



## Kathy Bettinghouse

July 19, 1954 - August 4, 2009

Kathy Bettinghouse, age 55 of Fort Collins, CO died August 4, 2009 at her home. Memorial services will be held at 11:00 AM Saturday, August 15th at Timberline Church in the South Auditorium. Kathleen Fay Walker was born July 19, 1954 to Earl and Betty Lou Walker in Greeley, CO. Her family moved to Fort Collins and she graduated in 1972 from Ft. Collins High School where she played French horn in the orchestra and was Homecoming Queen. Kathy graduated from CSU in 1978 with a Bachelor's of Fine Arts degree majoring in Graphic Design. Soon after graduation, she married Clifford Bettinghouse on June 9, 1978 in Ft. Collins. Kathy worked for 24 years with Hewlett-Packard as a Patent Illustrator and doing other design work. She left HP in 1997 and began her own Patent Illustration Company. Kathy attended Timberline Church and The Meeting Place. She is survived by her husband, Cliff; son, Jim; Mother, Betty Walker and brother, Dan Walker. Her son Matt, died two years ago and she was also preceded in death by her father, Earl. In lieu of flowers and cards, please make a donation to your favorite charity. If you don't have one, may we suggest The American Cancer Society. Kathy's family wishes to thank all of the wonderful healthcare professionals at The Cancer Center of The Rockies, Poudre Valley Hospital, the University of Colorado Hospital, and Pathways Hospice for their dedication to caring for their patients with compassion and kindness. We would also like to thank all of Kathy's friends and Church family for their ongoing support and prayers.

# Comments

---



“ To Cliff and Jim,  
Our family has felt a special connection to yours since Matt died and we are so sorry that you have lost Kathy. Please know that all of us are heartsick and will pray for strength for you.  
Amy, Ben, Holly, Jacob and Lexi

**Amy Bonner** - August 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

---



“ Dear Cliff and Jim,  
I am so sorry to hear this. I had no idea you were going through this battle. Although we know she is so happy now, it is a terrible loss and I pray that God will provide the strength and comfort that you need. I loved Kathy's sweet spirit and will miss her so very much. God bless you both and all your family.  
Love, Valerie & Paul Bakes

**Valerie Bakes** - August 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

---



“ In 1999, I discovered Kathy, a patent illustrator, on my block, and worked with her for over ten years on various patent applications. She was very talented, and her work will live on in many patent applications, which remain on file with the government in perpetuity. Kathy and Cliff were also faithful friends, and she was very kind to our son Matthew, who is disabled with cerebral palsy. I consider myself fortunate to have met their Matthew as well, even getting rides home from Houska Motors at least once.

**James K. Poole** - August 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

---



“ I extend my deepest sympathy to you and Dan. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

**Gladys M. Meyer** - August 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

---



“ Cliff, I know it's been a rough couple of years for you and I just wanted to let you know how sorry I am for your loss, you have my deepest condolences.

**Justin Depperschmidt** - August 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

---



“ I knew Kathy from playing the French Horn with her in both the band and orchestra at Ft. Collins High School in 1970 & 1971. She was a wonderful, beautiful, talented person inside and out. So sorry to hear of her passing.

**Scott Carson** - August 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

---



“ I was so shocked to read in Loveland's paper that Kathy had passed away. Kathy was such a sweet person and she had a great smile. I always enjoyed visiting with Kathy in the halls at HP. Her smile was infectious! When I saw her, it made me smile. My prayers go out to her family.

**George Long** - August 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

---



“ Cliff and Family..

I just want to tell you how sorry I am for your loss. Kathy had such a wonderful heart. She never wanted to burden anyone with her problems.

She was a very sweet woman. I am very sorry for your recent losses. Although she is now with her son, and our Heavenly father.. I know she will be missed here. Know our thoughts and prayers are with you.

**Deanna McDonald** - August 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

---



“ I read of your loss and wanted to send a note of sympathy. I can only imagine what a joy Kathy was to be with, one who was loved for her spirit of dedication and her caring heart. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. I have shared with others two wonderful scriptures that give much comfort at times like these. 2 Cor. 1:3, 4 which speaks of "the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation." and Isaiah 51:12 "I - I myself am the One that is comforting you people." I believe we can treasure the wonderful memories and I know you have many. A wonderful wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend. Please know you are in the thoughts of many.

**Sylvia Scheel** - August 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

---



“ To Cliff and family:  
When I read the obituary in the paper on Wednesday, I was so sad. Kathy was one my best friends a long time ago. Cliff was my first husband's best man, and I soon got to know Kathy; we attended their wedding, and Kathy's mom knew I was pregnant before I did (after I fainted during the ceremony)! Kathy was always happy and smiling--and we started a button business together--we made buttons for people to wear--long story! We spent many an afternoon together as new wives. Sadly, we lost touch over the years, but I have so many fond memories of this girl! I have a great photo of Kathy attending our "punk rock" party--a photo I will cherish. You will be missed, Kathy, but I know you are with your son now--Much love to everyone from me and Dave Powers, too

**Lee Peck (Powers)** - August 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

---



“ Cliff and James,  
  
We are so sorry for your loss. Kathy has been in our prayers for a long, long, time and now she has a permanent place in our hearts. We will never forget her and her beautiful smile. We will keep you guys and Kathy's memory in our prayers.

**Jim Durr** - August 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

---



“ Our deepest sympathy to the family. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. May you find strength in the Lord for comfort.

**Ron and Shari Stroup** - August 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

---



“ We were so saddened to hear of Kathy's death. We remember her as a neighbor and Riffenburgh mom, especially since Lindsey and Matt were friends. We loved her smile and sweet personality. Our hearts go out to you Cliff and Jim. We wish you days of peace in the years ahead, knowing that Kathy and Matt are content and together now.

**Debbie Stradt** - August 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

---



“ Pat and Kathy work together at HP for their entire careers (as I believe). Kathy was one of the first people Pat introduced to me when I arrived from Australia in 1997 and her effervescence and joie de vivre told me she would always be "amiga para siempre"!

Kathy and Cliff were always on our "Shrimp and Champagne" list and we looked forward to their visits - Kathy, with her inimitable smile, enjoying catching up with old and current HP friends, with Cliff smiling at her in the background.

I know Pat, as we all will, will miss her wonderful smile and great personality. We've lost a wonderful person!

Vale Kathy Bettinghouse.

**Bob O'Brien** - August 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

---



“ I was so saddened to read of Kathy's passing, she was a dear friend to me in High School. I will never forget her.  
My thoughts and prayers are with her loved one during your time of loss.  
Eunice

**Eunice ( Iverson ) Michalka** - August 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

---



“ I just heard about Kathy's passing and I am so sorry. I went to high school with Kathy and worked with her at HP and since then we have just run into each other occasionally. I always loved Kathy's positive attitude and her beautiful smile. May memories of Kathy's life comfort you with time.  
Rebecca Martin

**Linda Cates** - August 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ What a beautiful friend Kathy was, I loved her and will always do so. You are missed.

**Cindy Blum** - August 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM