



## Kathryn Ann Rye

February 24, 1951 - September 14, 2025

Kathryn Ann Rye (Kathy)

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Kathryn Ann Rye, 74, of Willis, Texas, passed away peacefully on September 14, 2025, surrounded by the love of her children and grandchildren.

Born February 24, 1951, Kathy devoted her life to faith, family, and service to others. A nurse by profession, she cared for countless people with compassion and dedication, always offering a steady hand and a kind word. Her warmth, humor, and quiet strength left a lasting impression on everyone who knew her. She was also a devoted friend, offering loyalty, laughter, and support to those fortunate enough to know her.

Kathy's family was the center of her world. She is survived by her three sons, her daughter-in-law, and her five cherished grandchildren, who were the joy of her life. To them, she was more than a mother and grandmother — she was a source of guidance, encouragement, and unconditional love. She had a rare gift for noticing when someone needed help and stepping in with empathy and grace. Kathy looked for the best in people, and while she was never judgmental, she also wasn't afraid to speak up when she believed it was right. She led by example, never shying away from hard work or from getting her hands dirty. She built family traditions that will be cherished for generations and encouraged others to be their best with kindness and positivity. Her legacy is one of laughter, resilience, and love that touched every corner of her family's lives.

Kathy was preceded in death by her husband, Stephen Louis Rye (November 10, 1947 – November 15, 2020), with whom she shared a life rich in family, devotion, and enduring love.

Family and friends will gather to celebrate her life at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Willis, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you honor Kathy's memory by extending a kindness to someone in need — a reflection of the way she lived every day of her life.

2 Timothy 4:7–8

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing."

# Cemetery Details

## Smith Memorial Park

10129 FM 1097 Rd W  
Willis, TX 77318

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

SEP **24.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Kathy G Allen, BSN, RN purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kathryn Ann Rye.* ”



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**Kathy G Allen, BSN, RN** - September 22, 2025 at 06:38 PM

SK

“ *What a sweet and kind lady, such a blessing to others. She stepped into eternity with her savior, praise God.* ”

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**sonya kerr** - September 22, 2025 at 05:42 PM

JB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Kathy's family during their time of sorrow.* ”

*Janet Brock  
Covenant Church Life Group*



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**Janet Brock** - September 22, 2025 at 05:27 PM

AC

“ *Your loved one's memory will forever be cherished.* ”



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**Angelia Cooper** - September 22, 2025 at 01:21 PM

SR

“ *Sally Rice lit a candle in memory of Kathryn Ann Rye*



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**Sally Rice** - September 19, 2025 at 07:15 PM

GK

“ *Gayle Kelly lit a candle in memory of Kathryn Ann Rye*



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**Gayle Kelly** - September 15, 2025 at 05:27 PM