



Kay Tibbetts

February 25, 1942 - August 31, 2022

Kay Yvonne Hanley entered this world on February 25, 1942, to parents Everett and Bernice (Coartney) Hanley in Mattoon, Illinois. In her youth she enjoyed 4H, girl scouts, family camping trips, trips to the county and state fairs, and spending time with friends. She graduated from Mattoon High School, class of 1960.

She married Ronald Kent Tibbetts on December 7, 1963, whom she had first met at a local Steak n' Shake. They enjoyed spending time with friends while she worked at Cap and Gown, and he worked for the State of Illinois water survey.

They raised two daughters, Lori and Christy, in Champaign, and then in Nashua, NH. During these years she enjoyed bowling, bridge clubs, photography, sewing and refinishing antiques purchased from auctions. She spent decades in the workforce helping folks through troubled times to receive unemployment benefits in Illinois, New Hampshire and finally in Ohio. While in Ohio she pursued her interest in quilting and enjoyed good friendships.

After retiring, Kay and Ron sold everything, bought an RV, and traveled the US for several years. She particularly enjoyed Luray, VA and Umatilla, FL. During those Ohio and early retirement years, grandkids started arriving on the scene in Ohio and many visits were made. They eventually bought a home in Leesburg, FL and sold the RV. Kay joined several quilt guilds and enjoyed donating quilts to veteran's organizations and for newborn babies. She also enjoyed sewing for the grandkids and visiting with family.

Kay enjoyed traveling, and together with Ron, some highlights were Acapulco, Hawaii, Alaska and a European River cruise.

She will be missed yet has left each of us wrapped in her love with an original handmade quilt.

Kay is preceded in death by her parents Everett and Bernice Hanley, and her sister and brother-in-law, Barbara and Glen Meyer.

Kay leaves behind her husband of 59 years Ron Tibbetts, her brother Phil (Marianne) Hanley, daughters Lori (Scott) Ernest, and Christy (Neal) Kennedy, grandchildren Angel Nelson, Kaylee Ernest, Jayden Ernest, Anthony Ernest, Harley Ernest, Lily Kennedy, Linus Kennedy, Laurel Kennedy. Also, great grandsons Jeff Lemming and Theodore Hammergren. And finally, Baby the cat. Did we mention she loved cats?

Beyers Funeral Home of Leesburg, Florida will be handling the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ I met Kay at OMS. We were in the wonderful quilting group there. I was going to post this picture of the little wreath she made me years ago to tell her that 4 register clerks in each store I entered yesterday complimented it. I wear it every year. We have not been south since 2015. I am just learning of Kay's passing. I wish we had met sooner than we did. I think we would have had a wonderful friendship. My heart goes out to her family.



Harriet Foster - December 20, 2022 at 07:56 AM

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“ This is the quilt that Kay made for me as a wedding present! Thank you Kay for this special piece of artwork. I will treasure it always!!!



cherrie robertson - September 10, 2022 at 09:38 AM

JM

“ On my bed is the crazy quilt my grandmother made. The back is loving attached by Kay. I carried it around for a long time before she finished it. I think of her kind hands and warm heart often. She raised the sweetest women who carried her spirit forward into her grands.

Jeri Maynard - September 07, 2022 at 09:46 AM

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“ We used to go over to Mrs Tibbits house and sit at the kitchen table playing while mom and her caught up laughing and smiling. (I didnt know it at the time but apparently they got tired of waiting for grand babies so they adopted us). We were spoiled with treats so what kid doesn't love that?



We then got to go to her daughters wedding and it was the first time I remember dancing at a wedding, her daughter was gorgeous and beaming!

When they moved away I remember my mom being excited for their RV trip and sad at the same time her friend was moving further away.

Thank you for all the positive memories and being our local grandparents :)

Amanda Akseli - September 04, 2022 at 10:55 AM



Thank you for the memory! My Mom loved the Jensen family!!!

Christy Kennedy - September 06, 2022 at 01:07 PM