



Kathryn "Kathy" Margaret Chesley

February 1, 1954 - March 31, 2024

Kathryn Margaret Chesley 70, Plano, Texas, beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, daughter – in law and friend. Died on Easter morning, March 31, 2024, at Texas Health Presbyterian Plano hospital.

Memorial services to be April 13, 2024. Visitation will be from 2-4, Service at 4:00 PM at Distinctive Life Funeral Services - 1617 N. Central Expressway, Plano, TX 75075.

Kathryn was born in Stuttgart, Germany on Feb 1st, 1954, to James Lincoln Smith and Barbara June (Hunt) Smith, both were in the military.

Kathryn attended schools in Arizona and California, she received her Associated of Arts at Scottsdale Community college and her Bachelor of Arts at Arizona State and her teachers' certificate in Arizona. Kathryn served as a substitute teacher in Los Angeles unified school district. She then joined the Air Force and went through officers training school and commissioned as an Air Force 2nd Lieutenant January 1979. She was stationed at Hanscomb Air Force base near Boston, Massachusetts – Where she later met the love of her life, Allen Chesley and were married August 1980. After various assignments including Iceland, she separated from the Air Force as a Captain in October 1989. Kathryn taught at Plano Independent School district from 1998 until her retirement in 2018. Kathryn was very active in the Boy Scouts, holding several

positions, earning the Silver Beaver award and taught at scouting school from 1998 to 2018.

Surviving Kathryn are her husband, Allen Chesley of 44 years, son James and wife (Elizabeth) and her grandchildren Harrison and Amy Chesley of Plano, Texas, Her Mother in Law, June Chesley of Missouri, Sister in law Val and Stephen Reilly of Missouri, Brother in law David Baumgarten of Iowa, Sister in law Rhonda Chesley of Washington State, Brother in law Arlyn Chesley of Murphy, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Sister Caren Rose, Father in law Alvin Chesley, Sister in law Joyce Baumgarten.

Memorials can be sent to Circle 10 Boy Scouts

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 13. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Distinctive Life Funeral Home
1611 N Central Expy
Plano, TX 75075

Memorial Service for Kathy Chesley

APR 13. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear of the loss of Kathy. She was a very generous soul and wonderful person that I had the privilege of working with at Clark in 2012. It was my first year and she was a lot of fun. One time, going through a stack of papers I saw a large roach and screamed! She laughed hysterical and we all laughed after that! She was a patient and comforting person as well as knowledgeable and very interesting. She spoke with pride of her family and her love for her “hubby”. Please accept my condolences and my God bless you.

Kathleen Reitzel - April 13, 2024 at 01:24 PM