



Karen "Kay" Brickell

August 30, 1944 - April 14, 2020

Myrtle Beach, SC...Karen "Kay" Brickell, age 75, passed away Tuesday, April 14, 2020.

Karen (Kay) Brickell was born on August 30th, 1944 in Fayetteville, North Carolina, a daughter of the late William and Gertrude Chapman. Kay primarily grew up in Norfolk, Virginia and was a 1962 graduate of Matthew Fontaine Maury High School. During the mid-sixties, Kay and husband Charlie Brickell relocated to the Washington DC metro area to start their careers and raise a family. Over the next 40+ years, Kay held positions at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and Potomac Electric Power Company (Pepco), while also serving as a stay-at-home-mother.

Kay was very committed to God and the church, spending many years as a member of both the First Baptist Church of Waldorf and Calvary Gospel Church, both in Waldorf, MD. As a committed Christian, Kay was very passionate about serving God and Jesus Christ in both church choirs, using her magnificent voice as a vehicle to reach and touch people's hearts.

One of Kay's true passions and hobbies was to travel with Charlie. Kay visited all 50 states in the USA, with Alaska, Hawaii, and the American west states being some of her favorites. In addition, Kay visited Israel to visit the holy sites that were so meaningful to her as a Christian.

In 2012, Kay and Charlie moved to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina to enjoy their retirement years. Kay continued to serve God at the Grand Strand Baptist Church in Myrtle Beach, where she also touched people with her voice

and made many friends. Kay, Charlie, and their dog Smokey maintained their love for travel while in Myrtle Beach, taking their camper all over the United States to visit numerous historic landmarks and sites.

Surviving are her husband of 58 years, Charlie Brickell, two sons, Chris Brickell (Sabine) of Ashburn, VA and Mark Brickell (Crystal) of Huntingtown, MD, three grandchildren, Amanda Brickell, Christopher Brickell and Jacob Brickell, two brothers, William "Bill" Chapman (Serene) of Myrtle Beach, SC and Lanny Chapman (Kathy) of Huntingtown, MD, and one sister, Phyllis Forbes (Clarence) of Myrtle Beach, SC.

She was predeceased by her parents William and Gertrude Chapman, brother Donald Polston, sister Faye Bachelor, sister Inez Carpenter, sister Delores Futrell and sister Judi Belyea.

Services will be held in Waldorf, MD.

Please sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com
Goldfinch Funeral Home, Carolina Forest Chapel is in charge of local arrangements.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

APR 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Huntt Funeral Home
3035 Old Washington Road
Waldorf, MD 20601

Tribute Wall

JS

“ I’m so sadden to hear of Kay’s passing. She was such a blessing to me and the ministry of Coastline Women’s Center. I could always count on her support. I’m just stunned and will miss her so.

Jeannie Smith - May 03, 2020 at 10:11 PM

PF

“ Kay and I bunked together during one Women’s Aglow retreat in Ocean City. As always was the case with Kay, she never felt the need to stay glued to anyone in the group because her focus wasn’t on socialization, it was about meeting with Jesus. I got back to the room first and was doing busy doing something when she came in. We were chatting for a bit and she suddenly fell quiet then uttered the most mournful sound I’d ever heard in my life. When I turned to look at her, sitting on the bed, I found her weeping inconsolably. Key, I kept asking, what’s wrong?? When she could finally speak through her gut wrenching sobs, she said, oh Penny, I can feel it. What? I asked. Our sin, she said. I can feel how God feels about our sin.

What do you say in that moment, when the Spirit of God is talking to you through the voice of your beloved friend? Nobody...and I mean nobody loved Jesus more than Kay. She was my mother in Christ, I learned so very much from her. I have more stories to share, and will.

Penny Frye - April 18, 2020 at 01:50 PM

DS

“ Upon meeting Kay for the first time, we soon realized we knew some of the same people that worked at Potomac Electric Power Co. from years ago. I will truly miss Kay's enthusiasm and Love that she radiated for our Savior.
David Sandifer

David Sandifer - April 18, 2020 at 12:25 AM

HO

“ Kay was my neighbor for many years in Charles Co She and Charlie were really misses when they moved. When ever we got that way we would visit her and Charlie. They were wonderful people and we're terribly misses We shares many precious memories with her and the family. Kay is now singing her heart out in HEAVEN

Hope oden - April 17, 2020 at 04:06 PM

RE

“ My deepest condolences to the family, Charlie, Mark and Christopher as well as the extended families. Kay was a lovely person and I know she will be sorely missed. May God comfort you at this difficult time.

Love,

Regina

regina - April 17, 2020 at 12:29 PM



“ Worked with Kay at Chalk Point years ago, but I will always remember her smile, wonderful personality and kindness.

Stan Taulbee - April 16, 2020 at 11:26 PM



“ Charlie, Mark, Chris & Families...I am so sorry, your loss is tremendous for our dear Godly, loving, and talented Kay! What a great loss we are sharing. My dear friend Kay, since 1978, great times together in Maryland and a friend I prayed for everyday for years, has gone to her heavenly home...but how we will miss her! I was happy for her and Charlie to move to Myrtle, but sad for me, but a heart's desire for her, so glad she had much time there. I did get to talk to her last week and glad for that, although sad we didn't get to face time it. You all will be in my prayers as well as the extended family. Love to all...

Patty Orazio - April 16, 2020 at 10:18 PM

JC

“ Deepest Sympathy and Prayers to the family. Kay you definitely be missed at our Maryland Luncheons.



Janet Crabtree - April 16, 2020 at 09:59 PM

CB

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Chris Brickell - April 16, 2020 at 09:26 PM

SB

“ *Sending Prayers to Kay's Family.
RIP my friend you will soooo be missed at our MD Ladies monthly Luncheons and using you as our microphone. You said that you could always talk louder then the Mike. Lol
Another angel in heaven to look down on all of us. 💕💕*
Sandrilee Brown

Sandrilee Brown - April 16, 2020 at 09:20 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of
Karen "Kay" Brickell.*



April 16, 2020 at 08:36 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Karen "Kay" Brickell.*



April 16, 2020 at 08:01 PM

LM

“ Kay was my daughters Sunday School teacher at Waldorf Baptist years ago. When I moved to SC in 2014, I met Kay again at a ladies Maryland luncheon at which she guided me to Grand strand Baptist church. When Kay would do her solos it gave me chills! She had a beautiful voice, she will be missed, she is now singing with Jesus and the angels.

Linda Moure'

linda moure - April 16, 2020 at 07:43 PM

CS

“ The first time I met K I liked her and after I got to know her I loved her it broke my heart for her and Charlie to move to South Carolina now I know she is with God and he has an angel with him goodbye my friend I will miss you



Cheryl Stinson - April 16, 2020 at 06:45 PM

PF

“ My heart is so broken at the passing of my big sis and best friend.



phyllis forbes - April 16, 2020 at 05:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Karen "Kay" Brickell.*



April 16, 2020 at 04:35 PM



“ *Much Love, Michelle & Jesse purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Karen "Kay" Brickell.*



Much Love, Michelle & Jesse - April 16, 2020 at 04:19 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Karen "Kay" Brickell.*



April 16, 2020 at 04:18 PM



“ *I met Kay in the weight loss group and just fell with her the nicest person you will ever meet I will miss her*



miche bernier - April 16, 2020 at 03:56 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Karen "Kay" Brickell.*



April 16, 2020 at 03:21 PM



“ *4 files added to the tribute wall*



Paige - April 16, 2020 at 03:11 PM



“ *oh Kay! I will miss our lunches and that magnificent laugh of yours! I know Jesus was glad to see you my friend. Much love, Susan*

Susan Kingsley Baker - April 16, 2020 at 03:10 PM

EM

“ So sorry to hear about "Kay's" passing to be with the Lord! She was a special person and she had a beautiful voice. I sang in the choir with her at First Baptist Church of Waldorf. I remember that Kay did not like the smell of perfume in the choir loft; and to this day I still do not wear perfume while singing in the choir. My love and prayers are with the family! Eleanor Mangum

Eleanor Mangum - April 16, 2020 at 03:10 PM

PA

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Paige - April 16, 2020 at 03:08 PM

CC

“ We love you Kay. A beautiful lady, inside and out, who knew how to keep you laughing.

Carolyn & Randy Campbell

Carolyn Campbell - April 16, 2020 at 02:23 PM

VW

“ As a loyal and faithful member of our church in Waldorf, MD, Kay was loved by many. John and I have many wonderful memories shared with Kay: singing in the choir, going to Israel, church dinners, parties, you name it. Kay was always there smiling and having fun, a true picture of enjoying life to its fullest. She even loved John's sermons!

*With love and respect,
John and Vivian Warren*

Vivian Warren - April 16, 2020 at 02:10 PM

RP

“ So many wonderful memories with Kay. When I was first saved, she was one of the Christian women who surrounded me in prayer. When God told me to do a concert (I did not know how to sing) she was the first person I called. She came to my home with her kerok machine and taught my husband and myself how to sing. She was a part of the Joy Concert Ministries for many years. She taught me how to lead others into God's presence thru praise & worship. We had many laughs together and shed many tears together. I will always love Kay and know she will be one of those who will welcome me home someday when I enter Heaven. My deepest sympathy goes to Charlie and all of her family. She loved her kids and talked about you with much love. What a gift God gave the world in the form of Kay. Hugs & Blessings to you all.

Rev Shellie Polk

Rev Shellie Polk - April 16, 2020 at 01:13 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Karen "Kay" Brickell.*



April 16, 2020 at 12:43 PM



“ *My Frazier family and I loved Kay so very much! She has gone before us and now celebrating with Jesus in a perfect Heaven. Dennis and I will look forward to being reunited with her someday!*

Mary Brady - April 16, 2020 at 12:43 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Karen "Kay" Brickell.*



April 16, 2020 at 12:38 PM



“ *Kay Brickell was a very special friend of mine. We had morning chats on our phones and we were prayer warriors. If I needed prayer or she needed prayer we would call or text one another. There will always be a special place in my heart for Kay. She will be missed. Prayers for the family*

Pam Gates - April 16, 2020 at 12:31 PM

MD

“ Kay was a precious sister in the Lord. She will be greatly missed. Her love for Jesus always shown through in her daily walk. I will miss her sweet voice. She was a great member of our choir. I know she will be singing in the heavenly choir now praising her Father all day long! May our Father comfort her family at this time.

Mary Daniels - April 16, 2020 at 12:29 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Karen "Kay" Brickell.



April 16, 2020 at 12:05 PM

ML

“ May God give Charlie and the family peace, strength and comfort. Will Miss chatting with Kay and seeing her optimism on her posts. Rest is peace cuz!! You are now reunited with your parents and siblings that went before you. Keep a watch over the rest down on this earth.



Marget Lovett(Bunnie) - April 16, 2020 at 11:39 AM

PF

“ I have lost my only sister and best friend and I'll miss her desperately. The world has lost a beautiful soul.



phyllis forbes - April 16, 2020 at 11:23 AM

JB

“ Kay and I attended Maury High School..we loved being in choir and on the drill team. We kept in touch thru the years sharing our love for camping and travelling.

She had a beautiful voice often singing for our youth services on Sunday am. One was her favorite O Holy Night drew applause from her audience. She was a true light in a sometimes dark World.

Joyce Ballance - April 16, 2020 at 11:23 AM

JL

“ Sorry to hear about your loss, you both are good friends my love and prayers Jack Lash

Jack Lash - April 16, 2020 at 10:24 AM

LC

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Lois Clardy - April 16, 2020 at 10:18 AM

MB

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Mark Brickell - April 15, 2020 at 04:51 PM

SR

I met Kay at a Bible study. I saw a quieter side of Kay. Very nice friend and I never forgot her. I'm saddened by the loss. Sherry Ritter ❤️🌹

Sherry Ritter - April 16, 2020 at 11:43 PM

TN

Mr. Brickell, I am so sorry for your loss.

Teresa Nalley

Teresa Nalley - April 24, 2020 at 06:21 PM

WW

Mark, so very sorry that you have lost your mom.

Charles Waugh

william C Waugh - June 21, 2020 at 08:33 PM