



Kathleen D. Jones

November 22, 1945 - April 6, 2014

Kathleen (Kathi) Dolan Jones, 68, formerly of Kansas City, died April 6, 2014, at home in Golden Beach, Lake of the Ozarks, following her battle with lung cancer.

Kathi was born November 22, 1945, in St. Louis, the posthumous daughter of Nicholas and Carol Dolan.

In 1946, Carol married Carl Mathis. Carl was a civil engineer with the Missouri Highway Department, and the family moved to Wright City, then Edina and Palmyra, following the highway construction. The couple had two sons prior to Carl's death in 1958.

In 1960, Carol moved the family to Kansas City to assume the Executive Directorship of the American Cancer Society.

Kathi attended and was graduated with honors from North Kansas City High School in 1963 and attended Central Missouri State College in Warrensburg.

In 1966 Kathi's career began at Kansas City Life Insurance Company where she was editor of the company's award-winning publications, including two Missouri Press Women First Place awards. In 1972, she joined the American Nurses' Association as Director of Membership. In 1975, Kathi began her self-

employment career as a public relations and communications specialist. She founded and was editor/publisher of Women in KC, a semi-monthly newspaper for Kansas City Women. She also conducted seminars throughout the US and through area colleges and universities and published two national newsletters for associations. In 1979, she added property management and renovation to the mix when she bought her first Midtown property. As president of Brennen Management Co. she handled 300+ rental units, primarily in the Midtown area, for herself and her husband (Bob Garry, married 1980-85) and other investors. In 1986, she joined KC One Realtors as a broker-associate and was a member of the Million Dollar Club. In 1994, Kathi became office manager for the Kansas City branch of Pony Express Courier Corp. In 1999, she again became self-employed as an eBay seller.

As a young woman, Kathi was very active in Kansas City area civic, professional and charitable organizations. She served as president of the Kansas City Industrial Editors, the Clay County Chapter of the American Cancer Society, and Dimensions Unlimited of which she was also a co-founder. She was a charter member and Finance Chair of the KC Metro Regional Commission on the Status of Women. She was also on the Boards of Directors of the Women's Chamber of Commerce, the GKC YWCA and the Tiffany Townhouse Association. She was a member of Mayor Charles Wheeler's Cable Television Commission.

In 1994, she met another NKC High graduate and fell in love! She and Frank Jones married in 1996. The couple lived in Midtown until 2004 when they moved to the Lake of the Ozarks. They continued with their "hobby" of buying and selling mid-century collectibles in the River Market Antique Mall, a mall in Sedalia and one in Osage Beach, as well as through flea markets and antique shows in Kansas City, Texas, Oklahoma and the Lake area, continuing their eBay Store, Retro Jones & Wife as a Top-Rated Seller.

Kathi is survived by her husband Frank, two brothers--Tom Mathis (Overland Park) and Wayne Mathis (Kansas City North), stepsons Brennen Garry (Lenexa) and Frank Jones Jr (Boonville) and stepdaughter Lisa Endsley (Polo), sisters-in-law Jane Mathis and Lori Mathis, daughters-in-law Dana Garry and Angelia Jones, and five grandchildren.

A celebration of Kathi's life will be Saturday, April 12, 2014, at the Golden Beach Community Church, 26523 Golden Beach Road (Lake Road W-3) Barnett, MO 65011 at 10:30 a.m.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **12**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Golden Beach Community Church
26523 Golden Beach Road
Barnett, MO 65011

Tribute Wall

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“ I believe I remember Kathi from Central Missouri College. It was 50 years ago, the Spring of 1964, when 11 students were in Doctor Katherine Moroney's English class. About three weeks into the class, Doctor Moroney announced we'd be giving speeches in the class. I still remember several names of the students who were in the class. In no uncertain terms, I remember a Miss Dolan (We were called Mr. and Miss in those days.) Needless to say, we had a wonderful experience in this class. Years later in a letter to me, Doctor Moroney said a class like that only came along once every five years. I remember Miss Dolan has a fine person. I can tell you Miss Dolan added much to the class with her speeches. The achievements listed in the obituary I've just read would be consistent with the person whom I remember as Miss Dolan. I graduated from Versailles High School in 1963, and now I notice Kathi graduated from North Kansas City High School with honors in 1963. May your memories of Kathi bring comfort to you. I live in Monett and my e-mail address is tom.kerr@att.net.



Tom Kerr - April 11, 2014 at 05:24 PM