



## Kathryn Rene Hays

December 24, 1956 - March 15, 2025

Kathryn Rene Hays was born on December 24, 1956, to Bob “Joe” and JoAnn Howard in Durant, Oklahoma. She graduated from Durant High School in 1975 and graduated from Southeastern Oklahoma State University where she earned her bachelor’s and master’s degree. She dedicated her life to serving as a teacher, Special Education Director, and a Principal for over 35 years. Kathryn was a member of the Abigail Circle, she served as a deacon of the First Presbyterian Church, and the one of the first nominated female member of The Elks Lodge. She was a faithful member of The First Presbyterian Church. She enjoyed reading, sewing, and spending time with her family. On March 15, 2025, Kathryn went to be with her Lord and Savior surrounded by her family.

She is preceded in death by her husband Robert “Bob” Earl Hays II, her parents Bob Joe Howard and JoAnn (Keener) Howard. Her grandparents Otis Keener and Idell Keener. Her daughter Jessica Stallings and her great grandson Roscoe “Carter” Lake, as well as her brother Bruce Howard.

Left to cherish her memories and keep her legacy alive are her Daughter Victoria Hays and spouse Darrin Wade of Durant. Her grandchildren: Brittany Lake and spouse Nick Southerland of Durant; Brandi Baumann and spouse Damian Reyes of Virginia Beach Virginia; Karen Elred of Grantspass, Oregon. Nieces: Mandi Villarreal and spouse Miguel of Durant, and Brooke Howard of

Coalgate, Grandson: Kendrick Hays of Durant, Granddaughter: Deveney Abernathy and spouse Dustin of Sherman. Great-granddaughter Nevaeh Lake of Durant as well as many other beloved family members that she loved dearly.

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/HXYJDW8CGDG862QQ>

# Cemetery Details

## Highland Cemetery

1620 Cemetery Rd  
Durant, OK

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

MAR 22. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Chapel  
4900 West US Hwy 70  
Durant, OK 74701

## Celebration of Life

MAR 24. 10:00 AM (CT)

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4900 West US Hwy 70  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown's Durant Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Kathryn Rene Hays*



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**Brown's Durant Funeral Service** - March 20, 2025 at 02:16 PM

MJ

“ *Kathy was such a great friend and boss at Milburn School. Our friendship went far beyond that though. She was such a great friend and always seem to show up when I needed her most. She was so good to me. I love her dearly and will carry her in my heart always.*

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**Mary Johnson** - March 23, 2025 at 11:38 PM

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“ *Kathy, I will miss you. My best memories of you is when we took a week long trip to the Big Five Community in the Oklahoma panhandle . We had such fun and good talks. I will see you soon my friend.*



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**Sandra Ferdinand** - March 21, 2025 at 07:57 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kathryn Rene Hays.*

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March 21, 2025 at 04:54 PM



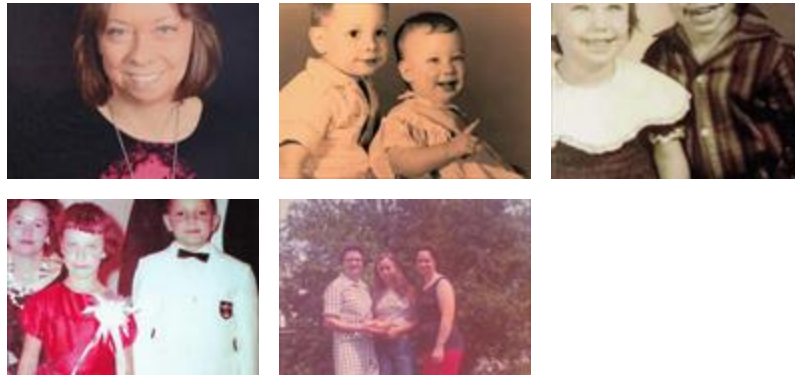
“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathryn Rene Hays.



March 21, 2025 at 04:54 PM



“ 85 files added to the album Gallery of Pictures



**Brown's Durant Funeral Service** - March 20, 2025 at 02:20 PM



“ Love, Dad and Debi purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kathryn Rene Hays.



**Love, Dad and Debi** - March 19, 2025 at 07:43 PM



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

March 19, 2025 at 11:44 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kathryn Rene Hays.*



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March 19, 2025 at 11:44 AM



“ *The Reyes Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Kathryn Rene Hays.*



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**The Reyes Family** - March 18, 2025 at 10:54 PM