



# **KATHRYN "KATHY" PAULEY SHIPLETT**

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**P**ERRY –

Kathryn "Kathy" Pauley Shiplett, also lovingly referred to as "Granny K," went home to be with the Lord on Monday, October 2, 2023. She was 75. Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2023, at Watson-Hunt Funeral Home. Visitation will begin at 12 Noon, and the Funeral will begin at 1:00 p.m. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions to Meals on Wheels, P. O. Box 118, Warner Robins, GA 31099.

Kathy was born on September 7, 1948, in Charleston, West Virginia, to the late Cleston and Carrie McCallister Pauley. After graduating from high school, she went on to further her education and earned her degree in nursing from Broward Junior College in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Kathy had a servant's heart and always cared for others before herself. Her first job was as a cardiac nurse at Holy Cross in Fort Lauderdale. As the spouse of an Air Force serviceman, she moved across the United States and soon found her love of school nursing at the North Star Borough School System in Fairbanks, Alaska. She moved to the Perry area in 1984, working as a pediatric nurse at Houston Healthcare, where she would remain the weekend Nursing Supervisor for the next thirty years. After leaving her full-time position, she became the first nurse for the Houston County School District. A natural leader, Kathy was instrumental in developing the nursing program within the school system and hiring nurses and med techs for every school in the county. She had a love for children, particularly the special needs population, and touched many, many lives within HCBOE, including students, teachers, administrators, and support staff. She also retired from HCBOE after twenty-seven years of service.

Sundays were special to Kathy, as she was a long-time, active member of Henderson Baptist Church. Through the years, she taught Sunday School to every age group, from three-year-olds through fifth grade. She loved the Lord and delighted in teaching the gospel to even the youngest of God's children. Kathy loved traveling with her best friend, Beth, also known as "Auntie Beth," and sharing pictures and memories of their travels with everyone. Kathy was blessed to have a



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large family, and moments spent with them were treasured, especially when all her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were there.

Kathy was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Charles Pauley; three infant grandchildren; three great-grandchildren, Carson-Riley, Raelynn Kathryn, and Hayden Neil; and her best friend, Beth McKinney.

Left to cherish the memories they made with "Granny K" are her loving and devoted daughters, Kandia Murray (Jim) of Wheatland, Wyoming, Carrie Shiplett of Perry, Karen Putman (Tim), of Perry, and Kimberly Curry (Patrick) of Delbarton, West Virginia; the girls' father, Dave Shiplett (Jenny), and their younger brother, David Shiplett; her sister, Karen Cole of Kathleen; her grandchildren, Cleston Lee Murray (Kara), Sydney Murray (Clay), Hayley Viles (Quinton Hutchinson), Cara-Lee Viles (Aaron Banks), Walker Viles (Gracie), Grace Putman (Arthur Thompson), Annabelle Putman (Tucker Jarrett), McKayla Baker (Justin), Steven Riley Carter, Emilee-Faith Palfy (Dave), Dennis Williams, and Brooklynn Curry; her great-grandchildren, Jain Baker, Raegan-Grace Palfy, Georgia-Grace Bohannon, Gatlin Viles, and Arlo Flynn and a host of cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Condolences for the family may be left in the online guestbook at [www.watsonhunt.com](http://www.watsonhunt.com). Watson-Hunt Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.






# Events

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## Visitation

-  **Saturday**, October 7, 2023
-  12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ET
-  **Watson - Hunt Funeral Home**  
1208 Main Street, Perry GA 31069




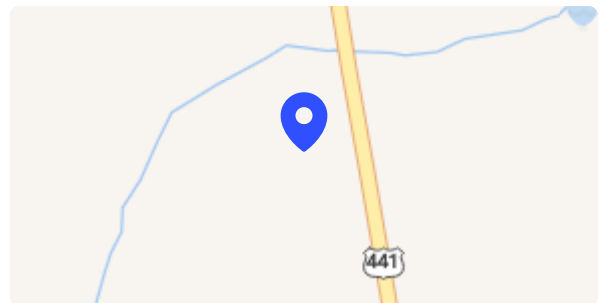
## Funeral

-  **Saturday**, October 7, 2023
-  1:00 PM ET
-  **Watson - Hunt Funeral Home**  
1208 Main Street, Perry GA 31069



## Cemetery Details

-  **PRIVATE**  
GA





## Tribute Wall

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**Phil Bridges** posted:

Nurse Shiplett nicknamed our son Jeffrey "Turkey Toes" not long after he was born at Houston Healthcare 38 years ago. She was instrumental in his care during his many hospitalizations over the years. I am so thankful Kathy was there for us. May God bless her.

September 16 at 4:53 PM



**Sandra Smith** posted:

Phil and I worked with Kathy for many years in the school system, Perry High and Warner Robins Middle. She was always full of personality and could come up with unique solutions to some of the problems we experienced! She will be missed! Our sympathy to the family. Sandy and Phil Smith


October 19 at 5:32 PM



**Gwen Tribble** posted:

Kathy was such a precious lady who walked out her Christian talk 100% of the time! She radiated love and joy and had a magnetic charm where children were concerned. Little ones know who care and which adults are sincere, and maybe that's why they would rush around "Granny K" from the time she entered the church doors! Kathy's smile at their various antics let others know that she enjoyed the attention of the children—kind of reminded me of Jesus! As long as she was able, she would gladly volunteer to help with Sunday School, Children's Church, or Vacation Bible School—any activity that would benefit the children that she so loved! I had first met Kathy when she was still nursing at one of the schools where I was teaching, and those students adored her too. Adults like me were pretty fond of her as well because she always had a kind smile and encouraging word to share, and would pray with you about any problem you were dealing with. The world is going to miss Kathy Shiplett and my heart goes out to her daughters and extended family ❤️

October 7 at 10:50 AM

 **Kimberly Curry** October 8 at 12:33 PM  
Thank you for sharing these memories



**Mary** sent a virtual gift in honor of KATHRYN "KATHY".

Dear Kathy, May your soul and spirit find eternal peace and happiness. May God guide you to Rest in Peace. Sending all prayers and my deepest condolences for the family. Mary

October 7 at 10:42 AM





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**Robin And Dave Vogelsang** posted:

Your mom was such an amazing friend to so many. I will always treasure the times we spent over the last 50 years, laughing, crying, learning, praying, traveling and sharing so many special times together. Ive watched you girls grow up, get married and have children of your own. We even were blessed with grandchildren and greats!! Kathy cherished each day of her life. While we miss her terribly, her words, laughter, and love live on in our hearts and memories. God bless each of you and know we love you and will continue to be be there for you in any way you may need. ❤️🙏🦋

October 7 at 9:02 AM



**Kimberly Curry** October 8 at 12:34 PM

We love you!



**Pat Bryant** posted:

So sorry to hear of Kathy's passing. My condolences and prayers for her family. I've known Kathy for many years and worked with her. A great nurse and loved her job. She will be missed. ❤️❤️🙏🦋

October 6 at 6:21 AM



**Meals On Wheels** sent a Classic Sympathy Dish Garden to the SHIPLETT family.



October 5 at 8:00 AM



**Meals On Wheels** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of KATHRYN "KATHY".



October 5 at 8:00 AM



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ED

**Evelyn Hall Layfield Davidson** posted:

Kathy was a very special person and I was blessed to have known her and work with her at the Houston County School system. She was a special nurse to my son when he was in the Houston Medical Center when he was a young child and very sick. She was the only person that could start an iv and not make him yell and scream. Praying for her family and know I will spend eternity with her.

October 5 at 6:50 AM

AL

**Anne N Langston** October 5 at 2:57 PM

Kathy was a great person and loved the Lord. She loved her family. She was always willing to listen to every person who needed her and she gave good Godly advice. She will be greatly missed by both young and old.

SB

**Susan Brown** posted:

Kathy was such a compassionate and caring lady. It was an honor to work with her through the school system's needs of students. 🙏❤️

October 5 at 6:19 AM

JC

**Jane Collier** posted:

Kathy was one of the best nurses I have ever known. She cared for my daughter numerous times as a pediatric patient at Houston Medical Center, when she was growing up, and was hospitalized and very sick, so many times. She had a kind, gentle, and very caring nature. Many thoughts and prayers to all of her family. God bless. Jane Collier

October 5 at 2:58 AM

BL

**Becky Largent** posted:

I have known Kathy for many, many years. She was, indeed, a special lady, a compassionate nurse, and a kind soul. I know Charlie welcomed her with open arms. My prayers go out to her family. May you be sustained by your precious memories. Becky Largent

October 4 at 6:16 PM



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**Sabrina Phelps** lit a candle in honor of KATHRYN "KATHY".

Such a beautiful soul ❤️. Kathy played a major role in establishing the Nurse Aid program at the Houston College and Career Academy to prepare future healthcare professionals. ☐

October 4 at 6:11 PM



**Jill Williams** lit a candle in honor of KATHRYN "KATHY".

So sorry to hear this. She was such a beautiful person. Wonderful nurse and mentor to all her fellow nurses.

October 4 at 5:24 PM



**Caleb Bohannon** posted:

I was very blessed to have had the opportunity to have this amazing woman be apart of my life. I will forever cherish the moments and memories that I was given with her in those times, and the relationship we shared. She was an amazing woman and always had love in her heart! Rest in peace♥  
🙏 Caleb bohannon

October 4 at 5:19 PM



**April Bohannon** posted:

What an amazing lady that had such a love for children! I will always cherish our friendship and the privilege to have worked with her. Rest in peace my dear friend!April Bohannon

October 4 at 5:08 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Lavender & White Sympathy Floor Basket to the SHIPLETT family.

October 4 at 4:55 PM





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**Lynn Shepherd** posted:

Kathy truly had a servant's heart. She was kind, fun and dedicated to helping others. I am praying for all the family as I know her death is a huge loss. May God comfort each of you.

October 4 at 2:20 PM



**Kathy Rhoades** posted:

I had the Privilege of working with Kathy when I was hired as one of the first Med Techs in the system. Kathy was such a special lady to work for. Kathy was such a caring person. Because of Kathy I learned so much being a Med Tech and taking care of the kids of Houston County. My sincere condolences to Kathy's family. Kathy will be sorely missed. Rest in peace Kathy.

October 4 at 2:18 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket to the SHIPLETT family.



October 4 at 10:36 AM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of KATHRYN "KATHY".



October 4 at 10:36 AM



**Marianne Melnick** posted:

What a treasure Kathy was to all that knew her. I never doubted her advice and direction when we both worked for the HCBOE. She had a calming demeanor and a smile that lit up the room. She truly loved what she was doing and loved those who worked with her. I am honored to have known her and call her my friend and colleague. To the family, celebrate her life as it was one to cherish.

October 4 at 9:04 AM



**Lydia Abell** October 4 at 6:11 PM

Kathy was a wonderful friend and a pleasure to work with at HHC. She never met a stranger. Always helpful. Prayers for her family. I know she's rejoicing with Charlie and all her loved ones in heaven.



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**Tabitha Harrell Harris** posted:

I'm honored to have met and worked for such a wonderful woman. She was smart, loving and had a compassion for the students in this county. Rest in love Ms. Kathy.

October 4 at 8:38 AM

NO

**Norman** posted:

I may not have ever met her, but if you're a reflection of her, she must have been really amazing. Norman Meeley

October 4 at 8:30 AM

RW

**Rita Welch** October 4 at 10:23 AM

I had the privilege of knowing and working with Kathy for a number of years. I enjoyed it and loved her very much. She was an awesome lady. We will miss her smile and her wit and wisdom. Love, Rita Welch

SK

**Sandi K** October 4 at 8:49 AM

I have many happy memories of our cousin times in West Virginia. She truly loved all her family and we will miss her.



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring KATHRYN "KATHY" by  
contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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