



## Katherine Newcomer

October 7, 1958 - November 24, 2024

Memorial services for Katherine Newcomer, 66, of Lexington, Texas will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 11, 2025 at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings.

Katherine (Kathy) Newcomer was born on October 7, 1958 to Donald Gilbert and Nevillyn Dawn (Bobo) Newcomer in Houston, Texas. She was part of the Blue Volunteer Fire Department. Kathy obtained her associate degree from Blinn College, her bachelors from the University of Texas at Austin, and her masters in social work from UT Austin. She was inspired by the film "Looking for Mr. Good Bar" to start a career with the Texas School for the Deaf where she worked for 32 years. She went on to serve 7 years with Department of Public Safety and assisted the Austin Police Department and the American Red Cross with numerous calls translating for families in need.

Kathy was very musically inclined to the point she was able to play all brass instruments. She loved to craft, ride horses and rodeoing, including barrel racing and pole bending. She loved being in nature and living in the country. In her younger years, with her mother, maternal grandmother and sister, she went to Peaceful Valley dude Ranch in Bandera for 22 years consecutively. Kathy raised registered boxers for numerous years. She was well known for being the only registered American Sign Language auctioneer in Texas and for being an excellent storyteller.

Kathy passed away in the late afternoon hours of Sunday, November 24, 2024 at her home in Lexington.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Donald and Nevillyn Newcomer.

Kathy is survived by her sister Dawn Newcomer and wife Elisa Kaplan of Spring, Texas; nieces Lauren Carlene XiaYan Newcomer and fiancé Patrick Williams of Houston, Caitlyn Dawn YiJia Newcomer of Spring; as well as numerous friends and extended family members.

Memorial services for Katherine Karlene Newcomer, 66, of Lexington, Texas will be held January 11, 2025 at 10am at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings.

Memorial donations may be given to the charity of one's choice.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings

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# Tribute Wall

CS

“ Carolyn Shirley purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Katherine Newcomer.



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**Carolyn Shirley** - January 07, 2025 at 04:51 PM

GD

“ Kathy was my friend for only a few years, but she meant a lot to me. We shared long histories of working for the State of Texas, as well as a love of good books and good movies. She was always true to who she was and was willing to let me be exactly who I am. I will miss her daily good morning texts and her hilarious stories.

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**Ginnie Powell Dove** - January 01, 2025 at 11:32 PM

MB

“ We have been friends for over 35 years. I knew something had to be going on when I couldn't reach her, but didn't know anyone else's number. I am so sad. She was a GREAT PERSON!

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**Mary Baldree** - December 26, 2024 at 10:47 PM

CS

“ Kathy was a Guardian Angel to me and probably others. She sent me daily uplifting texts and because I knew she was checking on me, I would text her back with at least A thank you. She shared her fantastic cooking and baking with me on a regular basis and marked every holiday with a card or package with bright stickers. She will be missed by many. So kind and talented and giving...

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**Carolyn Shirley** - December 24, 2024 at 02:47 PM

DB

“ Kathy and I were penpals from 1971 until her death in 2024. I live in Idaho and will miss her letters. RIP dear Kathy!



Dorothy Lyons Brown - December 19, 2024 at 01:49 PM

DL

“ Wonderful inspiring and comforting is the way i will remember my friend of nearly 30 years.

Diane Little - December 18, 2024 at 12:27 PM

BM

Cathy and I went to the same Jr High, Sr High, & Blinn Junior College at the same time so I guess that makes us Triple Alumni  
I know that I received a box from her during the holidays (between Thanksgiving and Christmas) with the notation don't open until Christmas I received a box from her and then I heard from Cathy 's sister about Cathy's demise and the box will remain unopened until Christmas day  
She would send me various highly decorated cards during the year I always knew who they were from without looking at the return address  
My condolences to Dawn and her family, friends, and classmates  
I will miss my "Triple Alumni " friend"

Benton McKinney - December 22, 2024 at 10:38 PM

SB

Kathy and I started working at the Texas School for the Deaf at the same time in 1979 and remained friends ever since. We shared a love of boxers and horses. She was a special person and always cared very much for others. I will miss my longtime friend.

Susan Beritech - January 10, 2025 at 05:01 PM