



Kathy Studebaker

November 11, 1949 - June 25, 2025

Kathy Marie Studebaker, 75, Topeka, Kansas, peacefully went home to heaven on June 25, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. She showed tremendous strength, courage and perseverance throughout a long and difficult battle with multiple illnesses.

Kathy's life was marked by her kindness, generosity, and her deep devotion to her family. Her joyful nature lit up every room she entered. Her love for God and her family were central to her life. She was always available to offer abundant love and support to others. Kathy's dedication to her faith was apparent in all her relationships. She was a devoted follower of Christ and a true example of Christian love.

Kathy found joy in prayer, strength in scripture, and peace in the promises of eternal life. She was a member of the Susanna Wesley United Methodist Church of Topeka.

Kathy was born on November 11, 1949, in Topeka, the daughter of Thomas Gail Kingsley and Ila Marie Winter Kingsley. She attended Washburn Rural High School, where she graduated in 1967. Kathy married John Paul Studebaker on March 2, 1968, at Topeka Bible Church in Topeka. She worked for the Topeka Public School district for 30 years in the Visually Impaired Program. Kathy was a true asset to the program and highly proficient in Braille

and all things pertaining to visual impairment. She developed many friendships during her career that lasted throughout her lifetime.

Kathy is survived by her husband, John, Topeka; son, Jeff Studebaker (Janet), Topeka; daughter, Julie Hafenstine (Mark), Lawrence; four grandchildren, Brianna Quarles (Brady), Roeland Park, Ryan Hafenstine, Shawnee, John “Jack” Studebaker, Lawrence, and Carter Wirth (Stephanie), South Carolina; many extended family members; and their beloved dog, Cocoa.

Kathy was preceded in death by her parents, Gail and Ila Kinglsey; brother, Thomas Kingsley and wife, Dianne; brother, Michael Kingsley; and her cherished daughter, Michelle “Shelly” Studebaker.

Visitation will be 10 a.m. Thursday, July 3, 2025, at Susanna Wesley United Methodist Church, 7433 SW 29th Street, where Kathy’s Celebration of Life will begin at 11 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be made in her honor to Susanna Wesley United Methodist Church and sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Susanna Wesley United Methodist Church
7433 SW 29th Street
Topeka, KS 66614

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Kathy Studebaker*



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - July 01, 2025 at 11:37 AM

HB

“ *To the family of Mrs Kathy Studebaker your family is in our prayers be strong and keep your faith in God Howard and Sandra Blackmon*

Howard Blackmon - July 03, 2025 at 04:35 PM

MP

“ *The Paine family sends their condolences to John and the family. Our fondest memory of Kathy is her delicious, beyond compare, peanut butter cookies!*

Mark, Pam & Luke Paine - July 03, 2025 at 10:44 AM

LM

“ *Always looked forward to seeing you at church every Sunday. So sorry for your loss, she was a beautiful lady inside and out. LeRoy & Lana McKinsey*

Lana McKinsey - July 03, 2025 at 10:42 AM

LI

“ It was my pleasure years ago to have met Mrs. Studebaker as the mother of Michelle in the hospital @ KU Med Center, then later @ St. Francis. Kathy`s smile, beauty, quiet but strong advocacy for daughter was inspiring.
Also want to thank Mr. & Mrs. Studebaker for sharing vegetables @ SWUMC.
Sorry for your great loss, take care of yourselves now. There is no sorrow Heaven can`t heal, no goodbye in Christ - respectfully Lisa Bagshaw

lisa - July 02, 2025 at 11:47 PM

HF

“ Hartz and Couch Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathy Studebaker.

Hartz and Couch Families - July 02, 2025 at 05:56 PM

HF

“ Hartz and Couch Families purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Kathy Studebaker.



Hartz and Couch Families - July 02, 2025 at 05:56 PM

FA

“ From Joe & Anne planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathy Studebaker.

From Joe & Anne - June 30, 2025 at 09:08 AM

FA

“ From Joe & Anne purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kathy Studebaker.



From Joe & Anne - June 30, 2025 at 09:08 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kathy Studebaker.

June 29, 2025 at 04:59 PM



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



June 29, 2025 at 04:59 PM

DC

“ Dear John,
We were so sorry to hear of Kathy's passing. We always enjoyed visiting with you two at church. You and your family are in our prayers.

Don & Donna Cardinal

Donna Cardinal - June 29, 2025 at 03:40 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kathy Studebaker.

June 29, 2025 at 09:05 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathy Studebaker.



June 29, 2025 at 09:05 AM



“ Phil and Stephanie Struble purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Kathy Studebaker.



Phil and Stephanie Struble - June 28, 2025 at 05:27 PM



“ Steed and Julie Bell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathy Studebaker.

Steed and Julie Bell - June 28, 2025 at 01:21 PM



“ Steed and Julie Bell purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Kathy Studebaker.



Steed and Julie Bell - June 28, 2025 at 01:21 PM

JS

“ John, I'm so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers at this sad time.
Jim Spicka

Jim Spicka - June 28, 2025 at 08:26 AM

FF

“ From Annie/Rey Bajenio & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathy Studebaker.

From Annie/Rey Bajenio & Family - June 28, 2025 at 01:20 AM

FF

“ From Annie/Rey Bajenio & Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Kathy Studebaker.



From Annie/Rey Bajenio & Family - June 28, 2025 at 01:20 AM

TC

“ The Cousins purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Kathy Studebaker.



The Cousins - June 27, 2025 at 07:31 PM

YF

“ Your Giving Tree Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathy Studebaker.

Your Giving Tree Family - June 27, 2025 at 04:56 PM



“ *Your Giving Tree Family purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Kathy Studebaker.*



Your Giving Tree Family - June 27, 2025 at 04:56 PM