



## Mrs. Katheryn Jacqueline Austin

March 27, 1958 - August 19, 2020

Katheryn Jacqueline Austin, 62, of Tallahassee, Florida, passed away on Wednesday, August 19, 2020, at Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare.

A daughter of the late Preson Peak and Barbara Ann Tullis Phillips, she was born in Durham, North Carolina on March 27, 1958. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by granddaughters, Faith Austin and Addison Stewart; and a niece, Misty Corley.

She was an administrative assistant at Culligan Water Conditioning of Tallahassee and was named Employee of the Quarter for the Second Quarter 2020. She was a faithful member at Faith Fellowship Church in Crawfordville, and enjoyed sewing, going to the beach, quiet time, but most importantly, she loved spending time with her grandbabies.

She is survived by her husband of 38 years, Gary Lee Austin; daughters, Barbie Stewart (husband, Bill) and Heidi Austin; grandsons, Austin Stewart, Preston Stewart and Ethan Stewart; brother, Tom Phillips (wife, Fay); sisters, Betsi Calhoun (husband, Mike) and Nora White. Also surviving are numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will have a Celebration of Life at a later time. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Le Bohner Childrens' Hospital in

Memphis, Tennessee. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.abbeyfh.com](http://www.abbeyfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ Gary, Barbie, and Heidi,

*You have been in my thoughts and prayers for several days now. And while I can sense your grief, your postings and comments about your mother have been a blessing to me - and probably to many others.*

*I remember your mother's laughter, and marveled at her joy and happiness. She had the joy and happiness of a young child that was truly infectious. She loved each of you dearly and was so proud of you.*

*Kitty and I even tried match making with our kids but that was not to be - only mothers will understand this obsession we have with wanting our kids to marry someone with similar backgrounds and beliefs.*

*One of my favorite memories of Kitty was right after Erik went to West Point I was having a hard time handling the separation. One Sunday morning Kitty asked me how we were doing and tears started rolling down my cheeks. She hugged me, and in a few minutes came back with a card and telephone number of a dear family who was at the Academy. She urged me to call the wife, and I did which eased my mind. She was always there to help when she could.*

*I know you will miss her, but what joyful memories you will have - she was just that type of person. Take care, and may the peace of God continue to shore you up. You had a great role model and that is indeed a blessing.*

*Love,*

*Suzanne Sewell*

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Suzanne Sewell - August 23, 2020 at 06:22 PM



*Thank you for the sweet story/comments!*

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**Heidi Austin** - August 27, 2020 at 09:24 PM