



## Davene Matthews Kahler

February 21, 1945 - October 30, 2022

Davene Matthews Kahler, a longtime Fairland resident passed away on Sunday, October 30, 2022 at Freeman Health System in Joplin, Missouri with her loving family around her. Davene was born on February 21, 1945 in North Miami, Oklahoma to William Dave Matthews and Martha Alice (Creason) Matthews. She grew up in Fairland, Oklahoma attending Aurora School through the eighth grade and graduated in 1963 from Fairland High School. She married William (Bill) Kahler on December 21, 1963. Upon moving to Joplin, she attended Franklin Technical School for Clerk Stenographer. After completion of that program, Davene worked for the United States Census Bureau in Pittsburg, Kansas from 1964 to 1970. In 1970, they moved to Bolivar, Missouri, where along with Bill, they were Dorm Supervisors of Beasley Hall Men's Dorm at Southwest Baptist College, and she worked as a secretary for The First Baptist Church. She also attended college. Moving to New Haven, Missouri she worked for a Doctor in Washington, Missouri. In 1975, they moved to Fairland and Davene worked for Grove General Hospital for twenty-seven years, Encompass Home Health for seven years, Grove Community Health Clinic for three years and The Landing of Fairland for one year.

Davene taught Children's Sunday School and Vacation Bible School for many years. She became the "mother hen" to all the children at every church they Pastored.

Davene is preceded in passing by her parents, William Dave and Martha Alice

Matthews, her sisters Betty White and Paula Seay, her brothers TJ, Robert, Larry and Randy Matthews.

Davene is survived by her husband, Bill Kahler of the home, a son, Timothy S. Kahler of Fairland, a daughter Tamra Jolynn Stoelzing and her husband Terry of Fairland, four grandchildren: Tyler S. Kahler and his wife Keisha of Sarcoxie, Missouri, and Slade, Majesty and Terry Stoelzing of Fairland, Tabitha Nash and her husband Joey of Grove and two great grandchildren Easton and Ensley Kahler of Sarcoxie, sisters Meta Oakley and Barbara Dale, a brother-in-law David Seay and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation will be Wednesday, November 9, 2022 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM at Hudson Creek Baptist Church in Fairland. Services are under the care of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairland.

Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing Davene's Tribute Page at [www.brown-winters.com](http://www.brown-winters.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 9. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hudson Creek Baptist Church  
15401 S HWY 125  
Fairland, OK 74343

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Davene Matthews Kahler*



**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - November 08, 2022 at 10:17 AM

CS

“ *Cheryl, Zach, Tanner and Sydney purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Davene Matthews Kahler.*



**Cheryl, Zach, Tanner and Sydney** - November 08, 2022 at 01:57 PM

JF

“ *Josie Stovall & Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Davene Matthews Kahler.*



**Josie Stovall & Family** - November 08, 2022 at 09:30 AM



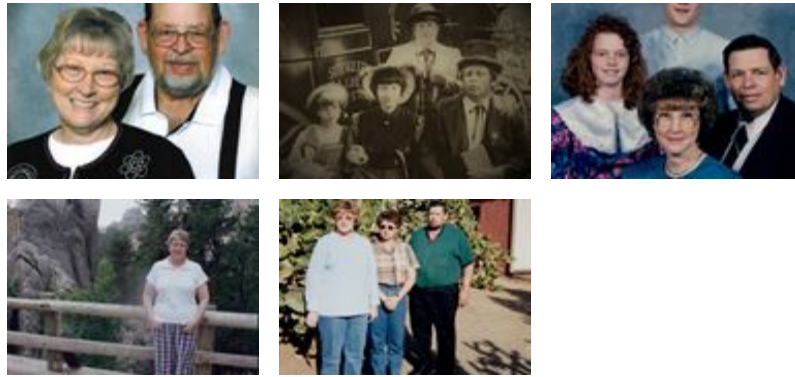
“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Davene Matthews Kahler.



November 06, 2022 at 11:51 PM



“ 82 files added to the album Life Tributes



**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - November 03, 2022 at 06:12 PM



“ We are so thankful for the time both of you spent at Warren’s Branch Baptist Church. Davene and I had a special connection....our love for God, for Family and for God’s Church and especially for children. I think of her often and am looking forward to seeing her again in Heaven. Sending our sympathy and love to Bill and the kids....we are praying for each of you.

**Max and Mary Sue Case** - November 03, 2022 at 10:03 AM

WK

*Thank you, Mary Sue. You also shared the same birthday, wont say what years. We loved all the people at Warren's Branch Baptist Church and really enjoyed the 11 years there. God Bless you and Max.*

William Kahler - November 03, 2022 at 04:24 PM

SB

*“ I met Davene and Bill at a USS Hornet Association Reunion. Davene was such a sweet lady. She became a friend to everyone. She will be miss by everyone that knew her. Hugs and prayers for Bill and family. Sandy Burket*

Sandy Burket - November 02, 2022 at 10:55 PM

WK

*Thank you, Sandy. Davene always had a GREAT time at the USS Hornet reunions visiting with my shipmates and their wives. God Bless*

William Kahler - November 03, 2022 at 04:26 PM

SF

*“ We met the Kahler's at Trinity So. Baptist in Pittsburg, Ks.and met up again at Southwest Baptist College, Bill and my husband Dannie both studying to be pastors. We have so many fond memories of the guys fishing for walleye bass and Davene & I frying them. We also shared a memorable time together surviving a historic ice storm that shut down the whole town of Bolivar. They were one of the few who had a home with gas and they invited us over to pass the time in warmth. We we will always remember Davene's sweet personality, her kindness and ready smile for everyone. We know we will meet her again in Heaven. Love and blessings, Pastor Dannie & Sheila Fisher*

Sheila Fisher - November 02, 2022 at 10:11 PM

WK

*Thank you Sheila for the very kind words about Davene. We were very Blessed to have known you, Dannie and family for many years. The wonderful memories we have from Pittsburg and Bolivar will last for ever. While Dannie and I were working on our BA degrees, You and Davene received your PHT's in those 4 years. God Bless you and Dannie. See you in Heaven at the REUNION.*

William Kahler - November 03, 2022 at 04:34 PM

KK

“ Kevin,Michelle and Jordyn Kahler purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Davene Matthews Kahler.



Kevin,Michelle and Jordyn Kahler - November 02, 2022 at 12:40 PM



“ Bill, to you and your family, prayers are for you. She will be missed! A very outgoing person, your wife of many years.

Priscilla Halcomb - November 02, 2022 at 09:00 AM

KS

“ Davene was a treasure. She so enjoyed teaching children in Sunday School and influenced many young lives. She had such a love of God and her family. Our hearts are heavy. Continued prayers for her precious family.

Kathryn Smith - November 01, 2022 at 09:09 PM

WK

*Thank you Kathryn. Davene loved you and your family, and working with you in church. God Bless.*

William Kahler - November 03, 2022 at 04:36 PM

LG

“ *Davene was one of the sweetest ladies to ever walk the face of this earth and Heaven is definitely her home now. Linda Fountain George*

Linda Fountain George - November 01, 2022 at 08:16 PM

WK

*Thank you, Linda for those very kind words. God Bless.*

William Kahler - November 03, 2022 at 04:36 PM

WJ

“ *So sad to read this, we worked together also. A wonderful Christian lady. Prayers for Bill, Tim and Tammy!*

Wanda Jackson - October 31, 2022 at 11:55 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Davene Matthews Kahler.*



October 31, 2022 at 09:18 PM

RQ

“ *I am very sadden to hear of Davene's passing. I worked with her many years at Grove General Hospital. We enjoyed our jobs and had many fun days. She was a great friend to have.*

Retha Quimby - October 31, 2022 at 06:07 PM