



Katherine Barbara Kozlik Brion-Person

January 13, 2021

Katherine Brion-Person went to her eternal home on Wednesday, January 13, 2021. She was preceded in death by her parents and first husband, Russell Brion.

Kathy was born in Corning, New York to Margaret and Joseph Kozlik. She spent her early childhood enjoying life and attending Corning schools. Kathy graduated from Elmira College Nursing School and married her high-school sweetheart, Russell Brion, in 1977. She worked as a Registered Nurse (RN) at Arnot-Ogden Hospital in Elmira, New York and then at Corning Hospital in Corning, New York. The couple later moved to Great Bridge, Virginia, and Kathy went to work for Norfolk General Hospital in the Neonatal Special Care Nursery. She loved working in the neonatal unit. Once, when Kathy was asked how she could work with all those sick babies, she replied that the ones that pull through and come back to visit you a year later make it all worthwhile.

Russell died in November 1987. Eighteen months later, Kathy met Jeffrey Person on a semi blind date, and they married on June 17, 1989. She continued to work for Norfolk General and retired in September 2020.

Kathy was a very crafty individual and enjoyed playing softball in Jr. High School. She pitched in the Cinderella Softball World Series. She won sewing awards as a teenager, loved to bake and provide family and friends with her

annual Christmas cookies, and created all kinds of crafts. Her passion was to redecorate and remodel her home. Kathy had a keen eye for style. She was a born shopper and could always find a bargain, never paying full price for anything! Kathy was a creative individual and very determined in any task she undertook. She loved to go to the beach to get away, enjoy the sunshine and ocean, and have a cold Michelob Ultra.

Kathy was a kind, generous, and resourceful person. She had a friendly smile. Her family will forever remember her as a truly exceptional wife and a loving mother to her three children, Tyler Brion, Ashten (Eddie) Fruecht, and Kellen (Steven) Robinson. She was dedicated to making their lives better. Those also left behind to cherish her memory are husband Jeffrey Person; brothers Joseph Kozlik (Anne) of Arcadia, FL, William (Mary) Kozlik) of Harker Heights, TX, Richard (Sis) Kozlik of Kill Devil Hills, NC; brother-in-law Jim (Lista) Person of Northville, MI; sister-in-law Charlotte Dugan of Albany, NY, grand fur babies “Mia,” “Ricki”, “Frieta” and “Duke” and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Kathy left us many memories that we will forever hold in our hearts.

Grief never ends, but it changes. It's a passage, not a place to stay. The sense of loss must give way if we're to value the life that was lived. – Lois Wyse

Memory of Me

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun,
With all of the happy memories that I leave when my day is done.

—Author unknown

Tribute Wall

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“ For All Years I worked in Special Care, it was the last few years that Working Dayshift allowed me to Experience Kathy’s Expertise in Our Field as Neonatal Nurses. No matter what the Day brought despite staffing, dilemmas, drama or Emergencies, She was a Rock As A Charge Nurse, Always Calm and Effective in Facilitating the Operation of the Unit. She was the Go To Person for job related issues and more. A plethora of Knowledge and Respected. I was shocked, sad and know that it is Felt, she has Gone too Soon. So wanted to share....

“ As the Sun touches your Face, May it’s Warmth remind you of Her Loving Embrace.

As the sand arrives upon the shores , as the Water turns away, May you Remember All your Beach days, It was her Favorite place to play.

She loved to Garden and was crafty too, just remember She is still living inside of You.

Without a Doubt, keep the Family Close and continue to share in All the Things “Mama” Loved the Most. Reminiscing will ease the pain and with her loving memories , this will Help bring Smiles Again. “
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Rhonda Edwards A. - January 20, 2021 at 10:26 PM

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“ I will always remember Kathy's soft little smile when I would round the corner of team one and tell her I was working that shift with her. Her love of her work reflected in the attention she gave each and every one of her patients and their family members. I am so glad I had a chance to lunch with her and Ann on one of her good days last month. She will be missed by all.

Betty C Ulsas - January 19, 2021 at 01:25 PM

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“ Memorial gifts can be donated to bampashouse.org, PO Box 965 Corning, NY 14830, Centenary United Methodist Church, 3312 Cedar Ln, Portsmouth, VA 23703 or Persons United Methodist Church, PO Box 14121 Richmond VA 23225, Attn: Mark Person

Jeff Person - January 19, 2021 at 10:13 AM

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All of special times with Kathy & family bring us great comfort of special times. Gone from our touch, but never our hearts! Ann & Larry Barnes

Ann Barnes - January 19, 2021 at 09:08 PM

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I'm devastated to hear of this news she was my best friend in high school and my deceased sons godmother

Karen Daines Kuczka - June 05, 2021 at 06:08 PM