



## Kathryn "Kathy" Marie Bernard Ollis Durham

November 16, 1961 - October 20, 2018

Kathryn "Kathy" Marie Bernard Ollis Durham, 56, of Bluff City, TN went home to be with the Lord after a long battle with cancer on Saturday, October 20, 2018. She was the daughter of Clara Anderson and step-father, Andy, of Bristol, TN. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Gary and Tony Bernard and her father, Tommy Bernard.

Kathy is survived by one son, Michael Ollis and wife Heather of Johnson City, TN; one step-daughter, Brook Booher of Oak Ridge, TN; three grandchildren, Megan and Amy Ollis of Johnson City, TN and Chance Ollis of Oak Ridge, TN; one sister, Connie Huffman of Bluff City, TN; four nieces, Angela Musser, husband Matthew and son Deven of Bristol, VA, Dr. Lora Phelps, husband Brian and daughter Lee Ann of Bluff City, TN, Lisa Morrell, husband Barry and sons Caleb and Alex of Bristol, TN, and Leslie Huffman of Bluff City, TN; aunts, Elsie Schilling of Dalton, IL, Doryce Wood of Bluff City, TN, Jo Leab of Bristol, VA, and Ruth Shuttle of MA; several cousins; and special caretaker and family friend, Carol Hall.

A Gathering of Remembrance will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, October 27, 2018 at Lynwood Bible Church, 71 Lynwood St., Bristol, TN with Pastor Benny Bowman officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be sent to the American Cancer Society, 2840 Electric Rd., Suite 106A, Roanoke, VA 24018.

# Events

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**OCT 27** **Gathering of Remembrance** 02:30PM

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Lynwood Bible Church

71 Lynwod St., Bristol, TN, US

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Blevins Funeral & Cremation Services** - October 24, 2018 at 01:44 PM

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**Blevins Funeral & Cremation Services** - October 24, 2018 at 12:29 PM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kathryn "Kathy" Marie Bernard Ollis Durham.



October 22, 2018 at 07:59 PM

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“ Kathy was my first cousin once removed. My parents divorced early in my childhood, so I don't remember her when I was young, but I did have the privilege of getting to know Kathy when I was a teenager. We reconnected because we started going to the same church Elizabethton. I was able to spend the night with her a few times, and will always cherish those memories. Kathy had a quick, witty sense of humor, that always made me laugh. She made our family's simple, but delicious potato soup recipe that I would devour, and then I would play with one of the many chihuahua puppies that could usually be found in her house. On one special occasion, I was able to watch one of the dogs give birth to a litter, and was amazed, not only at the experience, but at Kathy's calm, levelheaded handling of the delivery. I watched in awe as she tied off a cord stump of a pup that the mother had chewed too short, so impressed at her knowledge and practical handling of the situation. We became

friends in a short period of time, in a moment of both our lives when she needed to share laughter and knowledge, and when I needed an escape from all the teenage drama. She provided me with a safe place to talk openly, and be myself. It was a time I will always hold dear in my heart, and I will be thankful forever that Kathy took the time to get to know me, and show me love. I know I will see her again in Heaven.

**Kayla Albright** - October 22, 2018 at 07:31 PM



“ Amen!

**Steven** - October 31, 2018 at 04:50 PM