



Mary Kathryn Parrish

August 20, 1954 - September 25, 2022

Mary Kathryn Parrish, age 68 of Ozark, Arkansas passed away Sunday September 25, 2022 in Little Rock, Arkansas surrounded by her family. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Ozark, proud member of the OHS Class of 1972, member of the Booster Club, the Hillbilly Foundation, proud supporter of her family, staunch defender of her children, and anyone whom she felt didn't have an advocate in their corner. It was important to her to teach the importance of volunteering, and putting others before yourself. Kathy worked many years as a Medical Technician in numerous hospitals throughout the area, spending the vast majority of those years at Turner Memorial and Johnson County Regional. She loved the sounds of Motown, dancing, sports, kids, debating/arguing, the sounds of the OHS band, waving her pom-poms, ringing her cowbell, cheering along with the cheerleaders, dancing to "The Horse", Brother Ted's shotgun signaling an Ozark touchdown, and all the sights and sounds of football on a Friday night at Hillbilly Stadium. Kathy was born August 20, 1954 at Turner Memorial in Ozark to JD and Mildred Parrish. She is preceded in death by her parents.

Kathy is survived by one daughter, Sarah Holland of Mulberry, Arkansas; two sons, Bronson Ruston and wife Tessa of Ozark, and Mike Cumming of Little Rock; life companion James Holland; seven grandchildren, Emma Ruston, Ryan, Elly, Nathan, Charlie, and Andrew Hopper, and Hannah Goodwin; her big brother, Gerald Parrish and wife Darlene of Ozark; one niece, April

Richard and husband Keith; one nephew, Robert Parrish and wife Kristen; four great nieces, Tori, Kelsey, Hallie, and Macy Jo; three great nephews, Daniel, Benjamin, and Samuel; one great great niece, Elly; one great great nephew, Lane; and she was looking forward to the arrival of her great grandson coming in January, Emmett Hopper.

Visitation will be 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Wednesday September 28, 2022 at Shaffer Funeral Home 2315 West Commercial Street in Ozark.

Funeral Service will be 10:00 A.M. Thursday September 29, 2022 at Shaffer Funeral Home with Pastor Robert Parrish and Brother Brad Elrod officiating, with burial at Oak Ridge Cemetery Lower Jethro Road in Ozark under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Mike Cumming, Andrew Hopper, Nathan Hopper, Ryan Hopper, Daniel Richard, Keith Richard, Jeremie Burns, and Robbie Woolsey. Honorary pallbearers will be the OHS Class of 1972, her former co-workers in the Lab, and the OHS Football Staff.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Ozark Athletic Booster Club, 3001 Mistie Lane Ozark, Arkansas 72949.

To leave an online memorial visit www.shafferfuneralhomeweb.com

Cemetery Details

Oak Ridge Cemetery

Lower Jethro Road
Ozark, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **28**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Shaffer Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

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Burial

SEP **29** (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Shaffer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Kathryn Parrish*



Shaffer Funeral Home - September 27, 2022 at 06:46 PM



God bless Kathy and comfort the family during this very difficult time. Bill and Patsy Bunch

Bill Bunch - September 29, 2022 at 07:46 AM



“ *Mary Kathryn Parrish*

January 30, 2023 at 02:28 AM



“ *Bill Bunch lit a candle in memory of Mary Kathryn Parrish*



Bill Bunch - September 29, 2022 at 12:37 PM



“ *Purple Open Rose with White Mums (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Mary Kathryn Parrish.*



September 28, 2022 at 07:48 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Kathryn Parrish.*



September 28, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Kathryn Parrish.*



September 27, 2022 at 07:42 PM



“ *Matt and Christy Withem purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Mary Kathryn Parrish.*



Matt and Christy Withem - September 27, 2022 at 06:56 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mary Kathryn Parrish.*



September 27, 2022 at 11:59 AM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Mary Kathryn Parrish.*



September 27, 2022 at 11:11 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Kathryn Parrish.*



September 27, 2022 at 10:50 AM

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“ I still remember the first time we meeting Kathy, she was my neighbor for many years. And I also remember meeting her at an Ozark hillbilly football game for my first time I believe it was my senior year back in 2008 she was always at the football game. If she was not there you knew something was wrong. She certainly did that the fight song for the Ozark Hillbillies. The horse I will always remember watching her dancing to the horse cheering on the M hillbillies and always dancing, of course and I know she loved our mascot shoot on the shotgun because she knew what that meant. I even remember meeting her at the grocery store IGA now harps she was a very loyal customer. If I did not see her in the store, I knew something was wrong. She will always be remembered in my heart. She may be gone, but she is not forgotten.#hprd. And I know she always loved listening to me on Drive Time Sports.. from the sports information Director for the Ozark hillbillies

Chris Barr - September 27, 2022 at 10:38 AM