



Kathryn Cross Retzel

June 4, 1929 - August 19, 2025

Kathryn Retzel, age 96 of Montevallo Alabama and formerly of Albany Georgia, died on August 19, 2025.

The family will receive friends at Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors Saturday, August 23rd from 10:30 AM until 11:30 AM. The graveside service will follow at 12 noon at Floral Memory Gardens with her grandson, William Retzel, officiating.

She was born in Baker County on June 4th, 1929, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Cross. Kathryn studied piano in New York City, New York, and Tallahassee, Florida. She taught piano at the Conservatory of Music and the Academy of Music in Albany Georgia, as well as many private students throughout the years. Kathryn enjoyed traveling and making memories with her family at Panama City Beach and Walt Disney World. She is preceded in death by her husband, Bill Retzel, the father of her 2 children; her parents, Robert and Carmen Cross; two brothers, Lawrence Cross and Edwin "Bubba" Cross; and her son-in-law, Darrell Lilly.

She is survived by a daughter, Karen Lilly, a son Michael Retzel and his wife, Wanda; 5 grandchildren: Shannon Hawkins, Kayla Morrison and her husband, Matt, Carlye Lilly, William H. Retzel and his wife Stephanie, and Gary Retzel; 10 great grands; Tyler Morrison, Brody Morrison, Nash Morrison, Riggins Morrison, Lilly Hawkins, Logan Retzel, Nova Retzel, Jovi Retzel, Nick Stewart and Bradley Montgomery; a brother, Perry Cross and his wife Betty Ann; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The family would like to express a heart felt thank you to the staff at Affinity Hospice, who helped care for Kathryn. With a special thank you to her nurse, Nikki.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 23. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors
1503 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Graveside Service

AUG 23. 12:00 PM (ET)

Floral Memory Gardens
120 Old Pretoria Rd
Albany, GA 31707

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Retzel was my piano teacher for many years. She was always a very kind and patient teacher. She put so much effort into helping her students and making them feel successful. She was a very great lady! Praying for peace and comfort for your family!*
Linda Sowell Johnson

Linda Johnson - September 13, 2025 at 01:09 PM



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

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“ *1 file added to the album Memorial Video*



Kimbrell-Stern - August 21, 2025 at 04:53 PM



These pictures touch my heart Karen. Such beauty and grace

Barry Justice - August 22, 2025 at 07:16 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Kathryn Cross Retzel.*



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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kathryn Cross Retzel.*



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“ *Perry Cross Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Kathryn Cross Retzel.*



Perry Cross Family - August 20, 2025 at 05:57 PM