



# Kathy A. Lee

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## **Kathy A. Lee**

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**K**athleen “Kathy” Lee died peacefully in San Diego on December 24, 2014 in San Diego, California at the age of 68. Kathy is survived by her husband Ron, daughter Heather Staub, grandchildren Kayla Staub and Colton Lee, brother Bob West and sister Sue Sobke and many nieces & nephews. She is preceded in death by her son Toby Lee and parents, James and Virginia Harrell. Kathy was born on July 11, 1946 at Balboa Hospital in San Diego to James and Virginia Harrell of Lemon Grove. The youngest of three children, Kathy proved to be an intelligent and industrious student, graduating with honors from Mount Miguel High School in 1964. In 1965 Kathy married her childhood friend and high school sweetheart, Ronald Lee, and the two of them shared many adventures racing hot rods, camping and sailing. Over time the couple was blessed with two children, their first child Heather was born in 1970 and a few years later in 1973 they welcomed their son Toby into the home. As a family they continued to enjoy camping, sailing and motorsports. Kathy was very proud of her children. She encouraged them to pursue their goals in life and together with Ron taught them that they could achieve anything they committed themselves to. Kathy demonstrated this commitment when she returned to college in her 40’s to graduate from National University in 1987 with a B.S. in marketing. That commitment was also evident in her career. After 11 years working for the County of San Diego, Kathy decided to begin a career in Real Estate and, after passing the state exam went on to become a broker associate and one of the area’s top producing real estate agents, winning numerous achievement awards. She was a dedicated and tireless professional whose concern for her clients invariably led to lasting friendships. Kathy’s clients became her extended family. She would babysit for them; give them rides to doctor appointments, anything to lend a helping hand. Kathy lived life to the fullest. She loved her ’46 Ford Hot Rod, driving it to car shows all over the Western States with Ron. Not one to sit on the sidelines, she loved riding her



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Quad in the desert on family camping trips and in 2005 drove the family '34 Ford Race Car 150 miles an hour on the Bonneville Salt Flats to earn her Southern California Timing Association Racing License. Above all Kathy loved her family. She adored her grandchildren, Kayla and Colton and reveled in their accomplishments. She was delighted by Kayla's work in the theatre and excited that she was going back to college to continue her drama studies. She was so proud of Colton and could be counted on to brag about her grandson being an honor roll student, and accomplished motorcycle rider. Kathy was quick with a laugh or to lend a helping hand. She was a member of the San Diego, California and National Association of Realtors and the San Diego Roadster Club. A funeral is scheduled for January 7, 2014, 1:00PM at Greenwood Memorial Park in the Garden Chapel. Jack Forness will officiate. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Kathy's life.



## Tribute Wall

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EC

**Elizabeth Ona Carr** posted:

Dear Ron, Heather, and family members, My friend Kathy Lee was a kind and thoughtful person, who will be missed by many. She helped me so much when my husband (Glenn) passed away in 2005. We had good times in the desert. going events. like Heather's wedding, and Toby's wedding. I will miss her smile. I want to reach out to Ron and Heather because I can't speak on the phone. I don't have their phone numbers or email address and mailing address. My name is Elizabeth Carr Gobble (619) 741-2499 Love Elizabeth elizabethonacarr48@gmail.com

March 10 at 4:41 AM

JB

**Juan Harry Bush** posted:

Tucky... It's "saddened" not sadden. This is what happens when you do too many drugs like crystal, cocaine and I'm sure you're still smoking pot! ...but that still doesn't account for you being such a PRICK! I look forward to reading your obituary every day, but my only regret is that I won't be there to piss on your grave!

September 8 at 9:21 AM

TB

**Tanya Biehler** posted:

My deepest sympathy and special thoughts to you Ron and all of Kathy's family. I can picture her talking and laughing with Bob about their Bonneville experiences. You are in my prayers. Tanya Biehler

January 11 at 6:02 AM

JF

**Joyce Flannery** posted:

Dear Ron and family. I wanted to be with you all today ... found it impossible. My memories are of you two always and her way of making me smile whenever she was around. I have a beautiful photo of us together at the reunion. I want you to have a copy. I will send to your email. I am with you in your memories and am here to help. She will always make me smile. Love Joyce

January 7 at 3:19 PM



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DE

**Doris Eastlick** posted:

She will be missed by so many. I have been so blessed to have had her in my life, she was a strong loving mom, always putting Kayla, Heather, her son and Ron first and foremost. Prayers for you all that the Lord will grant His peace to you knowing that Kathy now has her angels wings looking down over you all.

January 7 at 1:20 PM

SH

**Sharron Hawkins** posted:

My Dearest Ron and Family, We are so shocked and deeply saddened by the loss of Kathy. Not only was she my friend in high school but she was a special friend through out all these years. Kathy was my mentor when I first got into Real Estate. She took me under her wing and guided me to achieve knowledge concerning Real Estate. We worked together on so many issues. She was greatly loved Ron and will be missed by so many. I just returned home from Or. or I would have attended her service. God bless you Ronnie , you were the love of her life and we all knew it!! Love and Condolences to you Family, Sharron Hawkins and David

January 7 at 1:15 PM

WT

**Walter Tucker** posted:

Ron & family: We are deeply sadden at the passing of Kathy. Walter & Ethelyn Tucker

January 7 at 7:31 AM

HE

**Howard Estes** posted:

Too many memories of Kathy and of Ron. She was always friendly, bright and a special friend to all with whom she came in contact. My deepest condolences to the entire family, but especially to Ron. Howard Estes

January 7 at 6:43 AM

JN

**Jim And Cheri Nicodemus** posted:

We were so sorry to hear of Kathy's passing. We send our deepest sympathies and condolences to Ron and family. Praying the Lord will comfort you at this time. Jim and Cheri Nicodemus

January 6 at 4:09 PM



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MH

**Mike Hinkleman** posted:

I had quite a few classes with Kathy at Mt Miguel. She was one of the smartest, nicest, most genuine people I've ever met. She was very good at math and English. On graduation day we were close in line me being Hinkleman. It was a bit like Happy Days but the Vietnam War was in full swing. There was excitement but fear too. I used to always ask her if she wanted to go to college and she always told me No she only wanted to marry Ronnie. She loved him so much. . Mike Hinkleman

January 6 at 10:18 AM

CW

**Chuck Walden** posted:

All of Kathy's Classmates from the Class of 1964 at Mt. Miguel were so fortunate to have reconnected with her and Ron at our recent 50th Class Reunion. Her spirit and vibrancy were just as evident as they were in high school. On behalf of the Reunion Committee we extend our deepest sympathies and condolences. Chuck Walden

January 6 at 8:52 AM

TH

**Theresa Hopkins** posted:

Kathy,from the Hopkins family,all the good memories at the desert,camping,riding our quads,you are going to be missed...love you from the Hopkins family,Theresa,Wayne Jr. Warren,Tiff...

January 4 at 2:40 PM

PT

**Peggy Turner** posted:

Such a special woman...and a very special member of the Lee family. May God be with Ron and the children and all the family. We all have wonderful memories that we will keep close to our hearts. Rest in Peace Kathy.

January 3 at 2:34 PM

AW

**Anitra Whittle** posted:

It was wonderful to be with Kathy and everyone at Balboa Park in July. Lots of wonderful stories shared. My deepest sympathies to the family. Love you all. Anitra Byler Whittle

January 1 at 11:36 AM



# **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Kathy by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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