.*
Marilyn Wright

Marilyn Wright - January 02, 2018 at 07:51 PM

CJ

“ Kay what a great inspiration you was in my life. I remember when your house was going to be flooded for whst seemed to be 100 times, you never let that get you down. I think that when someone like you could find the best from every moment that is one hell of a strong woman. Thank you for the picnics with the family to hosting my birthday party. I know your mom and dad was glad to see you, and say hi to Gladys and Wayne for me.
Love Always, Carl Johnson..



Carl Johnson - January 02, 2018 at 07:26 PM



Carl I hope my dear sister has been greeted by family and friends that have gone before her. Thanks for your memory.

Peggy Meyer - January 14, 2018 at 05:51 PM

RB

“ No person was more an advocate for children then Kay. She helped organize and serve as chair of CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates of Franklin County. As a result CASA still serves children who find themselves in the court system as a result of neglect or abuse. I will miss my neighbor Kay! Rendell Butler

Rendell Butler - January 02, 2018 at 06:04 PM

JP

“ Judy Penn lit a candle in memory of Kay Harrod



Judy Penn - January 02, 2018 at 05:53 PM

ME

“*Kay was the first person I met after moving to Breckenridge Blvd. my side yard backed up to her back yard. We had many chats over the fence and on her beautiful back porch! I will miss her beautiful smile and all the laughter that came from her porch with the many friends and family that had the privilege to sit there with her! She loved her family and friends with all her heart and always showed that love. I will miss you my friend! May you Rest In Peace. Marcia Egbert*

Marcia Egbert - January 02, 2018 at 04:18 PM



Thank you Marcia for sharing your pool and basketball goal when her nephews came to visit.

Peggy Meyer - January 14, 2018 at 05:45 PM