



Kathy Lu Cooke Martin

October 28, 1959 - February 8, 2017

Kathy Lu Cooke Martin, 57 of Rockdale, died at 4:00 pm, Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at St. David's Hospital North in Austin. Celebration of Life services will be held at 2:00 pm, Saturday, February 11, 2017, at St. John's United Methodist Church. Rev. John Warren of First United Methodist Church in Orange and Rev. Adam Straznicky of St. John's United Methodist Church in Rockdale will officiate. Visitation will be held from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm, Saturday, at St. John's Fellowship Hall.

Kathy was born October 28, 1959, at the old Richard's Hospital in Rockdale to J.W. "Bill" and Peggy Cooke. She married William Travis "Bill" Martin Jr. on January 21, 2007, at St. John's United Methodist Church in Rockdale. Kathy had been publisher of The Rockdale Reporter since 2010 and was ad manager at The Reporter since 2000. She served two terms as president of Rockdale Noon Lions Club, was a member of Rockdale Chamber of Commerce and Rockdale Downtown Association, was past president of South Texas Press Association and director of Texas Press Association.

Kathy is preceded in death by a brother, Kevin Cooke in 2008.

Survivors include her husband, Bill Martin of Rockdale; two daughters, Katie Morriss of San Marcos and Kennedy Cooke-Garza of Rockdale; two grandchildren, Reese Lindsey of Austin and Madison Lornson; parents, Bill

and Peggy Cooke of Rockdale; and two brothers, Kyle Cooke of Houston and Ken Cooke of Fredericksburg.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 11. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

St. John's United Methodist Church
1700 Hillcrest Dr
Rockdale, TX 76567

Celebration of Life

FEB 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Kathy Lu Cooke Martin*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - February 10, 2017 at 10:27 PM

TG

“ *I remember when Kathy was born, and I had contact with her in her first few years of life. We share the grief of Bill, Peg, and other family members in this tragic loss. Tom Griffith*

Tom Griffith - February 18, 2017 at 06:47 PM

SG

“ *Our sincerest condolences and prayers being sent to Katy's family. We felt as though we were good friends with Kathy through reading her columns each week in the Reporter. Especially looked forward and enjoyed her recipes and humor. She is gone much too soon, but will live on in the hearts and memories of friends and family.*



Sharon and Steve Goodrich - February 13, 2017 at 12:26 PM

JP

“ Sincere sympathy to Bill, Peggy and the family at the passing of such a beautiful and talented person. We looked forward to her newspaper columns each week. May her light shine in heaven. Blessings, Jeanie and Carroll Pimpler



Jeanie Pimpler - February 12, 2017 at 01:43 PM

CH

“ Carolyn Hays lit a candle in memory of Kathy Lu Cooke Martin



Carolyn Hays - February 12, 2017 at 11:12 AM

RJ

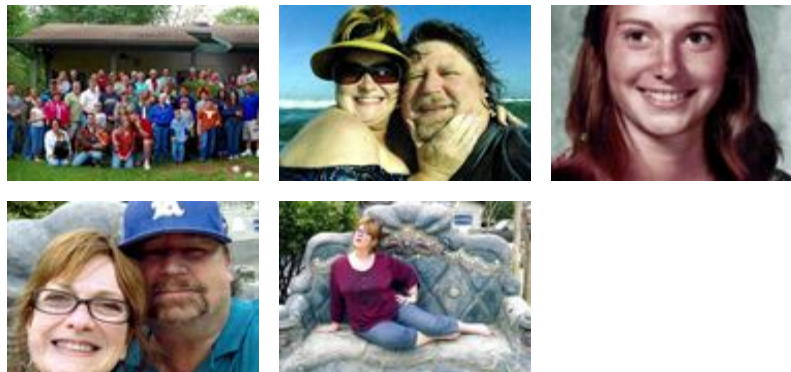
“ The Cooke family were our neighbors when I was was a kid. I remember playing board games with Kathy and her mom. A pretty girl with super parents. Thoughts and prayers for Bill, Peggy, Bill Martin and family.

Rob Hord Jr.

Rob Hord Jr - February 11, 2017 at 10:43 PM



“ 78 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - February 10, 2017 at 09:47 PM

DN

“ *Oh Kathy, what a fabulously funny kid, girl, woman! Such memories, my favorite though, singing the Dawning of the Age of Aquarius in all its wondrous glory! Complete with swaying, all aglow, pure fun, pure joy. What a wit, what a glow! She was delightful. I will miss her. D.K.*

D.K. Nichols - February 10, 2017 at 06:54 PM

DS

“ *This is so hard to imagine. I will always remember her beautiful smile, warm personality and most of all her quirky sense of humor. Such an amazing and talented person! Such a terrible loss. My thoughts and prayers are with her family*

Diane Skubal - February 10, 2017 at 03:30 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathy Lu Cooke Martin.



February 10, 2017 at 03:24 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Kathy was a beautiful lady, her smile would brighten any room or persons day. Her humor was all her own and we were lucky enough for her to share it. She will be truly missed.

Belinda Caffey - February 10, 2017 at 03:13 PM



Our prayer for Gods comfort and love surround each of you. So sorry for your loss. The Baker Family.

kim - February 10, 2017 at 08:35 PM



Kathy Lu, so pretty, witty, vivacious and alive still in my memory. I miss her.

H.Parsley

Harold Parsley - February 10, 2017 at 11:08 PM



Sending prayers, peace & comfort to the Cooke family. I am sorry for your loss. She was a very wonderful lady and a lot of fun. God Bless

Debbie Day - February 11, 2017 at 07:21 AM

LO

“ Prayers to you and your family Katie may God Bless you and Keep You! 🙏 ✝️
Lori & Joshua G.



Lori - February 10, 2017 at 02:05 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kathy Lu Cooke Martin.



February 10, 2017 at 01:15 PM

DN

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Donna Nichter

Donna Nichter - February 10, 2017 at 12:52 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kathy Lu Cooke Martin.



February 10, 2017 at 12:41 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Kathy Lu Cooke Martin.*



February 10, 2017 at 11:27 AM



“ *How terribly sad to lose a friend so young. My prayers are with the family.*

Morris & Julie Cook - February 10, 2017 at 10:52 AM



“ *Our hearts go out to Kathy's family. May God's comfort and strength help you through this difficult time.*

Scott and Cindy Urban

Cindy Urban - February 10, 2017 at 10:35 AM



“ *Bill and I cannot adequately express our shock and sadness over Kathy's passing. We have every confidence that she lives now with loved ones that have gone before. We will always remember her beautiful smile. We are so sorry we are out of town and cannot attend the service, but please know that you are all in our prayers. Bill & Mary Phillips*

Bill Phillips - February 10, 2017 at 10:19 AM



We will never forget the image of Kathy's gentle and bright face. May God give her eternal rest and the family strength to bear the great pain.

David and Brenda Young - February 10, 2017 at 11:06 AM



“Garden Accent Stone - *"Wherever a Beautiful Soul..."* was purchased for the family of Kathy Lu Cooke Martin.



February 10, 2017 at 09:49 AM



“We are so sorry for the loss of your precious Kathy. Kathy had a beautiful, engaging smile and just enough mischief behind those sparkling eyes to light any room. Kathy was such a fabric to our town that it is hard to imagine Rockdale without her.

*Our family is praying for you today and the days to come.
May God keep His loving arms around you and give you His peace.*

Tim, Robbie, Noel and Daniel Storey

Tim and Robbie Storey - February 10, 2017 at 09:45 AM



“The Eagle Printing Company sends our condolences to the Rockdale Reporter family. The Cooke family has always been a pleasure to work with and we are truly saddened for your family. Kathy will be missed.

Cindy - February 10, 2017 at 09:36 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathy Lu Cooke Martin.*



February 10, 2017 at 09:34 AM



“ *Bill and Peggy.....so sorry for your loss. I know how hard it is to lose a child. You and yours are in my thoughts and prayers. Kathy Tice*

Kathy Tice - February 10, 2017 at 06:06 AM



“ *Our heart is heavy as we think about the tremendous loss our small town has endured. Prayers to the family. Kathy had the most beautiful smile and her humor was undeniable.*

God be with you now and always.

Charles and Gaye Bland

Gaye Bland - February 10, 2017 at 04:25 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathy Lu Cooke Martin.*



February 10, 2017 at 12:46 AM

JK

“ *Sorry, I am unable to attend her service, but know I will continue praying for all of you. Sending Christian love and sympathy to all of her family. She was always so kind to me. June L. Key*

June L. Key - February 10, 2017 at 12:10 AM

PK

“ *Many, many years ago, Kathy was a hairdresser and she used to do my hair. I live in California now and am so sad to hear of her death. Such a sweet lady.*

Pegge Keller - February 09, 2017 at 07:21 PM



“ *Our family sends heartfelt prayers of healing and comfort for your broken hearts during this time. With Deepest Sympathy - the Craig Jentsch Family*



Holly Bonorden Jentsch - February 09, 2017 at 06:20 PM

LN

“ To the family of Kathy Cooke Martin: There are no words to fully express my shock and sadness to hear of Kathy's passing. She and my daughter, Liz Noak White, were such good friends during their school years. I remember the sleep-overs at our house, which meant no one really slept but had such fun! Her beauty and personality were beyond compare and I know she was the pride of her parents and her brothers thought the world of her, even back when they wouldn't admit it. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy and know that my thoughts and prayers are with all of Kathy's family, and I ask God to hold each of you in the palms of His hands as you cope with this loss.



Lois Braun Noak

Lois Braun Noak - February 09, 2017 at 05:32 PM