



## Kathy Payton Fitzgerald

December 30, 1953 - June 8, 2016

FITZGERALD, Kathy Payton, 62, a resident of Daphne, AL, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 after a long battle with cancer. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. from Prattville Memorial Chapel with Brother Donny Barber and Brother Adam Rackliffe officiating. Burial will follow in Prattville Memory Gardens with Prattville Memorial directing. Mrs. Fitzgerald was a loving wife, mother, Nana, daughter, and sister and will be deeply missed by all who knew her. She was a graduate from Wetumpka High School and retired from a long career in banking. She loved sewing and gardening, and will always be remembered as an energetic, fun loving woman who had a very creative mind. She was preceded in death by her father, James Authur Payton; and a grandchild, Makenzie Lane Carter. She is survived by her loving husband of 42 years, Al Fitzgerald; her mother, Frankie Payton; two daughters, Heather Fitzgerald, Kristy Sangalang (Carlo); two sisters, Barbara Dougherty (Hank), Anita Barber (Donny); three brothers, Mickey Payton (Sara), Howard Payton (Carolyn), Randy Payton (LaDonna); three grandchildren, Madisyn, Mason, and Maiya Sangalang; and numerous extended family members and many friends. The family will receive friends at Prattville Memorial Chapel on Saturday one hour prior to the service.

# Cemetery Details

## Prattville Memory Gardens

841 Fairview Avenue  
Prattville, AL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Prattville Memorial Chapel and Memory Gardens  
841 Fairview Avenue  
Prattville, AL 36066  
(334) 365-7147  
prattvillememorial@live.com

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

MS

“ *Madisyn Sangalang lit a candle in memory of Kathy Payton Fitzgerald*



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**Madisyn Sangalang** - June 30, 2016 at 10:04 AM

MS

“ *Kathy was my Grandmother. But in my eyes she wasn't just my Grandmother, she was a friend, 2nd mom, and the strongest woman I knew. I'm so sad she left us. But I will see her again. She was at peace which made me at peace. I love my Nana and she will forever be in my heart.*

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**Madisyn Sangalang** - June 30, 2016 at 10:02 AM

AM

“ *Kathy and Al have been our clients here for many years. You just couldn't help but love her. Her spirit, her humor and laughter were contagious. I will never forget the last time I saw her which was not very long before she passed away. I will never forget her courage and even as tired as she was, her smile. Kathy you made a difference in my life. May we all walk through valleys with such courage love and strength. I will miss her so much!! Amy Mosley @ G & A*

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**amy mosley** - June 17, 2016 at 02:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of  
*Kathy Payton Fitzgerald.*”



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June 11, 2016 at 11:28 AM

MT

“ When I was out of town in Oklahoma I got a call (message) from a lady asking if I could come over to her house because she wanted to buy some Avon products..I let her know that Saturday was the earliest that I could come by. I did not know this lady..she sounded like she had an English accent or a hearing impairment..or maybe even both. Sat. I was running late and texted her that I would be by later than expected and her response was "No worries..I am always home"..so I headed over. I called John, gave him the address of where I was going just in case something happened since I basically was going to a complete strangers house.

When I walked up to the front door and started to knock. I looked thru the glass and saw a very thin frail (probably 80 lbs) lady sitting on the couch who slowly and unsteadily approached the front door with the most radiant smile...as she opened the door I noticed how perfect her hair was and how cute and stylish she was dressed..and she had a small backpack hanging on her back. We sat down, started to talk and I quickly realized that this was not my typical "Avon calling" encounter...she started telling me her story..She started off saying..I have CANCER...actually...I am dying! There is nothing more that can be done...I have stopped all treatments...in fact my DEATH DATE was end of December...so yay I beat that! :) \*it is Feb 13th. My Dr. Can't believe that I am still alive... my first CANCER was at 23...then...40...then 60....and now my last and final bout at 61! I don't get out much because I am too weak so THANK YOU so much for coming over today".

The lady who I thought had an English accent doesn't.... she has a speech impediment from having to have half of her tongue removed from CANCER..and her perfect hair is a wig because she has lost all of her hair...and the backpack was filled with tube feedings because she can't swallow food like you and I....because CANCEROUS tumors in her neck constrict her throat! Tumors are popping up everywhere..spread to her lungs and the latest tumor popped up under her lower jaw the day before we met!

In the few hours that I spent with her we laughed..shed a few tears and went from being strangers to a complete BLESSING to each other! I encounter death and dying working in the healthcare field

*way more often than not...and it is never easy to be touched by a patient and then lose them...but I thank God that I am able to have been in their lives for any amnt of time..knowing I made a difference.*

*I never expected through my AVON business that I would ever meet someone who was such a fighter with a strong faith and amazing spirit about Life she has lived and her impending death , who would touch me more in a few hrs than anyone ever has over 16 years working in Occupational Therapy!*

*Hours..days..weeks...*

*months...she doesn't know when her time will come. Her wish is that it happens fast and unexpectedly or in her sleep...I pray her wishes come true. I am so thankful that she randomly picked me to be her AVON lady!*

*\*\* Sorry for making this soo long and drawn out..this was a post I had written mths ago on FB. This is a memory that I will forever cherish. Al and family my thoughts and prayers go to you all. I was blessed to have had the chance to meet you all. Lots of love Michelle- your Avon lady ;)*

*Ps I love this picture of her that I took on one of my visits.*



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**Michelle Tesch** - June 10, 2016 at 10:18 PM

AH

“ *To all of Precious Kathy's family - We are so sorry for your loss. Words just cannot describe how special Kathy was. The short length of time that we knew her was a real joy for both of us. Our thoughts & prayers will be with all of you as you say good-bye to a wonderful & darling lady. Lamar & Ann Havens*

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**Ann Havens** - June 10, 2016 at 06:06 PM

AS

“ Friends are common, but Angels are few. Kathy you were my Angel, I know God orchestrated our paths to cross back in 2003 and we have been there for each other since that day. You have been such a Jewel in my life and so many others. I know you will be watching over us and I promise not to disappoint you. I love you always, My Kathy Lee!!!!

*Amanda Samuel*

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**Amanda Samuel** - June 10, 2016 at 03:31 PM

 Sue Jones

“ Sorry to hear of Kathy's passing.... God bless the family at this time....



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**Sue Jones** - June 10, 2016 at 02:27 PM



“ Wings of Comfort Necklace was purchased for the family of Kathy Payton Fitzgerald.



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June 10, 2016 at 02:21 PM



“ I was sorry to hear about Kathy's illness and death. Coke Ellington

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**Coke Ellington** - June 10, 2016 at 01:23 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathy Payton Fitzgerald.*



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June 10, 2016 at 11:50 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Kathy Payton Fitzgerald.*



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June 10, 2016 at 11:46 AM



“ *Diane Savage lit a candle in memory of Kathy Payton Fitzgerald*



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**Diane Savage** - June 10, 2016 at 10:47 AM



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**Diane Rodgers** - June 10, 2016 at 10:37 AM

DB

“ *Donna B. purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Kathy Payton Fitzgerald.*



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**Donna B.** - June 10, 2016 at 09:26 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kathy Payton Fitzgerald.*



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June 10, 2016 at 08:31 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kathy Payton Fitzgerald.*



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June 10, 2016 at 07:50 AM



“ *"Kathy was such a wonderful and strong woman, a caring mother, a loving wife, and a dear friend who will be missed dearly."*

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**Chris and Evonn Short** - June 10, 2016 at 06:41 AM



“ *Kathy was such a blessing in John and my life and we loved her dearly. We will miss this sweet sweet lady!*

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**John and Diane Savage** - June 09, 2016 at 07:33 PM