



## Kathryn "Kathy" Joy Garges

July 21, 1951 - May 12, 2019

Kathryn "Kathy" Joy Garges was born July 21, 1951 in Bakersfield, California and was the second of four children born to Alvin and Kathleen Smith.

In 1967 Kathy moved to Tulare, and in 1970 she married Jim Garges. They had three children, Meilynn, Jamie, and Mark, but her nurturing heart made her "mom" to countless nieces, nephews, neighbors, and friends.

When her first grandson, Bryce, was born she became "Baa." She enjoyed trips to Disneyland with Bryce and watching him perform at Encore Theater and church. Blake kept her on her toes and busy watching sporting events and performances. Natalie gifted her with dance recitals and horseback rides. Emmersyn Joy brought her beautiful smiles and warm hugs. Kendall Grace was blessed to be Baa's buddy and enjoyed everything with her from nap time rocks to lawn mower rides. Many other children loved her and affectionately called her Baa.

Kathy was blessed with a great group of friends. Diane Whitfield, Georgia Alberti, and Dana Fagundes were her partners in crime. Diane was with Kathy at the end of their earthly lives on May 12. Her family and friends' lives were forever changed.

She enjoyed gardening, sewing, and especially spending time with friends and

family. Her happy place was on the tractor making dust, in the yard planting flowers, or rocking her babies to sleep. Kathy will be remembered for her caring heart and will be greatly missed.

Kathy is survived by husband Jim, daughter Meilynn Tinker and her husband Mike, Jamie Garges, Mark Garges and his wife Alyssa, and grandchildren Bryce, Blake, Natalie, Emmersyn Joy and Kendall Grace. She is also survived by her siblings, nieces, nephews, and friends that were family. She is preceded in death by her parents, Alvin and Kathleen.

A celebration of life service will be held on Monday, May 20 at 10am at Tulare First Baptist Church. Kathy loved gardening, so in lieu of flowers we would like you to plant flowers in your yard to remember her by. Condolences can be made to [www.salseranddillard.com](http://www.salseranddillard.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

First Baptist Church  
9125 13 1/2 Ave  
Hanford, CA 93230  
(559) 686-0004  
<http://www.tularefbc.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Kathryn "Kathy" Joy Garges*



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**Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel** - May 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Vanoush Khatchaturyan lit a candle in memory of Kathryn "Kathy" Joy Garges*



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**Vanoush Khatchaturyan** - May 24, 2019 at 10:04 PM



“ *I can't believe you're gone. I have so many wonderful memories. All the birthday parties, graduation parties and just hangin out together. Bunco games and tons of laughter. Kathy was such an infectious person who's smile and laughter could light up the room. She had a heart of gold and a love for her family and friends. This world was a better place because she was in it. She will truly be miss. Our loss is Heaven's gain.*

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**Crystal Wittman** - May 19, 2019 at 11:53 AM



“ *My heart is broken, but I know heaven gained a wonderful angel who will continue to watch over her family and friends as she did here on earth. God gives us people in our lives that do His work, who break down barriers, go beyond what is easy and normal. Kathy was His servant doing His work every day and her joy and happiness was often what someone needed to get them through. Kathy and Jimmy have set the bar high as parents who were all in and made the phrase FAMILY FIRST something more than just words - they showed us that love is a verb! I have the deepest respect for this family and how strong their bond is and always will be. I remember a time in my first years of teaching at Buena Vista when I had my special guy (Mark) in my class. Well, that definitely meant that I had the whole family, too, and as many of you know, this was a blessing beyond words. I have kept a memory tucked deep in my heart for over 20 years. It was the end of the week before Mother's Day and the door to my classroom opened to a beautiful bouquet of flowers. It was a Happy Mother's Day arrangement with a card from Kathy and the girls that said thank you for being a "Mom" to all of my students. I just hope Kathy knew what that meant to me and how much it lifted me up. That is what she did. There would be other times over the years that I would see her and she always seemed to know what to say, how to be supportive, and you certainly left her presence with a smile in your heart. Even looking at her picture now, I find myself smiling back at her. How very thankful I am to have known her, to have learned from her, and I pray she has now heard the words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant". Oceans and oceans of love and blessings to this amazing family. Your community of family and friends love you all so much.*

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**Debbie McCaskill** - May 17, 2019 at 02:06 PM

ZB

“ Kathy was such a wonderful person, I enjoyed talking to her very much. She always had a smile on her face. She will be missed. I always enjoyed on waiting on her at my job. May God bless you and your family. Your friend Zelia Bettencourt.

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**Zelia Bettencourt** - May 17, 2019 at 01:33 PM

JC

“ Kathy was so kind to me and my kids. She loved every kid like her own. She called my daughter Lily Bug and sewed her a blanket for one of her early birthdays. We still have the blanket and will remember her fondly every time we see it.

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**Jill Castillo** - May 16, 2019 at 06:21 PM

NC

“ Kathy will always be remembered with a smile. Condolences to the Garges family.

*Nancy Casselman*

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**NANCY CASSELMAN** - May 16, 2019 at 04:45 PM

BF

“ OH MY SWEET AND HAPPY FRIEND. I WILL FOREVER MISS YOUR SWEET FACE. I LOVED YOU SO MUCH.MAY GOD LOOK OVER YOUR FAMILY .

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**Brenda feldt** - May 16, 2019 at 12:55 PM

SR

“ Kathy you will be deeply missed by so many friends and family! You were such caring person to many people. You always met people at their needs. I'm so heartbroken for your family. I cried a few times because you reminded me of my mother. She was the rock to our family just like you were with yours. My mother loved to help the needy, you were there for those God placed in front of you. And just like my mother who loved and lived for her family so deeply, you loved and lived every second of every day for your family! Your husband, Jim is a strong man but you were the strongest and kept your family together. You and Jim have raised three beautiful children and your grandchildren will forever cherish all the great memories! I'll never forget the beautiful quillows, smocks and blankets you made for me; they were comfy and made with lots of love. I enjoyed your boisterous laugh, our lunches together with many great friends and your great big smile! I will miss you my dear friend! You have left this Earth, mission accomplished and well done. May you rest in heavenly peace. Hugs and kisses all the way to heaven. I love you!

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**Sandra & Mark Rowe** - May 15, 2019 at 09:03 PM