



Dr. Kathleen Cheryl Spillman

March 7, 1947 - July 13, 2021

Dr. Kathleen Cheryl (Price) Spillman of Miami, Oklahoma, passed away at the Freeman Cardiac Institute, Joplin, Missouri, on Tuesday, July 13, 2021.

Kathleen was born March 7, 1947, to Lester Kenneth and Aline Clarabel (Irion) Price at Larned, Kansas. She grew up on the Price family farm 8 miles northwest of Garfield, Pleasant Ridge Township, Pawnee County, Kansas.

She attended the Garfield Schools, graduating in 1965.

Dr. Spillman earned her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from Fort Hayes University. Kathy worked in the Miami Public Schools for years as a second and fifth grade teacher. She worked for thirty years as a public school teacher before she earned her Doctorate from Oklahoma State University and worked for Pittsburgh State University training and educating teachers. Kathy enjoyed quilting, reading and gardening. Mrs. Spillman was preceded in passing by her parents Lester and Clarabel and brother-in-law, James O. Roberts.

She is survived by her two children, Matthew Douglas (Cheryl) Spillman, of Miami, Oklahoma, and Mandy Lynn Hixon of Miami, Oklahoma. She was Nana to Kyleigh and Addyson Hixon, Kinson Spillman, Dameon Townsend, Kayla and Bobby Hilton. She is also survived by two brothers, Kenneth E. (Carol) Price, Garfield, Kansas and Lester L. (Janet) Price, Allen, Texas, and two sisters, Kay E. Roberts, Aurora, Colorado and Carole A. (Mike) Tudor, Fairland, Oklahoma. Also surviving are Connie (Richard) Carroll, Fairland Oklahoma. She also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, cousins and

friends.

Cremation has taken place in the care of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami. A grave side service in the Garfield Cemetery, Garfield, Kansas, is being planned for a later date. Her wishes were to have a celebration of life party which will be held September 4th 2021 at 1pm. Please email cherylstapleton2016@icloud.com to rsvp.

The family has asked that in lieu of flowers memorial contributions be made in care of the family.

Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing Kathleen's Tribute Page at www.brown-winters.com.

Tribute Wall

LR

“ My memories of you sweet Kathy are most fond ones. You are always smiling and will be forever. You’re fun, funny, beautiful to know and love, a true joy to others, good, kind, compassionate and most of all true to yourself for always in all ways! Watching you in High school as an amazing Cheerleader was always a joy to my heart and made me want to cheer louder with you for our Cardinals. No matter what you decided to accomplish you always succeeded. Though I was an underclassmen you took time to make me feel important. Though you were in my Sister’s class of ‘65 (Sherlyn Ross) you always made me feel I was important to you personally. That is an amazing trait everyone should try to imitate for others in their lives. You, though, I was in the background watching you always cared about me as if I were one of your classmates. I knew back then, you would go on to accomplish big things for others; you proved me right! Your goals you wanted were completed in oh so many ways for others to be happy like you. The knowledge you gained in your lifetime, you generously shared with others as you walked along flower strewn pathways on your way; Always, always looking out for and loving others. I know your family is saddened you left them too soon, for you loved them deeply, with a reckless abandon. Yet they all knew each moment with you was a treasure and now that you’re in Heaven; they are assured they will one day see you again for that is what Father promised. Bye for now, friend. See you in Heaven!

Linda Ross - August 08, 2021 at 01:15 PM

JH

“ I loved Dr. Spillman’s classes! She was amazing mentor for future teachers. The world has lost but Heaven has gained. My deepest sympathies for her family.

Jerri Haymaker - July 21, 2021 at 06:22 PM

AW

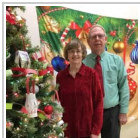
“ Dr. Spillman words can not express how much I loved you as a professor at PSU. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family!

Ashley Watkins - July 21, 2021 at 11:12 AM

JA

“ One of my favorite teachers at PSU. She had such a passion for education and sharing her knowledge and experiences with us. Very saddened to hear of her passing, my deepest condolences to the family.

John Alonzo - July 21, 2021 at 10:56 AM



“ Kathy was a classmate(Garfield High-class of 65)/friend and dance partner from our teenage years. She will be missed and our deepest sympathy to the family.

Dennis & Diana Echard (OKC)

Dennis Echard - July 18, 2021 at 08:41 PM



CS

“ From the very first moment we met I loved you. I have never met a more loving, accepting and understanding person. You looked past all my flaws and opened your arms to hug me close. I looked at you as the mother I've always wished I had. Thank you for loving me and loving Matt! You will forever be missed. I promise you I will take care of them for you now. Never worry that they will be alone. I love you and miss you so much.

Cheryl Spillman - July 14, 2021 at 07:00 PM

SS

Kathy was special. She was funny and made all of us feel accepted and that everything was going to be okay. She will be missed.

Sue Stidham - July 14, 2021 at 08:45 PM

KR

I will miss my baby sister so much. I know she is at peace

Kay Roberts - July 16, 2021 at 03:22 PM

CP

Mandy and Matt lean on each other, your mother was a very special woman. Love and prayers for you and her Grands.

carol price - July 17, 2021 at 10:46 AM

LP

I will miss you forever sister KAT. You will always be in my heart and on my mind. Catch myself laughing about the foolish things we did growing up on the Kansas farm.

Love, Lester Lee

Lester Price - July 18, 2021 at 09:22 AM

SA

I taught school with Kathy at Rockdale in Miami and also had the opportunity to take a couple classes with her. Like others have said, Kathy was always supportive and positive, whether in a group or one on one. Even though we've been apart for many years, we have remained friends. We always had fun and lots of laughs when she was around. I will miss you, Kathy!

Sandy Aston - July 20, 2021 at 05:52 AM

MR

So sorry to read about Kathy. I have so many fond memories of her when I was growing up in Cherokee. She loved her family.

Mandi Miller Robison - July 20, 2021 at 02:16 PM

TM

Kathy was a wonderful colleague and friend. We worked together at Pittsburg State University. I am saddened to learn of her passing. Prayers to her children and grandchildren.

Tracey Mussa - July 20, 2021 at 09:18 PM

JT

Kathy taught all three of my girls. We were lucky to have her. Great memories!

julie turner - July 20, 2021 at 11:13 PM



Kathy was a genuine friend and wonderful teacher. On many occasions, I remember her students excitingly discussing her amazing science lesson demonstrations! She was loved by many and will be greatly missed!

Angela Abbott - July 21, 2021 at 12:17 AM

KL

Kathy was an amazing and loving lady and colleague. She was always understanding and kind. Her students loved her. She will be deeply missed. Prayers to her children and grandchildren.

Karen LaSota - July 21, 2021 at 08:41 AM



Dr. Spillman was a great professor, and I learned so much from her. She was a blessing for PSU. Prayers for her family during this difficult time.

Tina Valenzuela - July 22, 2021 at 08:49 AM

CF

I went to osu with Kathy! We had lots of laughs and headaches as we got our phds

carol ford - July 23, 2021 at 11:33 AM