



Kay Amy Orde

May 27, 1943 - March 19, 2021

Kay Amy Orde of St. Augustine Beach died at the Bailey Hospice Center on March 19 after a long illness bravely borne. She was 77 years old. Born in Swansea, Wales to Charles and Irene Brooks, Kay grew up in Totternhoe, Bedfordshire, England before coming to the United States in 1963 to work as a children's nanny in Minneapolis. From there she lived in Delaware, Connecticut, Arizona, and Indiana before settling in Durham, North Carolina.

Twenty-five years after finishing school in England, Kay hit the books once more, earning a BA in Journalism from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill—which opened the door to reporting positions on the Chapel Hill News and the Durham Morning Herald—and an MA from NC State. In 1998, she moved one last time, to St. Augustine, to marry her long-time best friend Lewis Orde. In America's oldest city, she spent 20 years working for the American Culinary Federation as editor-in-chief of the National Culinary Review, a magazine for chefs.

Kay is greatly missed by her husband, Lewis; her two daughters, Celeste Paranjape of Denver, CO, and Heather Hinson of Charlotte, NC; her three grandchildren, Meera, Dhilan, and Nicholas; sister Joy of Cardiff, Wales, and everyone whose lives she touched with her warmth, kindness, and generosity.

No flowers, please. Donations may be made to a charity of your choice.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ I first met Kay in our late teens in Dunstable (Derek, my husband, knew her from school) and we remained in touch throughout our lives. We swapped ideas of what she might like to write in her articles, as I knew what and who interested her. She sent me articles and I was so impressed with her writing skills, wit and understanding. Her family visited us in Bristol and Celeste and Heather came to stay on their own in their teens. We had so much fun and laughter, singing songs in the car, and sharing experiences. We visited Raleigh, Durham, with our daughter, Abby, and Kay gave us so much information on where we might visit, maps and tips etc. She even suggested Abby might live with her if she chose to attend University in America; we were visiting art galleries and museums in the US. And her fridge was stocked with all we needed to take on our way - she had thought of everything. It is so sad that such a close friend's life ended in such a stressful way for all her family, especially Lewis, Celeste and Heather and their children.; also her lovely sister, Joy, who I remain in contact with. Kay was so full of fun, intelligent, and thoughtful - she will be sorely missed but our memories are strong. RIP Dear Friend. Love to all her family, from Jean and Derek Frary. Frampton Cotterell, Bristol, England.



Jean Frary - May 17, 2021 at 10:46 AM

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Jean & Robert - April 02, 2021 at 05:01 AM

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Jean and Robert, this is a lovely photo with smiling Kay.

Jean Frary - May 17, 2021 at 10:49 AM

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“ Remembering the lovely Kay and sending condolences to all the family at this sad time. Kay was so kind to me and my family, I stayed with her when I was 12 years old whilst visiting with Auntie Yvonne and I was taken very poorly and ended up in hospital in North Carolina, I fondly remember the kindness Kay gave to us at the time, I was thrilled to meet up with her again in Chrissy's wedding a few years back and she was still the same smiley, friendly, lovely lady that I remembered. A beautiful lady with a pure heart of gold xxxx



sarah rabey-morgan (Swansea) - March 27, 2021 at 08:48 PM

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“ Patty McLain lit a candle in memory of Kay Amy Orde



Patty McLain - March 24, 2021 at 10:37 PM

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In Loving Memory Auntie Kay ❤️

Patty McLain - March 24, 2021 at 10:37 PM

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Marian Hammond - March 23, 2021 at 07:06 AM

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“ *I first knew Kay as a professional colleague: she as an editor, me as a publicity. Through our mutual activity in a trade organization (IFEC), our friendship grew through years by meeting twice annually at trade events and communicating monthly about/around PR opportunities in her magazine. Kay was always up for morning walks and bibliophile gossip. Her patience and generosity were constant, and her bright mind a pleasure to tap in conversation and emails. She will be sadly missed and remembered fondly by all her peers.*

*Ann Segerstrom
Sonora CA*

Ann Segerstrom - March 21, 2021 at 03:48 PM

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*Thank you so much for sharing this, Ann, what a wonderful remembrance of my mom!
(Heather Hinson, Kay's younger daughter)*

Heather Hinson - March 22, 2021 at 03:45 PM