



## Nona "Kay" Byrd

April 9, 1961 - May 12, 2020

Nona "Kay" Byrd, a resident of the Oak Grove Community near Bigelow, Arkansas, passed away Tuesday May 12, 2020 at the age of 59.

Kay is survived by her husband, Ronald Byrd; her children Stephanie Toon of Conway Arkansas, Stephen (Bethany) Byrd of Jackson Missouri, and her grandchildren; Cameron Byrd, Jack Toon, Averi Toon, Lily Toon, and Olen Byrd. Her sister, Shelia (John) Sumner of Whittman, Arizona, James "Jamie" (Jamie) Chambliss of Deberrie, Arkansas. She had an abundance of nieces and nephews. She was predeceased in death by her parents James Chambliss and Lillie Naomi Chambliss of Perryville, and son-in-law Robert Toon.

Kay was born in Star City, Arkansas on April 9, 1961 to James and Naomi Chambliss. On June 9, 1979 she married Ronald Byrd, the love of her life, and through their love became a devoted mother and grandmother. Kay served faithfully as a pastor's wife for 41 years, and worked at Core Source/Trustmark for 13 years. She had a gentle and steadfast spirit, and will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all who knew her.

A graveside service is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Friday, May 15, at Oak Grove Cemetery. Reverend Mike Warren who, with his wife Elizabeth are Ronald and Kay's best friends, will officiate. Flowers are welcomed but donations are preferred to The Gideons International ([gideons.org](http://gideons.org)).

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Grove Cemetery

1379 Arkansas 300  
Houston, AR 72070

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAY 15. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Houston, AR 72070

# Tribute Wall



“ *Nona "Kay" Byrd*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *I worked with Mrs. Kay for years at Trustmark.*

*She was very special to me, when I heard the news it just broke my heart.*

*I know that she is loved by many and will be greatly missed.*

*May God Bless your Family during this difficult time.*

*Rest in Love Mrs. Kay!*



**Latoya Buford** - May 17, 2020 at 01:31 PM



“ *We thank God for her life! Love , Richard and JanAnn Harmon*

**Richard Harmon** - May 15, 2020 at 07:09 AM



“ *Pat and Michelle Shewmake purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Nona "Kay" Byrd.*



**Pat and Michelle Shewmake** - May 14, 2020 at 01:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Nona "Kay" Byrd.*



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May 14, 2020 at 12:48 PM



“ *We know our God is loving and kind, and cares about us 24/7, but sometimes his decision to take the ones we love so dearly is heart-breakingly (sp?) difficult. The words "kind and gentle spirit" of this beautiful lady doesn't seem to be enough, but certainly helps describe her. She was completely devoted to her husband and children through steadfastness and devotion, a true model of a Christian servant. We loved to see her smile at denominational functions as we renewed friendships of times gone by. Each time they were at Garvinwood Church as our Pastoral leadership, we fell in love with both Kay and Ron all the more. We all grieved, especially Kay, when it came time for God to move them from Evansville to another location to advance His work. But God doesn't tell us all our lives will go our way; however, He does promise He will walk beside us throughout - and carry us when it is the toughest. May He carry Ron, Stephanie, Stephen and their children with healing and comfort as they trudge through this great and sudden loss. Much love and prayers, Pat and Jack Boyer*

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**Jack and Pat Boyer** - May 14, 2020 at 12:09 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Nona "Kay" Byrd.*



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May 14, 2020 at 12:08 PM



“ *I worked with Kay for many years at CoreSource/Trustmark. She was truly one of the nicest people I have ever met! Just the kindest heart and gentle soul. Even if she was aggravated, she was still just the sweetest spirit. She was very proud of her children and grandchildren and loved her husband endlessly. She is loved by many and will be greatly missed. I find comfort in knowing she is watching over us all with that sweet smile. May God Bless your Family and keep you strong during such a difficult time.*



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**Jackie Capel** - May 14, 2020 at 11:23 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Nona "Kay" Byrd.*



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May 14, 2020 at 10:15 AM

MS

“ Thoughts and prayers are with each and everyone of you during this difficult time. She will be greatly missed.

*Michelle Shewmake*

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**Michelle Shewmake** - May 13, 2020 at 11:56 PM

CL

“ Kay was a great person very sweet lady

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**catherine lane** - May 13, 2020 at 10:23 PM

GB

“ Bro Ron This is Bro Gary Burdin  
Just wanted you to know that I am praying for you and your family.  
May God's Grace be extremely gracious to you during your time of  
grief that we both know will only be temporary because of what  
Jesus did on the Cross of Calvary. That doesn't relieve the pain or  
grief now because of the love and bond the 2 of had for over 40  
years but we serve an AWESOME GOD. I pray he will carry you  
these weeks and months ahead in His arms.

*God Bless You*

*Bro Gary*

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**Gary Burdin** - May 13, 2020 at 09:52 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for  
the family of Nona "Kay" Byrd.



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May 13, 2020 at 09:50 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Nona "Kay" Byrd.*



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May 13, 2020 at 09:27 PM



“ *Kay was one of the sweeties and kindest lady. She was a great friend and pastor's wife and Mother. We had some real fun times when she and Ron pastored at my church when Stephanie and Stephen were small. She was always by Ron's side and ready to do whatever was needed at church or wherever she was needed. Loved her so very much. Prayers for this precious family. Love you and sending many hugs and prayers to you.*

*Starla*

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**starlakclayton@hotmail.com** - May 13, 2020 at 09:24 PM



“ *Ronald and family, I am very sorry for the loss of your loved one. May she rest in God's loving arms. Teresa D Zulpo*

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**Teresa Dell** - May 13, 2020 at 09:14 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss! Praying for you!*

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**Ken and Nancy Morris** - May 13, 2020 at 07:44 PM

FB

“ Ron, Stephanie, Sthephen and family: So sorry to hear of Kaye’s passing. Please accept heartfelt sympathy. Certainly our prayers will be with you all. The current conditions only increase the difficulty of an already difficult time. We we could be there to share our love and concern for you in person. Words seem so unfeeling and shallow in a time like this. May the God of all comfort guide and keep you through it all.

*Fred and Jan Brittain*

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**Fred Brittain** - May 13, 2020 at 07:28 PM

DH

“ We are so sorry to hear the news of Kay. We will keep your family in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Dale & Vicki Hargett** - May 13, 2020 at 05:18 PM

MP

“ Ron and family, we are so saddened by the loss of Kay. We loved her dearly as we do you. We will keep your family in our thoughts and prayers.

*Gearl and Mary Payne*

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**Mary Payne** - May 13, 2020 at 05:17 PM