



Karon "Kay" Elizabeth Moore O'Brien

May 1, 1946 - July 24, 2024

Karon (Kay) Elizabeth Pritchard Moore O'Brien was born in Waco, Texas on May 1, 1946. Her wonderful parents were Edker and Frankie May Huff Pritchard. After her father died, her mother married Robert (Bill) Millsaps who became another wonderful dad.

Kay graduated from Reagon High School in Houston, Texas and Mary Hardin-Baylor College in Belton in 1968 with a B.S. degree in Elementary Education. She taught in the Willow Run School District in Ypsilanti, Michigan, the Lorena Independent School District, and the Lewisville Independent School District for a total of 29 years.

She married Ronald Bradley Moore on August 17, 1968, and had two adorable children, Julie Ann Moore on July 19, 1972, and Jeremy Allen Moore on September 18, 1975. Her precious grandchildren are Jacob Matthew Moore and Hannah Olivia Harlow. Kay has a surviving brother and his wife, Eddie Wayne and Vicki Jo Pritchard.

Kay's son Jeremy Allen Moore died of a heart condition in 2022. She also had a younger sister, Jean Montgomery, who died 10 years ago. Other survivors include Kay's brother-in-law Donald Neil Montgomery and his son Dusty Neil Montgomery, Kay's nephew. There are many other loving cousins and nieces and nephews who survive Kay.

Until her own children started school, Kay worked in the Preschool Department of the First Baptist Church of Woodway in Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, the Women's Bible Study, and the Mothers' Day Out

Program.

After Kay retired from teaching school, she became a Dallas County Master Gardener in 2011. She worked as the coordinator of Plant Sharing for the new classes of Master Gardeners, in the school garden of Anne Frank Elementary School, and in the Farmers Branch Rose Gardens.

On March 4, 2000, Kay married Robert (Bob) Joseph O'Brien who survives her. What a wonderful time she and Bob had together! This happy union had the added benefit of adding many loving sisters-in-law, stepsons and stepdaughters, and grandchildren to Kay's family.

Kay played tennis for exercise and fun in her spare time. Her tennis buddies in Waco and in Dallas became many of her closest friends as well as her classmates at Mary Hardin-Baylor. From childhood neighborhoods, churches (especially Tabernacle Baptist), schools, and parks in Houston came other special friends.

Another hobby with Bob was growing roses in their garden. Happy times were also spent attending meetings at the Antique Rose Emporium during the Festival of Rose weekend and visiting with their gardening friends.

Our family would like to thank the Legacy at Home Hospice Group for all their care for Kay and Bob, especially Jenny Clark, Heather Rey, and Sharon Tucker.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 17. 11:30 AM (CT)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church
5100 W. Plano Pkwy
Plano, TX 75093

Mass will be in the Chapel

Tribute Wall

MH

“ Mike and Ann Harder purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Karon "Kay" Elizabeth Moore O'Brien.



Mike and Ann Harder - August 14, 2024 at 08:46 PM

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“ Mike and Ann Harder planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karon "Kay" Elizabeth Moore O'Brien.

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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Karon "Kay" Elizabeth Moore O'Brien.



August 12, 2024 at 04:23 PM

WP

“ Wayne & Vicki Pritchard planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karon "Kay" Elizabeth Moore O'Brien.

Wayne & Vicki Pritchard - August 11, 2024 at 01:55 PM

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Wayne & Vicki Pritchard - August 11, 2024 at 01:55 PM

LE

“ Kay was always a welcome sight when I invited her to the Carrollton Women's Club fashion show and raffle she didn't win anything but she enjoyed the fashions and the fun. She will be missed.

Loretta Evans - August 10, 2024 at 02:36 PM

HW

We met in Waco through tennis and years later became tennis partners and dear friends. She was a joy to be around and had such a sweet spirit. But, she also was a fierce competitor on the court which brought many years of fun tennis for me! Her skill as a "master gardener" showed in her own backyard with her beautiful rose garden! There are so many close friend moments and I will miss her terribly. I know because of her faith that she's in heaven...love you Kay!

Hilde Woods - August 12, 2024 at 12:46 PM

JJ

“ Kay and I were close friends from about the second grade through high school. She moved away when her dad died. She was a good friend and companion during my teenage years. Her mom is special to me too. We called each other regularly and shared fond memories. I got to meet Bob when I was in school with SW Bell in Dallas. We went out to dinner many times on my visits. Thank you Bob for caring for my dear friend when she got sick. Sending love and prayers to the family. ~~ Jane Janczak

Jane Janczak - August 07, 2024 at 03:02 PM