



Kay Tapley

December 19, 1950 - February 14, 2025

Kay (King) Tapley, age 74 years, a resident of Karnak, passed away peacefully Friday afternoon, February 14, 2025 at 3:20 P.M. at her home.

Kay was born December 19, 1950 in Anna, Illinois. She was the daughter of Willis H. King and Fredia K. (Erwin) King.

On July 17, 1971 Kay was united in marriage to Scott Tapley at the Karnak United Methodist Church. Together, they shared over 53 years of marriage.

In addition to her beloved husband, Kay is survived by: her children – Brandi Seely of Nashville, Tennessee and Brett (Carrie) Tapley of Tunnel Hill, Illinois; grandchildren – Makayla, Madyson, and Micah; sisters-in-law – Mary Jo King of Cypress, Illinois and Mecca (Jeff) Helm of Grand Chain, Illinois; as well as nieces, nephews, other relatives and many dear friends.

In addition to her parents, Kay was preceded in death by her brothers – Mike King, Dean (Evelyn) King and Donald “Doodles” King.

Kay was a 1969 graduate of Vienna High School. She attended the Kitzmiller School of Cosmetology in Alton, Illinois and earned her certification as a beautician. She operated Kay’s Family Hair Care in her home for 43 years, prior to her retirement.

Kay was a member of the former Belknap Chapter # 1012 and Grand Chain Chapter # 710 Order of the Eastern Star. She was of the Methodist faith.

Kay and Scott enjoyed fishing together. She is remembered as an excellent cook and baker.

Kay enjoyed spending time with her family. She particularly cherished her grandchildren.

Kay also loved her faithful canine companions, Macey and Maggie.

A celebration of Kay's life will be conducted Friday afternoon, February 21, 2025, at 1 P.M. at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor Steve Heisner will officiate.

The family will receive relatives and friends from 11 A.M. until the time of the service at 1 P.M, Friday, February 21, 2025, at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105-1905 or online by visiting www.st.jude.org

Previous Events

Gathering of Family & Friends

FEB 21. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
(618) 658-2311
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com
<https://baileyfh.com>

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Kay Tapley*



Bailey Funeral Home - February 21, 2025 at 05:23 PM

BR

“ *Bobby Rentfro lit a candle in memory of Kay Tapley*



Bobby Rentfro - February 22, 2025 at 05:28 AM

MS

“ *Margie Smith lit a candle in memory of Kay Tapley*



Margie Smith - February 21, 2025 at 12:00 PM

MS

“ Mike And Nancy Solomon lit a candle in memory of Kay Tapley



Mike and Nancy Solomon - February 21, 2025 at 08:51 AM

MS

Our thoughts and prayers are with Scott and family at this time.

Mike and Nancy Solomon - February 21, 2025 at 08:52 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Kay Tapley.



February 20, 2025 at 02:12 PM



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

February 20, 2025 at 02:12 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kay Tapley.



February 19, 2025 at 06:26 PM

NW

“ Neal & Carol Watkins lit a candle in memory of Kay Tapley



Neal & Carol Watkins - February 18, 2025 at 03:12 PM

AC

“ Angeline Collins lit a candle in memory of Kay Tapley



Angeline Collins - February 18, 2025 at 12:17 PM

BR

“ Bonnie, Carol, Tinsla, and Rebecca purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kay Tapley.



Bonnie, Carol, Tinsla, and Rebecca - February 18, 2025 at 05:24 AM

CG

“ Scott and family, so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.



Carol (Miller) & Randy George - February 17, 2025 at 12:39 PM

PB

“ Patrick, Tina, Donovan & Bethany Barger purchased the I Have You In My Heart Plush Blanket for the family of Kay Tapley.



Patrick, Tina, Donovan & Bethany Barger - February 17, 2025 at 12:00 PM

JW

“ Jane Ross Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Kay Tapley



Jane Ross Wright - February 16, 2025 at 02:45 PM

JW

Kay was a friend from my high school years. May God comfort her family at this very sad time of their life. Jane Ross

Jane Ross Wright - February 16, 2025 at 02:48 PM

LG

“ Having known Kay and Scott for 50+ years, remembering Kay as a loyal and fierce companion to Scott is easy. Both always willing to help one another unconditionally. The epitome of a marriage. May God's Peace be with the Tapley Family.

Linda and Gene Gurley - February 16, 2025 at 12:58 PM

CW

“ *Cathy Warmack lit a candle in memory of Kay Tapley*



Cathy Warmack - February 16, 2025 at 07:32 AM

DB

“ *Diane And Kenny Baker lit a candle in memory of Kay Tapley*



Diane and Kenny Baker - February 15, 2025 at 08:26 PM

DR

“ *Diane Rainbolt lit a candle in memory of Kay Tapley*



Diane Rainbolt - February 15, 2025 at 06:50 PM

CR

“ *so sorry for your loss Alan and Carol Racey*



Carol J Racey - February 15, 2025 at 06:03 PM

EK

“ Elizabeth Kerley lit a candle in memory of Kay Tapley



Elizabeth Kerley - February 15, 2025 at 02:22 PM

EK

So sorry for your loss family condolences 🌸 love 💕

Elizabeth Kerley - February 15, 2025 at 02:23 PM

JM

“ I am so sorry for your loss Scott and family. Kay and I competed in track and field events in grade school and she always gave it her all. She always had a smile! 🙏 Jill Walker Meyer

jill meyer - February 15, 2025 at 02:14 PM

CH

“ Kay was one of the sweetest people I have ever met, we always enjoyed a laugh about something when we talked. Gonna miss ya love bug.



Crystal Hastings - February 15, 2025 at 10:43 AM

JS

“ John Slack lit a candle in memory of Kay Tapley



John Slack - February 15, 2025 at 09:58 AM

LG

“ Lora Goddard lit a candle in memory of Kay Tapley



Lora Goddard - February 15, 2025 at 09:49 AM

JH

“ Justin & Tricia Hartline lit a candle in memory of Kay Tapley



Justin & Tricia Hartline - February 15, 2025 at 08:41 AM

LK

“ Linda Koehler lit a candle in memory of Kay Tapley



Linda Koehler - February 14, 2025 at 10:25 PM

VE

“ Vicki Eastwood lit a candle in memory of Kay Tapley



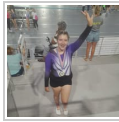
Vicki Eastwood - February 14, 2025 at 09:09 PM

NH

“ Kay was younger than me but we both grew up in Cypress. She will be missed. Her son went to school with my son. Brett, Brandi and Scott, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Love to you all.



Nancy Heisner - February 14, 2025 at 08:46 PM



So very sorry Scott. Thoughts and prayers with you and your family.

Donna Hettinger - February 15, 2025 at 04:11 AM



“ Debby Brown lit a candle in memory of Kay Tapley



Debby Brown - February 14, 2025 at 08:13 PM

BB

“ Scott—so very sad...our prayers for comfort for you and your family.

Becky Schierbaum Buehler - February 14, 2025 at 08:05 PM

JH

“ So very sorry Scott and family.



Jackie and Jack Harper - February 14, 2025 at 07:51 PM

CW

So very sorry 😞 she was a great lady. My granny thought alot of her.
Prayers for you all

Crystal west - February 14, 2025 at 07:58 PM

AJ

“ Scott,Brandi and Brett so sorry for your loss.
Prayers for the family she will be missed by
many💔🙏💔🙏💔🙏



Audra jackson - February 14, 2025 at 07:29 PM

JH

“ Scott, so sorry for your loss. Hugs and prayers. Kay will be greatly
missed.

Janet Huckelberry Hester - February 14, 2025 at 07:12 PM

AJ

Scott,Brandi and Brett so sorry for your loss. Praying for the family. She
will be missed by so many💔🙏💔🙏💔🙏

Audra jackson - February 14, 2025 at 07:25 PM

BT

“ Becky Turley lit a candle in memory of Kay
Tapley



Becky Turley - February 14, 2025 at 06:56 PM

BW

“ *Bill And Barb Warmack lit a candle in memory of Kay Tapley*



Bill and Barb Warmack - February 14, 2025 at 06:41 PM