



Mrs. Kathryn Travelbee

August 23, 1926 - April 20, 2015

Kathryn Travelbee, age 88, was welcomed into the arms of the Lord and Savior on Monday, April 20, 2015, at her home in Franklinton, Louisiana. She was a faithful servant to the Lord as a Sunday School teacher, choir member and soloist wherever she lived including Riverside Baptist Church in River Ridge, LA, First Baptist Church of Bay St. Louis, MS and First Baptist Church of Ponchatoula. Kathryn was a registered nurse, where she comforted, cared for and loved her patients for many years. She was a loving mother and grandmother and will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

Kathryn is survived by her daughter, Karen Richardson and husband Jim; son, Charles "Roby" Travelbee III and wife, Judy; granddaughter Ara Travelbee Forrest and husband, Charlie; granddaughter Amber Marie Travelbee; granddaughter Amanda Travelbee Thompson and husband, Dustin; great grandchildren Cody Gainey, Katelyn Gainey, Benjamin Gainey, Trevor Forrest, Bryce Wilkens, Brennan Wilkens.

Professionally, Kathryn D Travelbee, RN, COHN was a pioneer in the field of occupational health and rehabilitation nursing. She served in and was affiliated with many professional organizations, the most notable being President of the Louisiana Industrial Nurses Assoc. 1968-70. She was the first recipient of the Insurance Company of North America's Nurse of the Year, 1970. She was a speaker at seminars, nursing schools and conferences and

she was published in Occupational Health Nursing, April 1975.

Kathryn enjoyed cooking, sewing, fishing and being by the water. She loved watching all sports, especially the Saints, LSU and her home state the Razorbacks. She also enjoyed hours of birdwatching at home. She lived her life with dignity and was gracious and caring to all. Most importantly, Kathryn loved her Lord and her family with all of her heart.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the visitation from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, Ponchatoula, on Thursday, April 23, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. until the Religious service at 8:00 p.m. Dr. Cranford will officiate the service; graveside service and interment will be held at Biloxi National Cemetery in Biloxi, Mississippi on Friday at 10:00 a.m.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **23**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Ponchatoula, LA
1190 Highway 51
Ponchatoula, LA 70454
(985) 370-9296

Funeral Service

APR **23**. 8:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DM

“ I am so sorry we missed this. I would have liked to be able to attend her services. She was a very special person. I always admired her as a nurse and a Christian. She was very talented at singing and in many other ways. She was very blessed and a beautiful person. Her family were also very special to me.

Debbie Murray - October 06, 2025 at 10:46 PM

MF

“ To friends and family, my condolence goes out to you. Be comforted by the fact that you had your love one with you for along while. Remebering the good times and cherish all the good she did. May your heart be lifted ,to know that God keeps her in his memory. We look forward to the time when the promise God made to us in (Isaiah 25 :8) says that God will swallow up death forever, for he has spoken it.Sent April 25: 2015 Ms W. Frazier.

Ms. W. Frazier - April 25, 2015 at 03:48 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Kathryn Travelbee.



April 23, 2015 at 02:05 PM

CV

“ Mrs Kathryn was a very sweet and loving neighbor for over 10 yrs. we shared her dog Daisy for many years, then she went to live with her daughter and she gave me Daisy, she said she knew I loved her Daisy as she did. I will miss her dearly! RIP Mrs. Kathryn love you Cookie & family

Cookie Venable - April 21, 2015 at 07:54 PM

CM

“ I treasure the lovely conversation and friendship shared with you at Joffrion's workshop. Your daughter adored and cherished you throughout . You have had a blessed life, and a blessed relationship with a loving daughter. Those of us here, will cherish her friendship and honor your life. Blessing to you both.+++

chandler mitts - April 21, 2015 at 06:19 PM

JM

“ Mrs. Kathryn was always the sweetest thing. She and Aunt Karen shared wthaca me her awesome artichoke bread. I will never forget her scooting around on her hoveround on all that land. I mean at times I thought she was gonna pop a wheely on that thing she would go so fast!:)...Oh Mrs Kathryn, whenever I see a hummingbird I will ALWAYS think of you...util we meet again, I will miss you dearly

Jonell Moody - April 21, 2015 at 06:09 PM



“ I really enjoyed working and taking care of Mrs. Kathryn .It was a pleasure knowing her. She was a very sweet person. I will definite miss her. Stephani Magee Care giver/ friend

Stephanie Magee - April 21, 2015 at 06:01 PM

JL

“ I really enjoyed helping take care of her she will always be in my heart. Love her care giver JoJo



Joella Smith Landrews - April 21, 2015 at 05:43 PM

AF

Thank you JoJo for all you did for my Grandmother. I will always be indebted to you for making her comfortable in her last days. Love, Ara

Ara Travelbee Forrest - April 21, 2015 at 05:55 PM

JR

Kathryn was a kind and gracious lady. She was a credit to her nursing profession and devoted to her church. She lived her faith everyday and it showed. But, most of all she loved her family. I saw the happiness each one brought to her eyes. I know she is with her Lord and the family members she has missed for many years. Personally I will miss her very much.

Judy Reese - April 21, 2015 at 10:01 PM