

Muriel Anne Kaye

February 25, 2020



Muriel Anne Kaye, born April 22nd, 1953 to Muriel (Cohen) and Frank Kaye in Cleveland, OH. She joined sisters Helen, Re, and Susie. Later followed Frank, Eileen, Patricia, and Maureen. Yes, that is eight!

Muriel lived and spent her childhood and young adulthood in and around Cleveland, Ohio. This birthed a strong love for the Cleveland Indians baseball team, and yes, even remained a loyal fan of the Browns football team. If you knew her, you knew this. One will have to talk to siblings and friends to get any one of numerous stories of childhood events that come from growing up in a large Catholic household back east in the 50's and 60's.

Her early twenties brought an adventurous spirit to travel west. She spent time in Texas, California, and Oregon, off and on with varying sisters who also came "out west". This is when the little known town of Crescent City was discovered by the Kaye family.

While working in Bridgeport, CA, a small town nestled in the Sierra Nevada foothills, Muriel met Jerry Hawkins who was operating a large cattle ranch in the area. While the details of their romances remain

private, the results of their union birthed their first and only daughter, Nicole, four years later.

Muriel returned to Crescent City undertaking the harrowing task of single motherhood in the early 1980's. She has a special love for Del Norte's natural beauty, always drawn to the Klamath River and our beaches. What a beautiful place we live!

Over the years, Muriel made her niche in the community. In 1986/87 she assumed ownership of Everette's Cafe located on South I Street. This was a hub of social activities for young and old for the 14 years Muriel was there.

In May 2000, Muriel welcomed her first and only grandchild into this life, Preston D. Nuñez. I think all would agree he quickly became the love of her life.

After closing her cafe, she began working as a cook for Bar O Boys Ranch where she was known as Ms. Kaye. She loved her job, enjoying the seasonal changes along the drive up the canyon. She took this job with purpose, wanting to make a difference in the lives of the young incarcerated men. She stayed until the closing of the Ranch a couple of years ago. And finally, retired April 2018.

With almost 2 years of retirement, she enjoyed sleeping in and napping whenever she wanted. Being a giver, Muriel could also be found delivering food to our local homeless community and sharing the love of Jesus with them.

Muriel responded to the Lord's call for her to return to him about 5 years ago. Returning to the Catholic church, and the faith of her youth, she remained devoted in her attendance and prayers. The last year she was rarely seen without a rosary in her hand. (Thanks for all the prayers mom!)

Muriel is known for her sense of humor, "infectious laugh", generosity, caring heart, blue eyes, and being quite opinionated. The countless lives she touched in her own special way during her short time here, I am still learning of. Please tell those people around you how important they are.

Muriel is survived by daughter Nicole Kaye, grandson Preston Nuñez, and grand-dog Kotah all of Crescent City. Sisters Helen Whittman, Re (John) Mohalland, and brother Frank (Olga) Kaye of Ohio; Brother-in-law Gary Sofia of Medford, OR; Sister Patty (Bill) Murray of Crescent City; and Maureen (Todd) Grey of Colorado; Nieces and nephews Jim, Brandon, Frank, Jessica (her favorite), Mike, Kristen, Matthew (Bubba), Katlin, and Frankie four; all of our friends who are extended family to us... I don't have the paper to write. May you know who you are.

Rest well, Mom, and enjoy the ascension.

Services are under the watchful eye and direction of Jesus the Christ. Visitation will be held at Rogue Valley Funeral 558 Business Park Dr. Medford, OR on Friday, February 28th from 8 am – 2 pm.

Funeral/memorial Mass will be held at 1:30 PM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with a graveside service/committal following at 3 PM at Hillcrest Memorial Park 2201 N. Phoenix Rd. Medford, OR.

A celebration of life will take place at family's home in Crescent City the following day Saturday, February 29th from 12 pm – 4 pm. Come share a laugh or shed a tear. Please contact family or friend for address. God bless you all.