



Bessie Kay Lagrone

February 3, 1948 - May 25, 2022

Bessie Kay (Cass) Lagrone of Milano was made whole again, free from pain and with a clear mind, on the afternoon of May 25, 2022 at Winnie L Nursing Facility in Cameron, Texas.

“Mama Kay” followed the sunbeams up to heaven, where she got to meet Jesus face to face and see loved ones who have arrived before her.

Services are to be held at 10 a.m. Monday, May 30, 2022 at Gause Baptist Church, with burial in Smyrna Cemetery near Milano. Chad Lagrone will be officiating the service.

Visitation will be held from 4-6 p.m. Sunday, May 29 at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale.

Kay was the baby of her family, born the second twin on Feb. 3, 1948 in Cameron, Texas to parents Koye Arnold and Tommie Velma (Payne) Cass.

She was proudly raised in Gause, Texas and attended Gause schools for her early education. Kay then went to Milano ISD and was a proud MHS Class of 1966 graduate.

She was baptized at Gause Baptist Church as a child, and was a member of Friendship Baptist Church at the time of her passing.

Kay and husband Claude Mayson Lagrone were united in marriage on Aug. 1, 1977 at Milano First Baptist Church. To this union two daughters were born, Tommie Marie and Janie Elaine.

She also earned four bonus children in the marriage, Connie Rene, Jereald Dwayne, Chad Darwin and Catrina Norine.

Kay had a heart of service her entire life. Whether in her jobs, raising her children, or spoiling her grandchildren, she was always giving and caring for others.

She held different jobs during her seven decades, but none more important to Kay than working at Milano ISD. She started out as a custodian at the secondary school campus, and then became the nurse's aide for the district.

She did not like the school kids to call her "Mrs. Lagrone" and let them use her endearing grandmother name of "Mama Kay". Many did and still refer to her as that to this day.

Her love of children did not end with family or school. Kay was the lead organizer of the Samaritan's Purse project for many years at Friendship Baptist Church, helping to spread God's love to those around the world.

Kay was also a long-time writer of the "Milano News" column that ran in both the Cameron Herald and The Rockdale Reporter for many years.

She was preceded in death by her parents Koye and Tommie Cass.

Left to cherish Kay's memory includes her husband of 44 and a half years, Claude Lagrone of Milano; their daughters Marie Bakken and husband Buck,

of Milano, Janie Bazargani and husband Siamack, of Katy; Connie Gaston and husband Gilmer, of San Antonio and Catrina Steinbecker and husband Gary of Milano; sons, Jereald Lagrone and wife Lynette, of Gause; Chad Lagrone and wife Sherry, of Milano.

Also, siblings Wanda Lee and husband Wayne, of Gause; Edith Miller, of Milano; Jimmy Cass and wife Eloise, of Caldwell; and twin Ray Cass of Bryan.

Also surviving are 20 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

The family would like to thank the staff of Winnie L Nursing Facility for all of their love and care for the last four years and Embrace Hospice for their support and grace during her final days.

If you would prefer to not send flowers, donations can be made in Kay's honor to the Milano Former Students Association scholarship fund, c/o Crystal Denman, 2147 CR 232, Rockdale TX 76567.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 29. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale
1041 West Highway 79
Rockdale, TX 76567
(512) 446-5454
phillips_luckey@yahoo.com
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

Church Service

MAY 30. 10:00 AM (CT)

Gause Baptist Church
Chestnut & North Main
Gause, TX

Burial

MAY 30 (CT)

Smyrna Cemetery
CR 345 1/4 mile from CR 346
Milano, TX 76556

Tribute Wall

VB

“ Virginia Beathard lit a candle in memory of Bessie Kay Lagrone



Virginia Beathard - May 29, 2022 at 09:46 AM

VB

“ Earl and I want to extend our condolences to Claude and all the family in your loss of Kay. She will be missed by the many whose life she touched.

Virginia Beathard - May 29, 2022 at 09:45 AM

JH

“ Jeanie (Shuffield/Stanslaw) Hood-Carter lit a candle in memory of Bessie Kay Lagrone



Jeanie (Shuffield/Stanslaw) Hood-Carter - May 28, 2022 at 08:02 PM

GF

“ Gloria Mills Follis lit a candle in memory of Bessie Kay Lagrone



Gloria Mills Follis - May 28, 2022 at 01:49 PM

GF

“ *Gloria Mills Follis lit a candle in memory of Bessie Kay Lagrone*



Gloria Mills Follis - May 28, 2022 at 01:24 PM

JY

“ *Judy York lit a candle in memory of Bessie Kay Lagrone*



Judy York - May 28, 2022 at 11:06 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bessie Kay Lagrone.*



May 28, 2022 at 10:57 AM

TW

“ *Mama Kay was one of the sweetest, most loving ladies. I have so many wonderful memories with her, Poppa Claude, and the family. I'm so blessed to have been one of her "kids".*

Tammi Williams - May 28, 2022 at 07:15 AM