



Kathleen Murrell Fitzhugh

June 22, 1943 - July 12, 2023

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Kathleen Murrell Fitzhugh, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She was born on June 22, 1943 in Tylertown, Mississippi. She departed this world on July 12, 2023 in Waxahachie, Texas at the age of 80 after a valiant battle with cancer, demonstrating her unwavering strength and determination until the end.

Kathleen was the second of three children born to the late Leonard and Lora Murrell. She spent her childhood, youth and young adult life in the state of Louisiana.

Kathleen graduated from Louisiana College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education. After graduation, she began her career in the classroom. After a few years of service in Louisiana, she moved to Texas and taught many young students how to read and write.

After 35 years teaching first graders, she retired and began to volunteer at the Lancaster Outreach Center. One of Kathleen's favorite places was her home church of First Baptist Lancaster where she was a member for almost 50 years. She loved music and used her talents in the adult and senior adult choirs. She also played the piano and participated in the handbell choir.

Kathleen will be remembered for her warm smile, gentle nature, and

unwavering loyalty. She touched the lives of many with her kindness and generosity, always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need.

Kathleen is survived by her sister, Susan Martin; her children, Jeff Fitzhugh and wife Angie, Allison Douthit and husband Danny; her grandchildren, Elizabeth Fitzhugh, Bryson Douthit, Brenna Douthit, Ezekiel Fitzhugh, Brooke Douthit and Eli Fitzhugh as well as many additional cousins, nieces and nephews. She will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

A celebration of Kathleen's life will be held at 11:00am on Saturday, July 15, 2023, at First Baptist Church in Lancaster, Texas with visitation beginning at 10:00am.

We extend our deepest gratitude to all who have reached out with messages of support and condolence during this difficult time. May we find comfort in the cherished memories we shared with Kathleen and in the knowledge that her spirit will forever live with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Cemetery Details

Edgewood Cemetery

695 Nokomis Road
Lancaster, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
305 E. Third
Lancaster, TX 75146

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ Mrs. Fitzhugh was my first grade teacher in 1988. I thought of her today. I still think often about how special she was and how she truly affected my life, even all these years later. I don't think I had any other teacher who was so thoughtful about what would help me personally grow my potential. I was just telling a friend about the amazing special things she did for me as her student. Thank God for you, Ms. Fitzhugh!

Sarah M - October 05, 2023 at 01:59 AM



“ I didn't know Kathleen, but her Mother taught me piano lessons for years and I knew what a wonderful person she was. Sorry to hear this. Sending prayers for her family 🙏

Amy Peoples - July 16, 2023 at 05:40 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathleen Murrell Fitzhugh.



July 14, 2023 at 03:40 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kathleen Murrell Fitzhugh.



July 14, 2023 at 12:54 PM



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

July 14, 2023 at 12:54 PM



“ What a joy & blessing it was to know this sweet lady. Kathleen definitely could light up a room. You couldn't keep from loving her. I think I first met Kathleen in 1976 when I joined FBC Lancaster and later we were in the Senior Serenader choir. She had such a pretty voice. Sympathy to Jeff, Allison and family. I will be praying for you as you go through these days ahead. Kathleen will be missed by so many but leaves us with so many wonderful memories. She touched us with humor and taught us by example on how to find humor. Until we meet again, Kathleen.

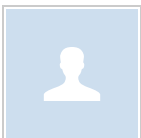
Lynda Penny - July 14, 2023 at 11:10 AM



“ Ann Williamson, Thomas Junk and Alex WJ purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Kathleen Murrell Fitzhugh.



Ann Williamson, Thomas Junk and Alex WJ - July 14, 2023 at 05:51 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Kathleen Murrell Fitzhugh.



July 14, 2023 at 05:45 AM



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“ My oldest son Douglas got to have Kathleen for a teacher in Sunday School as best I remember. I remember how good she was with children. She raised a great son and daughter and modeled being a strong single parent. Grateful for her ministry at FBC when we were there in the 1980s.

Tammi Ledbetter - July 13, 2023 at 10:26 PM



“ I'm so very sorry to hear of Kathleen's passing. I have the fondest of memories of her from growing up in Lancaster, with FBC and more. Jeff and Allison you were young kids back then. My sincere condolences to all of her family. She lived her life well...her memory will always be a blessing to me. Enjoy your rest Kathleen...and thank you, for the guidance and friendship all those years ago. Dee Ann Adams

Dee - July 13, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ Selinda lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Fitzhugh



Selinda - July 13, 2023 at 09:31 PM

JH

“ Kathleen was so pleasant and had a cheerful word. I grew up at FBC Lancaster and remember always seeing her in the choir and at church gatherings. Years later, we ran into each other in Waxahachie and we picked up right where we left off. Praying for her family as I know they'll miss her dearly.

Jennifer Hackler - July 13, 2023 at 07:32 PM

WB

“ Kathleen was a delightful lady. She always had a smile to share or a big laugh. She had a great sense of humor but most of all she loved the Lord and loved serving Him. We will miss seeing her in the choir on Sundays. We know her family is going to miss her but rejoicing that she is in Heaven with a big smile in her face!

Wanda and Danny Boyce - July 13, 2023 at 07:30 PM

CT

“ Kathleen and I grew up together in Port Sulphur, Louisiana. She was a bridesmaid in my wedding. I worked for her parents at the Western Auto Store in Port Sulphur. She was a great friend. Sorry to hear of her passing. Prayers for all of you during this time. She was a great friend and lady.

Carol Morgan TannerThornton - July 13, 2023 at 07:16 PM

TB

“ Always smiling, always first to greet you... we all at First Baptist loved Kathleen, we are so sad to not see her smiling face when we attend church. We are grateful however that she is now well and smiling that sweet smile above. Our prayers for comfort for her family...Tricia & George Bridges

Tricia Medrano Bridges - July 13, 2023 at 06:30 PM

DA

“ Kathleen was such a sweet and kind lady!! I really enjoyed getting to know her when I worked at West Main!! She had such a great personality , and was truly such an awesome teacher!! Her love and passion for the Lord was so evident in her life! She will be so greatly missed by everyone who knew Kathleen! Prayers for Allison and the family for God’s comfort, strength and peace ! 🙏❤️

Debbie Adair - July 13, 2023 at 06:30 PM

EH

“ I'll always remember Kathleen's sweet smile. She was truly a person who brought joy to the people around her.

Elaine P. Harris - July 13, 2023 at 02:51 PM

TG

“ Terry, Gayle, and Cooper Gann purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Kathleen Murrell Fitzhugh.



Terry, Gayle, and Cooper Gann - July 13, 2023 at 01:23 PM

JP

“ I grew up with Kathleen from childhood in Port Sulphur, Louisiana. Her father Leonard and my father attended LSU together. Our families attended church, shared birthdays, and followed LSU football together. Kathleen was beautiful (always smiling), very smart and blessed with natural musical talent. Although I have not been in touch with Kathleen for the past 50 years, many happy memories of growing up together remain vivid and a treasured part of my life forever. Love and comfort to Kathleen’s family and Susan (her sister) still my best friend.

Jo Ann McEachern Puls - July 13, 2023 at 12:35 PM

KR

“ *Kathleen was such a wonderful lady. No matter what, she had a smile on her face. I always looked forward to talking to her on Sunday mornings. She will be missed by many.*

Kim Roppolo - July 13, 2023 at 11:39 AM

JD

“ *Kathleen was my kindergarten teacher. Thirty years later, when we first visited FBC Lancaster, she recognized me and called me by name. -- She began ministering to me when I was five and never stopped. I'm so thankful for her witness and love.*

Janna DeWees - July 13, 2023 at 10:53 AM

CM

“ *So many precious memories of Kathleen. We sang together, laughed together and raised our children together. She will be missed.*

Cathy Gray McClung - July 13, 2023 at 10:24 AM

HN

“ *Kathleen was such a joy and one of the funniest people I have ever known! She will be missed by so many...especially, me. I wish comfort and much love to her sweet family.*

Holly Niner - July 13, 2023 at 10:14 AM