



# Kay Dunham Brake

March 14, 1947 - December 16, 2015

Kay Brake, age 68, of Charlotte, passed away Wednesday, December 16, 2015 after a courageous battle with heart and kidney disease.

Born March 14, 1947 to Madge and William Mangum Dunham Jr, Kay grew up one of five children on a farm in White Oak, NC. She moved to Charlotte to attend Kings College and met her husband, Henry Brake. The couple lived in Charlotte where they raised their only child, their daughter, Allyson.

Kay was a medical office manager for Dr. John Culp for most of her professional career and worked also worked at Horizon Eye Care before she retired. Kay was a devoted wife, an unselfish loving mother, and her biggest passion in her heart came with the birth of her two grandchildren, Jace and Alexa Weir. Kay was always eager and dedicated to support Alexa at dance and Jace playing basketball.

Kay was known to be a "Nanny" to all children. She loved people and always had a smile and kindness to offer, even to strangers. Her outgoing spirit and blessing will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her daughter, Allyson of Matthews, NC; a grandson, Jace; a granddaughter, Alexa; her brothers Billy Dunham, Richard Dunham and Steve Dunham; and her sister, Linda Bryant. Kay was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Henry.

A graveside service will be held at 2 pm at the Bethlehem United Methodist Church in White Oak, NC, on Saturday, December 19, 2015. A memorial service in Charlotte will be held at 1pm on Saturday, January 2, 2016, at Cokesbury United Methodist Church. The family will receive friends following the service.

In memory of Kay, the family respectfully requests any donations be made in her name to the American Heart Association at [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org) or to the American Lung Association at

[www.lung.org](http://www.lung.org).

Thank you for your love and support of the family during this time. Please take a moment to visit Kay's Tribute Wall and share a memory or photo with them.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

DEC 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

Bethlehem United Methodist Church Cemetery  
72 Bethlehem Methodist Church Road  
White Oak, NC 28399

## Celebration of Life Service

JAN 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

Cokesbury United Methodist Church  
6701 Idlewild Road  
Charlotte, NC 28212  
jgillis-cumc@carolina.rr.com  
<http://www.cokesburyumc.net/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kay Dunham Brake*

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *Kay Dunham Brake*

October 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ *Kay & I met at Bopper's Shag Club in the 80's while shag dancing our hearts out! Her so pleasant smile & caring ways will be missed. Kay, may you rest in peace, & prayers for the family.*  
*Melanie House Mullen*  
*NMB, SC*

**Melanie House Mullen** - January 01, 2016 at 07:56 PM



“ *All the family are in my prayers during this difficult time. Kay & I were classmates at White Oak High School, and I really did enjoy ours years together. Heaven has gained an angel.*  
*Dolores McDuffie-Hales; Stedman NC*

**Dolores McDuffie-Hales** - December 31, 2015 at 11:32 PM



“ *Allyson, we are so very sorry for your loss. Your mom was such a beautiful spirit and she was a powerful presence in our memories as we fondly reminice our dance days. We will pray for you and your family that your faith will sustain you in the coming days. We love you! Angie, Jessica, and Jordan.*

**Angie Batson** - December 31, 2015 at 07:27 AM



“ *Our love and prayers are with all the family.*  
*Gus and Donna*

**Donna Kretschmer** - December 31, 2015 at 06:47 AM

TJ

“ Offering sincere condolences to the family and friends. May you allow yourselves to be comforted by the wonderful promises our Heavenly Father guarantees will soon come about. (Rev.21:4,5)

TJ - December 25, 2015 at 05:13 PM

LB

“ Your words for Kay in the obituary are so true. She was always devoted to her family and spent her life making things better for the ones she loved. We will forever hold her in our hearts as we move forward striving to achieve the goals she would love to help us reach.. God blessed all with Kay for many years. I cherish the wonderful memories we have to carry with us through the coming years.

....Linda (Kay's Sister)

Linda Bryant - December 23, 2015 at 10:29 PM

GR

“ We have lost an awesome Lady! What a fighter.... right up to the end, she believed something would happen and change this out come!! Kay did not want to leave her family! She was filled with so much love, and shared it with everyone.. Kays' world was her "family"! She was many things to many people ..... Kay, you will be missed, I love you... till we meet again..... Gail and Rob

Gail Roberts - December 21, 2015 at 12:10 PM

JC

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time. God will carry you through this storm. Kay was a classmate in Highschool. Johnny & Marguerite Coble, Garland, N C

Johnny & Marguerite Coble - December 18, 2015 at 09:04 PM

FS

“ Our hearts and prayers have been with all of you during this time with our precious Kay.  
She was a great lady with a quiet spirit until Jace, her grandson was shooting "three pointers!" What a blessing it has been to know her and to love her during all of these years. She will be missed in so many ways this Season and for years to come. We love each of you and are thankful for the moments that we have been together!!

Love,  
The Sawyers

Faith Sawyer - December 18, 2015 at 01:50 PM