



Katharine Stevenson

July 8, 1948 - March 22, 2010

Katharine Allen Stevenson, 61, Topeka, passed away at Midland Hospice House. Katharine was born July 8, 1948 in North Platte, NE the daughter of Harold Richard and Harriette Coralee (Messanger) Allen. She taught elementary school in New Mexico and Germany before becoming an accountant. She has resided in Topeka since 1983. Kathy married Jay C. Stevenson on September 10, 1983 in Junction City, KS. Family, church, music and her work as a CPA were central to Kathy's life. She was a charter member of Susanna Wesley UMC. She played piano for the church services, led the choir, sang in the choir, led the bell choir and other activities at the church. She worked for many years at the local accounting firm Joy and Company (formerly Holmes and Assoc.). Survivors include her husband, Jay Stevenson; son, Craig Stevenson and two brothers, Mike Allen and Kent Allen. Visitation will be Monday from 5:30 to 7:30 at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd., Topeka, KS 66614. Memorial service will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, at Susanna Wesley UMC, 7433 SW 29th, Topeka, KS 66614. Memorial contributions are suggested to Susanna Wesley UMC or Latch Keyboard, sent in care of the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ Katharine Stevenson

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *It is with deep sorrow that we express our condolences to the family of Kathy Stevenson. The Advisory Committee and teachers of the Latch-Keyboard Project are extremely grateful for Kathy's dedicated and valuable service as Treasurer of our organization for six years. Her service was a key element in helping the Latch-Keyboard Project to provide music, movement and keyboard classes for pre-school children and students in kindergarten through 7th grade, at no cost to students. We mourn the passing of a wonderful woman who gave so much to our organization and to the community. From: Shiao-Li Ding, Enid Hickman, Becky Jones, Tad Kramar, Douglas Phenix, Joan Wingerson, Marie Gaither, Laura Cluke, Denise Malo, Jordan Ward.*

Latch Keyboard Project - May 06, 2010 at 09:49 AM



“ *Jay and Craig - I'm so very sorry. Kathy touched everyone she knew in a special way. Her smile, her hugs, her music, her faith, her positive outlook on life...she was such a gift to all of us. Please know you have been and will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers. Love you, Lynn*

Lynn Jenkins - March 27, 2010 at 04:28 PM



“ *I don't know where to start. Kathy was one of my dearest friends. She guided me, listened to me, loved me and my children unconditionally for many many years. We would take lunches and chatter away, she loved mexican and chinesse food. She was honest and straight forward. She was a true gift and blessing in my life. She helped me thru sooo many of life's dilemas. She was very proud of Craig and the young man he is becoming and how tech. smart Jay is. She told me when she retired she was going to keep working but volunteer at Doorstep or some place like that. I could go on forever. I will miss her hugs and I love you's desprately. My deepest thanks to God and her family for sharing her with me. xoxo Gayle, Rebecca and Ryan*

Gayle Hunter - March 24, 2010 at 03:27 PM

PH

“ I am so sorry to learn of Kathy's death. She was my roommate when she first came to Junction City to teach. She was such a soft-spoken kind person. I remember how much she loved singing and what a beautiful voice she had. She also loved dogs and she had a little long-haired dachshund when she lived with me. Please accept my sincerest condolences for your loss.

Peggy Heidebrecht Hannon - March 23, 2010 at 12:47 AM

DP

“ Kathy was the calm in the eye of the storm; I was the naive student teacher across the hall at Jefferson Elementary, Fort Riley, Kansas. My supervising teacher was all of the things a teacher should never be, but right across the hall, Kathy embodied all that was right and good in teaching fifth graders. With absolutely no doubt in my mind, it was Kathy who encouraged, mentored, and understood a frightened college kid. Over thirty years later as a teacher, I am still using some of the lessons learned from this lovely woman. She taught me to still love the kid and to deal with the behavior. She taught me that some of the most important teaching has nothing to do with content, but rather with the heart of the child. She taught me that I could make a difference....daily. To Jay and Craig, please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you, and even though we are deeply disappointed we can't be there physically, we are there in loving heart and sympathetic soul. To her church family, and knowing what she gave of herself, you will be held up, too, as you deal with your loss.

Damon Roberts, 1979-2010 IALAC Member (I Am Lovable and Capable), The Kathy Chapter

Damon Roberts & Jim Pimentel - March 22, 2010 at 10:35 PM

CE

“ Jay and Craig, Kathy was one of the first people I met at SWUMC over 15 years ago. Her smile (and hugs) were there for me every Sunday and I won't soon forget her kindnesses. She reflected Christ in her attitudes and service and I am a better person for knowing her!

Coralee Evans - March 21, 2010 at 10:25 AM

MC

“ I wish to offer my deepest condolences to the Stevenson family in the loss of your loved one. I didn't know Katherine, but I do know how hard it is to lose someone you love in death. So I hope that reading Acts 24:15 will give you some comfort for it says "there is going to be a resurrection" and you can look forward to seeing your loved one again. And may the God of tender mercies continue to bless you and strengthen you through this very difficult time.

Mary Ann Crayton - March 20, 2010 at 11:36 PM

MC

“ I wish to offer my deepest condolences to the Stevenson family in the loss of your loved one. I didn't know Katherine, but I do know how hard it is to lose someone you love in death. So I hope that reading Acts 25:14 will give you some comfort for it says "there is going to be a resurrection" and you can look forward to seeing your loved one again. And may the God of tender mercies continue to bless you and strengthen you through this very difficult time.

Mary Ann Crayton - March 20, 2010 at 11:34 PM

DC

“ I have been thinking about how Kathy has touched the lives of me and my family. She started the first children's choir at church, and my two daughters, Jamie & Kelli, sang in that choir. Kathy played for Don's & my wedding in 1993 and directed the choir, which also sang a song at our wedding. I enjoyed playing piano and singing with Kathy for the last 25 years. She was truly dedicated to music and to the church. We will really miss her. Jay & Craig, you are in our prayers.

Donna Cardinal - March 20, 2010 at 02:37 PM

BR

“ Jay and family, we are so sorry to hear about Kathy. Kathy was a very special person. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Bill and Betty Reser - March 20, 2010 at 02:33 PM

BS

“ Jay and Craig,
I fondly remember Kathy as we led the cub scout den so many years ago. Although we had not been in contact over the years, I will always remember her friendly and caring personality. May her memory be a blessing.

Barb Schwartz - March 20, 2010 at 10:40 AM

BT

“ Dear Friends,
Kathy was such an important part of lives, we will truly miss her. I will never forget how she helped with my Dad's funeral service and how kind she was to Bob's mom when she was not able to go to chimes alone. She will be missed and we are grateful that she was a part of our lives. Let us know if we can help in anyway.

Bob and Bonnie Totten - March 20, 2010 at 10:14 AM

DB

“ Jay and Craig,

There are no words express how I feel. Kathy was such an important part of my life, as well my girls (Alayna & Laura), that she will never really be gone.

We are all so blessed to have known her. Please think of that in the days to come. She was one very special person and everyone who met her had to walk away a better person.

There was no person better than Kathy!

My love to you and Craig.

Diane

Diane Bender - March 19, 2010 at 11:10 PM

JB

“ Stevenson family,

I am so sorry to hear of Kathy's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Jennifer, Logan & Riley Brown

Jennifer Logsdon Brown - March 19, 2010 at 10:19 PM