



Kay Marlene (Riley) Poole

July 2, 1939 - September 17, 2024

Kay Marlene (Riley) Poole was born July 2, 1939, in Denison, Texas, to Lewis and Dorothy (Arnold) Riley. Kay grew up and attended school in Denison.

Kay married the love of her life, Charles Robert Poole, on December 31, 1955, at the age of sixteen years. They shared nearly seventy years of love and memories together. Kay and Charles were blessed with three remarkable sons: Mark, Robert, and Gary. While Charles was in the service, Kay traveled with him as often as possible. Some of their most memorable times were spent in Bermuda while he was stationed there.

Kay made her career as a Senior Vice President in the loan department at Bank of America. Kay worked there from 1975 through 1997 and stayed with the bank through three turnovers with the bank going from Arizona Bank to Security Pacific Bank before becoming Bank of America. Kay retired after twenty-two years of service and dedication.

Kay and Charles shared a passion for bowling. Many nights were spent on the bowling lanes, as they were part of several different leagues over the years. Kay had a kind and generous heart, and that was very easy to see in her homemade cards. Kay would make personalized cards for family, friends, and anyone else who was part of her life. The cards were mailed out for birthdays, holidays, good times, and bad. She put thought and love into each one that

she crafted.

For forty years Kay has been keeping the tradition alive of making peanut butter balls and hosting Christmas breakfast for her family. This is a tradition that she picked up from her mother and it continues to this day.

Kay cherished her husband, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She was a woman of faith and attended church for many years at Southside Church of Christ in Cabot, Arkansas.

Kay departed this life on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, in Salem, Missouri. She is survived by her loving husband: Charles Poole of Salem, Missouri, formerly of Surprise, Arizona; sons: Mark Poole of Oklahoma, and Robert Poole and wife Kim of Salem, Missouri, formerly of Surprise, Arizona; grandchildren: Kim, Jenni, Aubrey, Alyssa, Gary, Logan, Colby, and Kristian; many great-grandchildren; as well as other relatives and dear friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents: Lewis and Dorothy (Arnold) Riley; son: Gary Poole; and grandson: Mark Poole.

Kay will be greatly missed by her family, friends, and all those she touched with kindness.

Memorial Services for Kay Marlene Poole were held Saturday, September 28, 2024, in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel with Pastor Charlie Younger officiating. Special Memories were shared by her loving grandsons. Song selections played were "Amazing Grace", "How Great Thou Art", and "I'll Fly Away". Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

Online Condolences may be left at www.wilsonmortuary.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **28.** 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



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Wilson Mortuary - September 30, 2024 at 11:51 AM

NJ

Beautiful Tribute to Kay Poole she had a beautiful family and was loved by all who shared her life

nancy Johnston - October 03, 2024 at 09:58 PM

LK

“ Love, Mary Kelley purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kay Marlene (Riley) Poole.



Love, Mary Kelley - September 29, 2024 at 04:20 PM

LK

“ Love, Mary Kelley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kay Marlene (Riley) Poole.

Love, Mary Kelley - September 29, 2024 at 04:20 PM



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Wilson Mortuary - September 28, 2024 at 08:03 PM



“ Tonia and Vee purchased the Treasured Memory - 8" x 7" Frame (Holds 4x6 Photo) for the family of Kay Marlene (Riley) Poole.



Tonia and Vee - September 28, 2024 at 11:50 AM



“ Tonia and Vee planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kay Marlene (Riley) Poole.

Tonia and Vee - September 28, 2024 at 11:50 AM



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Wilson Mortuary - September 28, 2024 at 11:08 AM



“ Corinna & Dave purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kay Marlene (Riley) Poole.



Corinna & Dave - September 27, 2024 at 01:57 AM



“ Corinna & Dave planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kay Marlene (Riley) Poole.

Corinna & Dave - September 27, 2024 at 01:57 AM

NH

“ Nancy and Ellis Hyde purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kay Marlene (Riley) Poole.



Nancy and Ellis Hyde - September 25, 2024 at 12:49 PM

TA

“ Ty and Audrey purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Kay Marlene (Riley) Poole.



Ty and Audrey - September 22, 2024 at 04:01 PM

TA

“ Ty and Audrey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kay Marlene (Riley) Poole.

Ty and Audrey - September 22, 2024 at 04:01 PM

RP

“ Ruth Poole, Jim and Barb Poole purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Kay Marlene (Riley) Poole.



Ruth Poole, Jim and Barb Poole - September 19, 2024 at 12:21 AM

RP

“ Aunt Kay was a source of inspiration, wisdom, and comfort to me when I all-at-once became an empty-nester, followed by the death of my folks. She stayed in touch over the years since by regularly sending beautiful handmade cards and through our many long phone conversations.

I learned a great deal by Kay's example and know that it was appointed that we be friends; she was a great mentor to me and wise about a variety of things. I appreciated that she pulled no punches when something needed to be said—her honesty is, perhaps, one of the qualities that I treasure most about her.

May Aunt Kay's sweet husband (my favorite uncle), children, grandchildren, and treasured friends be comforted in this time of loss, and may we give thanks together for a life well-lived!

Ruth Poole - September 18, 2024 at 11:35 PM