



Katherine Taylor Chalfant

November 17, 1924 - June 19, 2020

Katherine Adele Taylor Chalfant of Marietta, Ga. passed away on Friday June 19, 2020. She was born in Lexington, Mississippi on November 17, 1924 and was the eldest daughter with four sisters and the youngest of the family, a brother, who never lacked for attention with all the sisters around. Kay (KK) and Griff (Poppin) were dedicated members of the First Baptist Church of Marietta and had many friends through the years in their Sunday School Class and Wednesday Night Services. You could always count on them to be in the same pew every Sunday with family and friends surrounding them. KK was devoted to her husband Griff and never seemed to mind his numerous camping weekends as Scout Master of Boy Scout Troop 144 for 20 plus years. She was also overly adoring and generous to her three sons – maybe more than they deserved. As Personnel Manager at Rich's Cobb Center, she gave many young people in Cobb, Marietta and Smyrna their first jobs. She then went on at Rich's Downtown and later when Rich's opened stores in other states. Many people fondly remember times at Rich's and "The Pink Pig". An avid reader, KK could always be counted on to have read the latest and best books of the day (especially concerning history). We could always go by her house and find out which book would be another great recommendation. She was also very proud of her family heritage and she became a bit of a family tree devotee becoming a member of the DAR and the UDC. Poppin and KK's house was the meeting place for all the family, including grandchildren, great grandchildren and friends - everyone chipped in on food preparation, but we could always count on KK to "burn the rolls." The extended family from Mississippi and Virginia were always a priority to Kay and Griff and they made several trips a year to meet up with the family and also friends, Juanelle and Jim Gaskins and Virginia and Joe Hagen. KK is preceded in death by her loving husband of 70 years, Griff Chalfant, parents G.P. and Essie Mae Taylor, Brother Hugh-Bubba Taylor, Sisters Martha (Buck) Reeves, Luree (James) Nash, Doug Hogge, and Earl Davidson. She is survived by Sisters Patricia Hogge and Shirley Davidson and sister-in-law Juanita Taylor. She is also survived by sons Grif (Glynda) Chalfant, Steve (Regina) Chalfant and Flip Chalfant; grandchildren Lee Chalfant, Courtney Chalfant, Cali Chalfant and Lili Chalfant and great grandchildren, Eli, Holden, J.D., Tessa and Griffin Chalfant and many nieces

and nephews. We will all miss her loving smile and positive attitude. Arrangements are being made by Mayes Ward and a service will be held with her sisters and others at the family cemetery in Lexington, Mississippi. We would like to thank Marlene Graham and the other caregivers at Dayes Personal Care Home for taking such good care of KK. Thoughts and prayers will be greatly appreciated as well as donations in her honor to First Baptist Church of Marietta.

Comments



“ Kay was one of the most inspiring ladies I knew in my career at Rich's / Macy's. She was very helpful and encouraging in my 1st store operations position at Rich's Cobb Center. I learned a lot from her Mary Ann and the many Rich's Cobb people, but Kay's smiling face helped keep everyone on the right track. Condolences to the family. Kay will not be forgotten by those who knew her.

John Huey

John Huey - June 26 at 11:22 AM



“ I remember Kay as an "up" person - - always cheerful, bright, a team player herself, and the ability to get others to be "on the team". My heartfelt condolences to the family. I know she will be missed.

Lew Kravitz

Lew Kravitz - June 25 at 12:42 PM



“ I always thought of my Aunt Kay as one of the most beautiful and feisty women I have ever known. The things she overcame as a young woman and the accomplishments she achieved, in spite of the hurdles she faced, always left me with such a sense of pride for my moms family. I loved her directness and in some ways feel I am somewhat like her. Although we did not see our Marietta family as much as we would have liked, our family roots run deep and the love was and is always there.

Paula Williams - June 24 at 08:00 PM



“ Kay and Griff were such wonderful friends of our parents (Joe and Virginia). Thank you for mentioning them in the obituary. I know they are all rejoicing together in heaven - Teri Hagan Nelson

Teri Nelson - June 24 at 06:07 PM



“ Kay and I met in 1968 at Rich's Cobb when I worked during the summer and reconnected in 1976 when I returned to Cobb. We carpooled to work during the oil crisis and when it snowed, she and Griff would drive to Whitlock Heights to take me to work. The years and Cobb were good for us all. In 1991 she and Griff hosted a

rehearsal dinner at their home for Joe and I. She and Griff were a great couple and I felt blessed to call them my friends. I know the past 5 years were not easy, but she never complained when we talked. She was so thankful for the way her sons and family cared for her. She could never say enough about her children, grandchildren and great-grands. Her smile was infectious. So happy that she has rejoined the love of her life in Heaven... she missed him so. With sympathy and love, Mary Ann Holland Tichenor

Mary Tichenor - June 24 at 03:43 PM



“ Such a sweet lady. Gave me my first job at 15 years of age working at Rich's South Cobb.
Prayers for the family.
She's up there enjoying her loved ones and I know Aunt Virginia and Uncle Joe are happy to see her!
Jan Howard Blodgett

Janice H Blodgett - June 24 at 01:18 PM



“ Kay was my mom's close friend & worked together @ Rich's Cobb Center in the Personnel office. She was good to me being deaf. I worked there as gift wrap with Dot. She was @ my wedding @ Smyrna first baptist chapel. U are much missed. RIP

Vicki Rogers - June 24 at 01:13 PM



“ I'll always remember how kind Kay was to my Mom and my family. She hired my Mom (Georgia Rogers Adams) to work in the "Personnel" office at Richs Cobb Center. My Mom and I visited Kay and Griff on her birthday 2014 and it was a sweet time. Rest In Peace Kay.

Janet Rogers - June 24 at 12:53 PM



“ I loved Kay Kay and her whole family. The years we were at First Baptist especially hold many fond memories of her. What a reunion in heaven when she arrived!

Cynthia Poor - June 24 at 11:35 AM



“ Kay gave me my first job at Rich's ,Cobb Center.My whole family thought the world of her!RIP Kathy Adams ,Nellie Worley

kathy adams - June 24 at 09:14 AM