



Kathy Elaine Berger

September 10, 1959 - June 8, 2021

Kathy Elaine Marshall Berger, age 61, of Newport, TN, passed away on June 8, 2021, at Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center. She was preceded in death by her parents, Mildred and Billy Marshall. She is survived by her husband, Tom Berger, daughter Lauren Kelley Berger, son John Thomas Berger. Kathy is also survived by her sister, Carolyn Marshall of Rowlett, Texas.

Kathy was known throughout the community as the Director of the Bread Basket for almost seven years. Her passion for those who struggle with food insecurity extended especially to the elderly. Even amid the pandemic, she kept the mission open three days a week. Caring for volunteers and clients alike, Kathy left no resource untouched to provide food to an average of 10,000 persons every year. Business leaders, faith-based organizations, and community members participated in the mission under Kathy's leadership. Born in Garland, Texas to Mildred and Billy Marshall, Kathy attended college in Dallas and managed a savings and loan firm in that city. She met her future husband, Tom, in Dallas in 1981. They were married in 1986. Together they have two children: Lauren and John. Kathy was a devoted wife and mother. She encouraged Tom as his career took him around the world. She was an active Boy Scout parent which included nurturing John, to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. She guided Lauren as she graduated from college, trained in EMS, and then went on model Kathy's volunteer spirit at our local animal shelter and the Bread Basket. As an active member of the community, Kathy enjoyed promoting the Bread Basket by telling her stories in churches

throughout the area.

Kathy and Tom attended First United Methodist Church of Newport where Kathy was a member of the Ladies Bible Study. They also shared a passion for motorcycle riding. Kathy logged over 100,000 miles in her travels.

A Celebration of Life, officiated by Rev. David Woody, will be held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, June 16, at First United Methodist Church in Newport. Kathy's ashes will take their final flight piloted by her son, John. He will fly the mission over the Blue Ridge Mountains where Kathy loved to ride.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online: www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 16. 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church Chapel

Tribute Wall



“ *Kathy Elaine Berger*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Tom Lauren and John*

I was just thinking of you and was so sad that Kathy my very best friend for so many years had passed away. Sending all my love and prayers.

Kass ksprol@gmail.com

Kass Sprole - June 18, 2021 at 12:35 AM

 Doug
Bostick

“ We were unaware of Kathy's passing until Tom called the salon this morning to cancel Kathy's hair appointment that was scheduled for next week. She has been driving all the way to Maryville to get her hair done since August of 2019! As one might imagine, bonds are formed in the salon environment. Conversations take place and the stylist/guest relationship becomes quite close! We have decided not to tell Moneta until the end of the day today, but know this... Kathy will be missed by the staff of Hair Experience! She was one of our favorite guests... extremely kind and personable. Missy at Front Desk was very shaken after Tom's call, and even she had shared some meaningful interactions with Kathy over the past few years! It was nice to see in the obituary that David Woody is Kathy and Tom's pastor. I've known David since we were youth attending summer camp in the early to mid 80's. I'm certain that David and Kathy, when teamed together, made quite the impact for feeding the hungry and caring for the least of these in the Newport area! We will certainly miss you Kathy!

*Doug Bostick, Owner, Moneta & Staff
Hair Experience, Maryville TN*

Doug Bostick - June 17, 2021 at 01:17 PM

SL

“ My sincerest condolences to You and The Berger Family.

Sonya Marie Lopez

Sonya M. Lopez - June 17, 2021 at 12:24 AM

MN

“ So sorry for your loss. Your family are in my thoughts and prayers 🙏
Montye Neas (a former Breadbasket volunteer)



Montye Neas - June 15, 2021 at 10:42 PM

DN

“ I met Kathy about 10 years ago. At that time we were both members of the same motorcycle group. I am going to miss the fun we had tackling the twisties and trying to dodge the rain to stay dry. I will miss her sense of humor as well. She loved the mountains and motorcycling and often talked about that.

I am saddened by this loss and want to express to Tom, Lauren, John and Kathy's entire family my deepest sympathies.

Don Newman - June 15, 2021 at 07:48 PM

BB

“ My deepest condolences. I knew Kathy only briefly while we were in a garden club together. Not long after she joined the club, she resigned to take the position at the Bread Basket and I only saw her once or twice after that. Her devotion and integrity were obvious. Although I didn't know Kathy well, she enriched my life. She will be missed.

Betty Bolden - June 15, 2021 at 05:07 PM

JB

“ Jay and Karen Barker purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Kathy Elaine Berger.



Jay and Karen Barker - June 15, 2021 at 07:39 AM

JK

“ My condolence to your family. Prayers for all of you.

Janey Clevenger Kinser - June 15, 2021 at 12:51 AM

SA

“ My friend, Kathy & I have shared so many laughs together over the years, that I chose to remember her as I knew her. What an incredible source of light for so MANY sending lots of love & prayers. Susan Ashmore Ellison.

Susan G. Ashmore - June 14, 2021 at 03:34 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kathy Elaine Berger.



June 14, 2021 at 02:00 PM



“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Kathy Elaine Berger.



June 13, 2021 at 02:26 PM



“ Paul and I are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers for you and your family are for comfort and healing.
Paul & Melissa Haislip

Melissa Haislip - June 12, 2021 at 12:02 AM



“ Sorry for the family's loss , she will be missed by many people that she helped

Liz McNabb - June 11, 2021 at 10:39 PM



“ Kathy was a true servant! She gave her resources. time, heart, and soul to the Bread Basket ministry when she joined with the other servants there. Kathy made a difference! She was the real deal! We should follow her example.

I enjoyed Kathy's comments and perspectives she shared in Bible studies. She will missed by so many. Family and friends because Kathy will live in our hearts forever is never to die. God bless and keep you.

Pauline Proffitt - June 11, 2021 at 09:40 PM

CW

“ Tom, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. A lifetime together is never enough. Your great love story is beautiful to all who know you. I'm keeping you in my thoughts. My heart goes out to you and to everyone who loved her.

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Psalms" 34:18

Carla Warren - June 11, 2021 at 07:26 PM

CH

“ Candace Hill purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kathy Elaine Berger.



Candace Hill - June 11, 2021 at 06:34 PM

CH

“ Candace Hill purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Kathy Elaine Berger.



Candace Hill - June 11, 2021 at 06:30 PM

DL

“ My very deepest sympathy to you and your family. You always spoke so lovingly of her and had great stories of the life you shared together.

Daphney Louis - June 11, 2021 at 06:26 PM

BE

“ I am sorry for your loss. She has wings in heaven now. May God hold her close and ease your loss.

Betsy - June 11, 2021 at 08:15 AM

CT

“ First time I met Kathy was about 15 years ago when we became realtors together in Ohio. From then she became one of my dearest friends. I loved the time we spent together and with our families. I will miss my friend and find it hard to believe I will never talk with her again.

God bless Tom, Lauren and John.

Carole Terpak - June 11, 2021 at 08:15 AM

BK

“ Tom I'm so sorry to hear of this it comes as a shock. I miss seeing you all. I loved seeing Kathy come in and talk to us about going riding. You and Lauren are in my thoughts.



Bart Kyker - June 11, 2021 at 02:06 AM

JB

“ Kathy will be missed always. With the help of her husband and children she was able to devote full time to the community of Newport and Cocke County. She was always willing to accept anyone who needed help and find a way to deliver. Her enthusiasm and dedication to Central Charities (Breadbasket) will always be remembered by the volunteers of Cocke County. We sincerely feel her loss.

Peace and love to the family from all in our county.

Jeanne Wilson Birdwell

Jeanne Birdwell - June 10, 2021 at 09:37 PM

KI

“ Kathy was a vital part of our Bible study. She was loved by all of us. We will miss her dearly! She brought such joy and laughter to our group! Her passion for the hungry people in our community was an inspiration to all! May the Lord comfort you and give you peace!

Karen Inman - June 10, 2021 at 08:39 PM

DO

“ Our very deepest sympathy. Kathy was such a vital, integral part of our community. She will be sorely missed.

Duay and Kay O'Neil - June 10, 2021 at 07:08 PM

LD

“ Sincere Condolences.

Matthew 5:4



Linda & Bud Dawson - June 10, 2021 at 05:52 PM