



Margaret Kay Pyron

February 11, 1946 - November 16, 2022

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On Wednesday November 16, 2022, Margaret Kay Fowler Pyron (Kay), devoted wife and mother of two, passed away peacefully at her home in Foreman, AR, at the age of seventy-six. Born to Doyle and Ethel Fowler on February 11, 1946, Kay spent her entire life surrounded by family, friends and neighbors in southwest Arkansas.

Kay grew up in the Blackland community, on the outskirts of Foreman, with her parents and her two sisters. Kay's fearless independence was handed down from a long line of fearlessness – especially from her mother. She learned from an early age that, to make anything happen, you had to focus on getting the job done yourself. This could take the form of continued educational pursuits, growing a garden, educating teenagers, or jumping from hobbies as varied as macrame – to tole painting – to dress making – to flower pressing – to poetry writing – and even wallpapering the occasional room at one o'clock in the morning.

Always a study in contrasts, Kay was just as comfortable in a gold lamé ballgown being crowned Miss Foreman as she was tilling garden rows with her father. She was a rare combination of beauty, savviness and toughness that likely contributed to her husband, Bob, asking for her hand in marriage in 1964. They made their family complete with the birth of a daughter in 1966 and a son in 1972. Kay fiercely loved her family. She would “fight a circle saw” to defend her family members, but she could also remind them that those

“particular jeans” might not be in their best interest.

A constant learner (a trait she passed on to both her children), Kay earned a bachelor’s degree in education and a master’s degree in library science and spent much of her adult life as a high school English teacher. She was often noted as a favorite teacher by past students – for her ability to make Shakespeare enjoyable, for not putting up with any classroom shenanigans and for driving remarkably fast out of the parking lot to get home each day. On the domestic front, Kay was well known for asserting that the dishes could always wait until later and that there was nothing better than having an impromptu picnic in the living room at 10:30 p.m. to watch the movie of the week. She despised being bored or anything she deemed boring – so she immersed herself in novels, movies and television shows that explored the wonder, romance, and thrills of the human experience. She also loved her occasional road trip and ocean cruise with her sister, Elaine, where they would undoubtedly make a lasting impression on everyone they met.

Kay will be remembered for leaving a trail of Estée Lauder White Linen in any room she exited along with her love of daffodils, her sly smile, her sharp humor, her fierce determination, and her generous love of her family. She is survived by her husband, Bob, and their two children, Kristie Pyron Smith and her husband Rickey of Foreman, AR and Kyle Pyron and his wife Elizabeth of Fort Worth, TX. She is also survived by three granddaughters who all inherited her unique combination of beauty, brains, and spirit – Shae Rogers of DeQueen, AR, Chloe Pyron of Los Angeles, CA and Emma Pyron of Fort Worth, TX.

A visitation with the family will be held at Madden Funeral Home in Foreman on Friday, November 18, from 5 to 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial gifts be made to the Foreman Public Schools Library Fund, the Gator Bash Scholarship fund, or to Foreman Church of Christ, where Kay was a longtime member.

A private burial will be held at Dollarhide Cemetery, where, in the spring, if you close your eyes when the daffodils are in full bloom, you might just recognize

the faint scent of White Linen in the air.

Cemetery Details

Dollarhide Cemetery

1187 LR 78
Foreman, AR 71836

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Madden Funeral Home - Foreman
306 Schuman Street
Foreman, AR 71836
(870) 898-3331
<https://maddenfuneralservice.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Madden Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Margaret Kay Pyron*



Madden Funeral Home - November 16, 2022 at 04:51 PM

CD

So sorry for your loss. Claire

Claire Davis - November 23, 2022 at 04:05 PM



“ *Margaret Kay Pyron*

October 08, 2023 at 02:47 PM

MM

“ *I'm so very sorry about Kay passing. I had an absolute blast working with her in New Boston. I was honestly scared of her when I first started teaching here but then we had duty together and all that changed. I got to enjoy the real Kay Pyron. She was precious and oh so funny and sarcastic. She kept me laughing and seemed to appreciate my sarcasm as well. Thanks for sharing her with all of us. She had a great impact on so many kids and teachers and will certainly be missed. Margie Manning -- retired NBISD*

Margie Manning - November 21, 2022 at 03:58 PM

BM

“ My favorite teacher. Sweetest lady to get to know! If not for her I wouldn't have graduated high school! I agree to all of the obituary. Miss that sparky mischievous smile of hers! I know she will be greatly missed by many!

Brandy Griffith Motes - November 19, 2022 at 03:51 PM

CM

“ RIP Mrs Pyron. She told me when I was going to school for her that I was very creative when I write. That I will never forget. RIP.

Craig McCrary - November 18, 2022 at 04:22 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Margaret Kay Pyron.



November 18, 2022 at 09:10 AM

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“ She was definitely one of my favorite teachers in New Boston High School. I thought she was wonderful. My deepest condolences to the family

Andrea Miller - November 18, 2022 at 01:23 AM

PT

“ Kristie and family, so sorry about Kay. I was privileged to know her and you when I worked at NBISD. My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Paulette Taylor

Paulette Taylor - November 17, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret Kay Pyron.*



November 17, 2022 at 01:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Margaret Kay Pyron.*



November 17, 2022 at 11:19 AM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Margaret Kay Pyron.*



November 17, 2022 at 10:24 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret Kay Pyron.*



November 17, 2022 at 10:13 AM



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