



## Kayla Lynn Ernst

December 23, 1986 - May 1, 2017

Kayla, age 30, went to her heavenly home on Monday, May 1st, 2017 in Hammond, Louisiana. She was a lifelong resident of Ponchatoula, Louisiana, who worked as a server. Kayla adored her two sons, Haze and Knox, whom she spoiled every chance she got. She was a fun-loving person, who loved music (especially The Beatles), being around her friends, but most of all she loved being with her family. She was the most non-judgmental person you could ever know, and her smile was so contagious that it could light up any room she walked into.

Kayla leaves behind her handsome sons, Haze and Knox Selby; her parents, Gay Sterken and husband Barry, and Michael "String" Ernst; and her partner, Hamrick Selby. She is also survived by her grandparents, Tommie Robertson, Levi Robertson and wife Gail, Joyce Ernst; sister, Amanda Sterken; brother, Benjamin Ernst; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

She is preceded in death by her grandfather, Joseph Ernst.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the visitation from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, Ponchatoula, on Friday, May 5, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. until the funeral at 12:00 p.m. Interment will follow in the Ponchatoula Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Autism Speaks, <https://act.autismspeaks.org>, or to The Special Olympics at 1000 East Morris Street, Hammond, LA 70403.



# Cemetery Details

## Ponchatoula Cemetery

Hwy 22  
Ponchatoula, LA 70454

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

MAY 5. 12:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

MAY 5. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

JG

“ Sorry for the lost. Just found out about Kayla's passing she really was a wonderful person. Growing up i was always bigger than most guys, but kayla just saw me as another human who had feelings too. She was a great wonderful person who will be missed by all that knew her. It breaks my heart i won't get to see my beautiful,wonderful friend again in this life. She really was a rare friend that i will miss. My heart crys for all who knew her and loved her



Jacob G

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Jacob Gros - December 03, 2019 at 10:12 PM

AF

“ I am truly sorry to all family and friends who are grieving for the loss of a special person like Kayla. Sadly we have not spoke in many years, and I truly hope to meet you up there and make up for lost time I can never get back. I pray for all your family, especially your two beautiful boys, my heart breaks for them for losing you. Until we meet again, never stopped loving you and thinking about you girl



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An old friend - May 31, 2017 at 06:57 PM

LF

“ Dear String and family our hearts and prayers are with each of you. May the Holy Spirit comfort each of you. Lois and Willie Freeman

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Lois Freeman - May 07, 2017 at 12:30 PM

SL

“ *Death can take away our loved ones, but it cannot take away our precious memories. Hold on to those beautiful memories. Kayla is a beautiful angel which only God created for such a time as this. I love you Gay and will continue to pray for you and your beautiful family. You will always see Kayla through the eyes of your grandsons. Sue Lavigne*

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**Sue Lavigne** - May 06, 2017 at 01:44 AM

WM

“ *So sorry for this loss. She is a beautiful young lady.*

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**Wayne Micas** - May 05, 2017 at 10:14 AM

JH

“ *Jenel Secrease, Jay Futrell and Chasity Hoyt purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Kayla Lynn Ernst.*



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**Jenel Secrease, Jay Futrell and Chasity Hoyt** - May 05, 2017 at 09:44 AM

FR

“ *Prayers for the family.*



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**Fran Raiford** - May 05, 2017 at 02:05 AM

JM

“ Ms. Tommie and family so sorry for your lost. My thoughts and prayers are with you. May God Bless and Comfort you with his Peace and Love at this most difficult time.



JoEllen Marten - May 04, 2017 at 11:24 AM

Beth Buckley

“ String, Gay, her sons and the rest of her family and friends are in our thoughts and prayers.  
All our love,  
John & Beth Willie Buckley & family



Beth Buckley - May 04, 2017 at 08:36 AM

AS

“ Prayers for her boys, her family and her friends. 💜



Ashley - May 03, 2017 at 10:32 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kayla Lynn Ernst.



May 03, 2017 at 05:46 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Kayla Lynn Ernst.*



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May 03, 2017 at 04:54 PM



“ *Kayla was a beautiful girl inside & out. Motherhood made her even more beautiful.*

*She dearly lived her boys & I can still see her strolling them down the street or pulling them in the wagon-All smiling and laughing.*

*May Our thoughts & prayers for all of you combined with others help ease your sorrow & know that she is in God's loving arms forever.*

*Nancy & Paul Vega*

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**Nancy Vega** - May 03, 2017 at 04:40 PM

RP

“ *Stunning is the word that comes to mind when I would see Kayla. I remember Christmas Eve at her mother's house walking in seeing the beautiful Kayla wearing leggings and a long shirt and her beautiful, long hair on top of head, no makeup and it took my breathe away. She had a natural beauty that radiated both inside and out. She LOVED her family and that same LOVE I am sure she bestowed on her friends. I never heard her say a disparaging word about anyone. I remember Gay and Tommie brought her to a BEATLES tribute in New Orleans and I asked what she wore and of course Tommie replied "a black striped shirt and a beret", how KAYLA the most beautiful woman in the room that night...NO DOUBT MY PRAYERS AND LOVE FOR GAY, BARRY, HAZE and KNOX, MIKE, HAMMRICK, BEN, TOMMIE, SHARI, ROY, RYAN, ALLIE KATE & GRANT, LEVI AND GAIL and many other aunts, uncles and cousins... I WILL NOT 4GET U...*



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**Rebecca Pagart** - May 03, 2017 at 10:40 AM

GS

“ *I would like to express my deepest condolences to Kayla's family on her untimely death. Know that God has called another angel and she is now surrounded in heavenly peace. I pray that God will comfort your family during this most difficult time.*

*Gina Snyder*

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**Gina Snyder** - May 03, 2017 at 10:03 AM

PL

“ *So sorry to hear this and for your loss! Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this sad and difficult time!*

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**Paul & Elaine Laurent** - May 03, 2017 at 08:04 AM

TG

“ *Tim & Deb Griffith lit a candle in memory of Kayla Lynn Ernst*



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**Tim & Deb Griffith** - May 03, 2017 at 02:02 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kayla Lynn Ernst.*



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May 02, 2017 at 11:22 PM

TE

“ *We are so sorry to hear of this. Our prayers are with you. May the God of Mercy give you His peace that passes all understanding. Travis and I will continue to pray for all of you.*

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**Travis & Debbie Edwards** - May 02, 2017 at 09:40 PM

CA

“ *So, so sorry to learn of your loss. May God grant you "the peace that passes all understanding." Holding you in our hearts and prayers.*

*Carol and Donnie Carter*

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**Carol** - May 02, 2017 at 08:37 PM

SC

“ She and her contagious smile will be dearly missed, I only met her within the past few years due to her and my daughter being co-workers at Cafe Nola and Lees Drive Inn... she was so easy to love at first sight with her humorous personality and quirky sense of self. I pray for her children and family that God may bless you all with peace and understanding, hope the inspiration she was to you in her life time and the memories you shared with comfort your hearts and souls to help ease the pain of losing such a kind hearted, sweet and beautiful young lady! Forever inky Prayers 🙏😭

shelly cummings - May 02, 2017 at 07:21 PM

EF

“ Erica Rodriguez and family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Kayla Lynn Ernst.



Erica Rodriguez and family - May 02, 2017 at 06:54 PM

GA

“ So sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you.

Gordon and Eloise Anderson - May 02, 2017 at 06:08 PM