



## Kathy M. Nelson Obituary

March 26, 1951 - December 27, 2007

Mrs. Kathy Martin Nelson, 56, of Albany, died Thursday, December 27, 2007 at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital. Her funeral service will be held at 12 PM SATURDAY at the First Baptist Church of Albany with interment to follow at 4 PM at Parkhill Cemetery in Columbus, GA. The Rev. Dr. Butch Knight will officiate. A native of Cartersville, GA., she was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Sanctuary Choir. She was selected Teacher of the Year at Blackmon Middle School, Columbus, GA; Teacher of the Year at Lee County Middle School, and taught in the Gifted Program in the Dougherty County School System. Mrs. Nelson was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma XI Chapter teacher sorority. She was married on June 18, 1972. She was preceded in death by her parents: Emmanuel Hindenburg Martin and Evelyn Irwin Martin. Survivors include her husband: Harold "Bob" Nelson, Albany; a daughter: Julie Norris and her husband Bryan, Columbus, GA; a son: Martin Nelson and his wife Tiffany, Sugar Hill, GA; 3 grandchildren: Walker Norris, Lily Norris, and Gabie Nelson; 2 aunts: Lillian Abernathy and Billie Moore, both of Cartersville, GA. The family will receive friends at Kimbrell-Stern on Friday from 6-8 PM. Those desiring may send memorials to the American Cancer Society, P.O. 1201, Albany, GA 31702, or to the Building Fund at First Baptist Church, 400 Pine Ave., Albany, GA 31701.

# Tribute Wall



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“ *I had the privilege of working with Kathy at Blackmon Road Middle School in Columbus. We were part of the original faculty of the school. Kathy was one of the best teachers I have ever seen. No one could match her dedication to teaching her kids. I will miss her.*

**Martha Ennis** - March 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Harold, Twila and I have been praying for you. We are so sorry of your loss of Kathy. Pray that God will comfort and keep you. God Bless. H & T*

**Harvey and Twila Willis** - January 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ I think about you and your family daily, my prayers are with you all. She's gone in body, but forever remembered in your hearts, never forget how many lives shes touch while being here. God Bless you all!

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**Becky McFarling** - January 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Harold, I am heartsick for you and your family. I have so many wonderful memories of you and Kathy. Much love and prayers from my family to yours.

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**Christy Shellhorse Loftin** - January 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Harold, Martin and Julie - My thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time. I have so many wonderful memories of our times together. Kathy and I became very close when we worked together in 5-6th grade choir at church, handbells and choir. She was a precious person and I loved her dearly. While we've been separated in miles, you all have been in our thoughts many times. Michael and Thomas send their love and sympathy.

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**Donna McNeilly** - January 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ My God be with you

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**Mary Frances Phillips Russell** - January 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ My daughter Anna had Kathy last year as her gifted education teacher. She was such a joy! She loved her students immensely and it came through in her attitude and smile. She was an inspiration to her students while meeting each of life's challenges with a smile and positive attitude. She will be missed. Please know that Kathy influenced many young kids and left a strong heritage.

*Sabra and Anna Cowart*

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**Sabra Cowart** - January 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Harold (and Family)- What dear neighbors ya'll were to us. Our heart was broken when we heard the news that Kathy had passed away. We were so blessed to know her and to have her as a neighbor. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers now and for the days ahead. Much Love

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**Jeff , Kristi, Lydia and Mason Wiggins** - January 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ I was a classmate from Cartersville High and remember her for the kindness she always showed others and her sweet smile. My sympathies to her family.

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**Patricia Mullinax Cochran** - December 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ I was one of her nurses at phoebe and she became a really special patient to me. I will miss her very much. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

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**Amy Masters** - December 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I know how long the struggle was and how graciously Kathy met each challenge. Her beautiful smile will be my memory always. I was blessed to have known and worked with her in the gifted department.

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**Debra Smith** - December 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ My thoughts and prayers to your family for your loss. Kathy and I became friends at a very early age through our grandmothers, then grew up and graduated together. She was a very kind person and I am sure a wonderful mother.

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**Sissy (Ellerbee) Baker** - December 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ I graduated with Kathy in the class of 69', we will all miss her. She was a very special person.

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**Martha Keeling Lanteigne** - December 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ Even in the first grade, Kathy had the sweetest spirit of anyone I have ever known. Everyone who ever knew her immediately recognized what a wonderful person she was. We are all better people for having known her, and she will be missed by so many.

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**Wally Sweat** - December 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Bob and Family, I have been away for Christmas week and just read of Kathy's death. I have read these wonderful loving things that have been said about her as a teacher, friend and Christian. She was a delightful person and we loved her at Dr. E's office. Those who have known her even briefly are better for it. She blessed us all.

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**Margaret Brannan** - December 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ I was so sorry to hear of Kathy's passing. We were classmates and high school friends. Some of my best memories are of playing the piano for the trio of which Kathy was a part. I will always remember her beautiful voice and bright spirit.

*Felecia*

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**Felecia Wright McDuffie** - December 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Kathy and I worked together many years ago at Forrest Road Elementary when we were both young mothers and wives. My thoughts and prayers are with her family now during this difficult time. May her spirit live on in your hearts and minds forever. She was special.

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**Deborah L. Chambley** - December 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Kathy & I grew up together and shared many memories with our parents at Goodyear as well as part of the East Side bunch.

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**Aileen Smith** - December 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ With deepest sympathy and love,  
Sherry Faine Parris

Sherry Faine Parris - December 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

HH

“ Harold, We are so sadden by your loss. Kathy was a very sweet  
and dear person.  
We will continue to keep you and your family in our prayers.

Hank and Dede F. Hatfield - December 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Harold, Julie, Martin, and family- What precious memories we have  
of our years together as neighbors on Council Ct. Kathy was indeed  
a treasure. We send our love and deepest sympathy. May God hold  
you all in His loving arms during these days.

Garry and Joye Bone - December 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

VA

“ My deepest sympathy and my thoughts for the family.

Virginia Abernathy - December 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Dear Harold, Julie and Martin.  
We are so saddened by your loss and sorry we and "Aunt Bobbie"  
cannot be with you. You are in our prayers. Your wedding was the  
first I remember attending. Whenever I think of Kathy, I remember  
how pretty she was that day outside the church.  
Lisa

Lisa, Scott and James Ray Kavanaugh - December 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ I graduated with Kathy at CHS (1969). There was never a nicer, sweeter girl than she. Kathy was always an elegant lady. She will be remembered, and greatly missed. Jim Kennedy

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**Jimmy Kennedy** - December 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Harold, Julie, Martin, Walker, Lily and Gabie:

*Yesterday, I received the sad news that Kathy had passed away. She was one of my earliest friends from Cartersville and one of my favorite classmates. Her Mother, Evelyn always kept me updated throughout the years every time I saw her. My thoughts and prayers are with all of Kathy's surviving family members who now grieve her loss.*

*Ann Chastain George*

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**Ann Chastain George** - December 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

NJ

“ I knew Kathy and her family when she taught at Blanchard and I was the school secretary. I have since retired and moved from Columbus. I did not know of Kathy's illness until now. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers.

*Nannette Johnston*

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**Nannette Johnston** - December 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ *Harold and Family,  
Our prayers are with you. You and Kathy have been such an  
inspiration to so many people. Her courageous spirit and contagious  
smile will be missed by all.*

*Love,  
Keith and Dianne*

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**Keith and Dianne Gaines** - December 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *I am a Delta Kappa Sister of Kathy's. We all will miss her. She has  
been an inspiration to us - before and during her illness.*

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**Dorothy Majors** - December 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *It has been my privilege to know Kathy through Delta Kappa  
Gamma, an international teacher's society. I am thankful for this  
opportunity for she was such a giving, loving person. Truly my  
thoughts and prayers are you you, her family during these difficult  
days.*

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**Carleen Flowers** - December 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *Classmate of Cartersville High School class of 1969.*

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**Doug Ray** - December 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ Dear Harold, Julie and Martin,  
Thou many years have passed since I have seen you, I have had you in my thoughts and prayers. Kathy was special in so many ways to so many people. I would be there with you today to see you, but I will be burying my dear father at 4 o'clock also.

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**Herb Franks** - December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Kathy was one of the best teachers that both our boys had the pleasure of having at Life Lab. They both loved her very much. Heaven definitely received an angel yesterday when she entered the Pearly Gates. Jordan was in her first class here in Albany and Tyler in her last. She was devoted to all her students even thru her pain. She was a great blessing to all that knew her.

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**Chan, Amy, Jordan & Tyler Cox** - December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Bob, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**DONA WHITFIELD** - December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ Harold, Julie, and Martin  
We are so sorry about your loss. We have been checking on Kathy's situation through Martha Hilton. We will continue to pray for you. I have very fond memories of our kids growing up together in church. Kathy was a wonderful person in so many ways. God bless you all.

*Allen and Gretchen Denham*

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**Gretchen Denham** - December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ I worked with Kathy at Blanchard Elementary and Fort Middle School. She was a great teacher and one of the sweetest persons I've ever known. May God bless her family. Cherish the sweet memories you have, for I know there are many.  
With deep sympathy,  
Carolyn Lynn

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**Carolyn Lynn** - December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

OJ

“ Good Bye Kathy

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**Opal Parr Jarrett** - December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ My sister, Pam and I grew up in the neighborhood with Kathy..I loved her Mother and Daddy

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**Sue Chapman tucker** - December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Leigh Parker** - December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ Harold and Family, I am very sorry to hear about the death of Kathy. She will certainly be missed. I hope that our Lord comforts you during these coming days. God Bless

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**Bobby Tripp** - December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Chelsea had the privilege of being one of Mrs. Nelson's students in the gifted ed program. We loved her from the moment we met her. She was kind and genuine. She truly loved her students. She is a courageous example to everyone who knew her. She will be terribly missed. Love, Julie & Chelsea

Chelsea & Julie Lee - December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ God wanted an angel and called your name. You will be truly missed by me. May God bless your family.  
With Love, Ms. Wallace

Linda S. Wallace - December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ A cherished classmate. Gone but not forgotten. Our prayers are with the family.  
Cartersville, Ga Class of 1969

Ronald Murphy - December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Bob, my deepest sympathy to you and your family for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Pam Holmes - December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Kathy's mother's Sunday School Class, First Baptist, Cartersville, Ga.

Gleaners Sunday School Class - December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ *Love to your family*

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**Wanda Jarrett Ferguson** - December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *Bob and family, We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Mark and Linda Dillard** - December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY GO TO THE FAMILY AS WE HOPE THEY FIND PEACE IN TIME. SUZANNE RUDROW*

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**SUZANNE RUDROW** - December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *Kathy Nelson was a beautiful woman and a fabulous teacher! My grandson, Jordan Funderburk, had her for his gifted teacher and absolutely adored Kathy. She was admired by all her students and fellow teachers. She will be missed by so many. What a courageous woman to the end....an inspiration to many, many folks.*

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**Patsy Martin** - December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ *Bob, Sally and I are so sorry for loss. I wish I had the words to make this easier for you, but don't. Please understand Bob all of us in Columbus that knew your wife are thinking of you at this time. Sally and I hope to you tomorrow at the cemetery.*

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**Ronald and Sally Lakeman** - December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ We are so sorry to hear of Kathy's death. As you know, our friendship goes back many years and we have many fond memories of times together. You are certainly in our thoughts and prayers.  
*James and Nina*

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**James & Nina Snead** - December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ My deepest sympathy to you and your family.

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**Sheri L Moore** - December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Mu deepest sympathy to all of you in the loss of your loved one. Julie I always remember you as one of my lovely kindergarten students. You will be in my prayers.

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**Dorothy Lucas** - December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Bob and family, So sorry to hear of your loss. You are in my thought and prayers.

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**clara hatcher** - December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Harold, so sorry for your loss. I still remember all the good times of youth choir, etc. at FBC/C'ville.

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**Kathy McCarson King** - December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ My deepest sympathies to you Bob and indeed to your entire family. You will all be in my prayers, especially tomorrow and in the days and months to come.

*May God Bless and keep you all.*

*Shirley-Anne*

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**Shirley-Anne Samms** - December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Harold and family,  
We are SO sorry for your loss. We all loved Kathy so much. I always enjoyed singing with her. She was a joy to be around. Know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers.

*Love,*

*Jeanne, Mike, Emily, & Jacob Brooks*

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**Mike and Jeanne Brooks** - December 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Dear Bob & Family,  
I am so sorry about your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.  
*Stephanie*

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**Stephanie Henshaw** - December 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Dear Bob and Family,  
I'm so sorry for your loss. You will all be in my prayers.

*Kelly*

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**Kelly Barnes** - December 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ *Bob and Family,  
So sorry to hear of your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers  
now and in the days ahead. God bless! Scott*

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**Scott Kavanaugh** - December 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *I know you are now one of God's heavenly angels looking after all of  
us here on earth! I will truly miss you, my friend, and will always  
keep the "Angel" book and charm you gave me!  
Love, Debbie*

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**Debbie & Clint Mowery** - December 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM