



Kay Mardis

March 2, 1949 - January 6, 2021

Kay Eastep Mardis, 71 of Arab passed away Wednesday, January 6, 2021, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. Kay was born March 2, 1949 in Arab the daughter of T. H. "Tut" Eastep and Roberta Shelton Eastep. Kay was a graduate of Arab High School Class of 1967, attended the University of Alabama receiving a degree in education. She was a Home Economics Teacher at Arab High School until her retirement. She was a lifetime member of the Arab First Baptist Church.

Kay is survived by her Children: Jeff Mardis (Michelle) of Birmingham and Jennifer King (Ty) of Arab; Grandchildren: Anna Mardis, Mallory Mardis, Kayleigh King and Lawson King; Brother: Billy Eastep (Becky) of Madison; Brother-in-law: Kenny Mardis (Linda) of Guntersville. She was preceded in death by: Husband: Mike Mardis; Parents: Tut and Roberta Eastep.

For the wellbeing of the family and friends there will be a PRIVATE SERVICE at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 9, 2021, at the Arab First Baptist Church with Paul Murphy officiating. The service will be live streamed via the Arab First Baptist Church website, Arabfbc.org, You Tube and Facebook. Burial will follow in the Arab Memorial Cemetery, Gober Funeral Chapel Directing.

The family has requested in Lieu of Flowers to please make donations to the Arab First Baptist Church.

Cemetery Details

Arab Memorial Cemetery

450 South Main Street
Arab, AL 35016

Tribute Wall



“ *Kay Mardis*

October 23, 2023 at 12:35 AM



“ *Nalani McNary lit a candle in memory of Kay Mardis*



Nalani McNary - June 09, 2021 at 04:15 PM



“ *I remember Kay and Mike from AHS and was saddened to hear of her passing. They were both so cheerful to be around. May God comfort the family during this difficult time.*

Jeff Reynolds - January 12, 2021 at 12:21 PM



“ *Scarlett Tidmore Peel lit a candle in memory of Kay Mardis*



Scarlett Tidmore Peel - January 10, 2021 at 12:46 PM

DR

“ *It was with deep sadness that I learned of Kay's death. She was most kind certainly as other have posted here. As a fellow worker for many years, she was totally cooperative, good spirited, and academically on-spot with her lessons and presentations.*

While writing this I do recall one male student who asked me to put him in Mrs. Mardis' HoMek class. He pronounced it just that way. I did send him to her HoMek.

*I fondly recall from time to time many former teachers at AHS who have passed;
but at the present, her death causes me additional sadness because when just a single breathe at the wrong place can cause death or long term medical care. Then, those who pass cause permanent vacancies within the family unit and the broader civic life of the community. Kay certainly contributed to the civic affairs of Arab from church, parade chair, clubs, etc.*

As I read her obituary I saw the name of her father, Tut, and mother, Roberta, which made me recall those two nice people who, like Kay, were kind and appreciated within the community.

Don Richards, Fort Myers FL 33919-6719-66

Don Richards - January 10, 2021 at 11:43 AM

KP

“ Kay was very special to all of us and one of the sweetest people you could ever come to know. She came into our family when she married my cousin Michael and she taught Home Ec to Becky (and her sister Mary Jo) before Becky and I were married. Becky said she was loved by all who ever had her as a teacher. She was certainly loved by all of us. She always had a smile and a quiet, calm demeanor that was indeed Christ like and seen and felt by all who met her.



We will continue to pray for you Jeff and Jennifer and your families. We know you feel sadness and loss, but you know that the Lord is with you for strength and comfort. Kay will truly be missed.

The memorial service was beautiful. Sorry we could not attend to give you support and honor your Mom in person. Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you.

We love you all.

Kevin & Becky Parker and family.

Kevin Parker - January 09, 2021 at 03:43 PM

JM

“ Such a sweet spirit throughout her life.

Janet Moore - January 09, 2021 at 12:18 PM

KD

“ I was blessed to know this precious lady not only as a sweet friend, but also as a mentor in life. She was my Sunday School teacher and Home Education teacher as well. Ms. Mardis touched the lives of many not only in our community but as far away as Guatemala. She was a Kingdom builder! She loved the Lord and shared her faith with many! I am a better person because of her! Love and blessing to her family during this time. Kaye Grissett Dean



Kaye Dean - January 09, 2021 at 11:29 AM

PC

“ When I think about Kay, I think of the Love of God pouring from her in such power, it permeated the whole area around us. She had a way of causing me to feel so important and highly favored by God and her! My words cannot explain the deep impact she had on my life, even though we weren't together often! The love of Jesus is personified in my memories of her!

Patsy Betterton Carter - January 09, 2021 at 10:05 AM

LM

“ Linda Maze lit a candle in memory of Kay Mardis



Linda Maze - January 08, 2021 at 10:49 PM

SF

“ *Scott Stewart & Family purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Kay Mardis.*



Scott Stewart & Family - January 08, 2021 at 08:50 PM



“ *Peggy Berry lit a candle in memory of Kay Mardis*



Peggy Berry - January 08, 2021 at 06:41 PM

MV

“ *I wasn't blessed to know Mrs. Mardis, but I know her son Jeff. Having raised such an outstanding son, I know she had to be a fantastic mother and daughter of God. Please accept my prayers for the entire family.*

Mike Vergo - January 08, 2021 at 03:42 PM

MV

“ *Mike Vergo lit a candle in memory of Kay Mardis*



Mike Vergo - January 08, 2021 at 03:39 PM

MS

“ I was a close childhood friend of Kay. I have many happy childhood memories of our time spent together in each other's homes. We were in each other's weddings. One of my earliest memories is of seeing a television for the first time in the Eastep's home. I can still see her smile. She was the laugh of a party and seemed to light up a room by her presence. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. I was informed of her illness by a mutual friend here in Huntsville so I had the opportunity of being one of the 700 plus people who were praying for her. Jennifer, I really appreciated your testimony when you posted informing us of her passing. Our friend faithfully forwarded your posts on to me so I knew how to pray. Then I passed them on to three of my most faithful prayer warriors and they were faithfully praying too and were very concerned although they didn't know her personally. Jennifer, Jeff, Billy and all the family may God greatly comfort you now and in the days ahead as you have so beautifully stated in your testimony, "God is faithful."
Mary Morris Starnes

Mary Morris Starnes - January 08, 2021 at 03:31 PM

MS

“ *Mary Morris Starnes lit a candle in memory of Kay Mardis*



Mary Morris Starnes - January 08, 2021 at 02:50 PM

DF

“ *Please be aware of our prayers and our thoughts during this time. If you need help in any way, please don't hesitate to call.*
Delbert Freeman Chaplain Cullman Regional

Delbert Freeman - January 08, 2021 at 02:32 PM



“ Polly Jex lit a candle in memory of Kay Mardis



Polly Jex - January 08, 2021 at 12:15 PM

 Cheri
Renee
Hester

“ So sorry For Mrs Kay Mardis ' Family I had her as a Home Ec teacher I Loved her so much . I got to see her at Captn Ds a bout a year ago and she was still as pretty and had her Beautiful smiling eyes . I was so happy i got to see her and she knew who I was too RIP Mrs. MARDIS



Cheri Renee Hester - January 08, 2021 at 11:44 AM

JD

“ A true Earth Angel❤️

judy davis - January 08, 2021 at 10:45 AM

NB

“ Kay was a sweet soul. If you met her out in public she always drew you in with her smile. Whether you were or not, when she spoke with you she made you feel as if you were speaking with your best friend. I know her family will miss her greatly and take comfort in knowing she is rejoicing in the fulfillment of Jesus' promise.

Nancy Black - January 08, 2021 at 10:16 AM

NW

“ *She was such a sweet lady but she walking today no pain. Prayers God be with y'all.*



Nancy Wilks - January 08, 2021 at 10:12 AM

PB

“ *Prayers for The God of all Glory to comfort your hearts. Truly an honor & blessing to have known Mr. & Miss Mardis, from school years till present day, Mr. Mardis helped coach Arab Jr.High Football when I played. Met Miss Mardis when I got in High School. They were truly a blessing & an encouragement to all who met them. She truly lived everyday and allowed the love of Christ to shine through her daily walk in life. What a SMILE !!!!*

Yours in Christ, Phillip Bagwell

Phillip D Bagwell - January 08, 2021 at 09:47 AM



“ *Debora Lewis lit a candle in memory of Kay Mardis*



Debora Lewis - January 08, 2021 at 09:38 AM

LA

“ Kay always told me “when you pray for a child, like I did with your babies, they become yours”. I gladly shared them with her because 1) loving my kids is a straight shot at winning me over and 2) who wouldn't want their children under the wing of Kay Mardis? Kay had a unique gift in being able to be a generational bridge of sorts. Everyone, young to old, knew who she was— her reputation preceded her and it was a reputation we should all strive for. The Bible tells us that the path is narrow. I like to imagine when Kay looked back on her life's path she saw the blossoms of seeds sewn; a life lived of a good and faithful servant who happened to also love peonies.

Leslie Allen - January 07, 2021 at 09:06 PM

JC

“ June Coker Cagle lit a candle in memory of Kay Mardis



June Coker Cagle - January 07, 2021 at 07:47 PM

AH

“ I love Mrs. Mardis so much. I love you too Jennifer. Praying for you during this difficult time.



Angie Harris - January 07, 2021 at 07:42 PM

B6

“ Betty King Whisenant Class Of 65 lit a candle in memory of Kay Mardis



Betty King Whisenant Class of 65 - January 07, 2021 at 06:57 PM

TB

First my teacher, then a life long friend. Her eyes had a twinkle, her smile showed love. A servants heart ❤️. Loved by all who knew her. Cared deeply for everyone. She will be missed and her testimony will help others. Kay is celebrating with Jesus. “Well done my faithful servant , I know she heard”. Pure JOY still fills her sweet soul. 💖

Teresa Joy Rainwater Gilliland Breland - January 07, 2021 at 09:53 PM



Kay was a friend for life even though our paths didnt pass that often, I could relate to her as it were yesterday. We were close in the 2nd grade. She means a lot to me.

Polly Jex - January 08, 2021 at 12:15 PM

CB

“ Linn and I are so sorry to hear of Kay's death. We have known her for a very long time, especially, Linn. She used to live down the street from the Brannons and attended most of the birthday parties at their house. She was a very special lady, and will be missed by many friends. May God bless all of you.

Carolyn Brannon - January 07, 2021 at 06:40 PM