



Kathleen Renee Bailey

June 22, 1971 - November 14, 2025

With heavy hearts and profound love, the family of Kathleen Renee Barnett Bailey, 54, announces her peaceful passing on November 14, 2025. Born on June 22, 1971, in Valparaiso, Indiana, Kathleen entered the world with a bright spirit that carried her through every chapter of her life. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend whose warmth, humor, and resilience made her unforgettable. Kathleen was the beloved daughter of the late Charles Barnett and Carla Barnett Collins, and stepdaughter of Michael Collins. She married the love of her life, Shawn Bailey, on August 26, 2023, and together they made their home in Hamlet, Indiana. A proud graduate of Knox Community High School, Kathleen lived her life rooted in family, loyalty, and simple joys. She was welcomed into heaven by her grandparents Bert and Mable Mullins and Les and Janie Barnett, whose presence she often spoke of with love and fond memory.

A devoted and proud mother, Kathleen leaves behind her cherished sons:

- Matthew Barnett and his wife Kristen
- Christopher Adams and his wife Laura
- Paul Adams

She was also a loving stepmother to three stepchildren she cared for deeply:

- Jasmine Hatfield and her husband Tyler
- Brandon Bailey
- Olivia Bailey

As much as Kathleen adored her boys, her greatest joy came from being “Grandma”—and a dog mom. Her grandchildren—Connor, Kaydence, Tyson, Oliver,

Mikayla, Bella, Lizzy, Jordan, Seth, Lucas, Noah, and Haylee—were the center of her

world. She talked about them constantly, celebrated their milestones with pride, and

made sure everyone knew that they were her heart.

Kathleen grew up surrounded by the love of her four sisters, each of whom held a

special place in her life:

- Cynthia Lovins
- Pamela Bailey and her husband Corey
- Tracey Barnett Osowiecki and her husband Alexander
- Stephanie Graham and her husband Tirell

She was the fun sister, the protective sister, the storyteller, the one who would make you

laugh—or stir things up just enough to keep life interesting. She also leaves behind

countless nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and one special great-great-niece soon to arrive.

Kathleen lived a simple, heartfelt life centered around what mattered most: family,

comfort, and connection. She loved curling up with a good book, getting lost in her favorite TV shows, and enjoying quiet moments with the people she loved. She had a quick wit, a stubborn streak, and a tender heart—one she didn't always show openly, but those who truly knew her felt it every single day. She will be remembered for her laughter, her honesty, her loyalty, and her ability to love without condition. Kathleen appreciated the small, everyday moments that made life meaningful, and her memory will continue to live on in the stories shared, the traditions passed down, and the love she gave so freely. Her absence leaves a space that cannot be filled, but her presence will continue to be felt in all who loved her.

Viewing: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Saturday, November 22, 2025 with the funeral to follow at the O'Donnell Funeral Home, North Judson, Indiana
A Celebration of Life Dinner will be held at the Knox Community Center immediately following the graveside services.

A Poem for Kathleen

She found her joy in simple things—
a quiet room, a favorite show,
a worn-in book, a loyal dog,
the comfort only home can know.
But her greatest joy was family—
her boys, her grandbabies, every one;

their laughter was her heartbeat,
their milestones were her sun.
She loved with honesty and humor,
with a wit both sharp and kind;
a stubborn streak, a tender heart,
a storyteller's brilliant mind.
She was the sister who made life brighter,
the one who teased, protected, stirred—
in every memory you share of her
you'll hear her laugh, you'll hear her words.
Though her chair now sits in quiet
and her voice has gone to rest,
her love remains in all of you—
a legacy of her very best.
So hold her close in every moment,
in every story that you tell.
For she lives on within your hearts,
where love remains
and all is well.

Cemetery Details

Highland Cemetery

SR 10
North Judson, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 22. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

O'Donnell Funeral Home, Inc.
302 Lane Street
North Judson, IN 46366
(574) 896-2149

Funeral Service

NOV 22. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CC

“ *My Dearest Friend, Rest Peacefully in Heaven. I will Forever Miss you. Until we meet again on the other side.* ”



Carolinne Champion - November 23, 2025 at 02:52 AM

RF

“ *Rural King Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Kathleen Renee Bailey.* ”



Rural King Family - November 21, 2025 at 09:08 AM

RF

“ *Rural King Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen Renee Bailey.* ”

Rural King Family - November 21, 2025 at 09:08 AM

SB

“ *Skiler Berndt purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Kathleen Renee Bailey.* ”



Skiler Berndt - November 20, 2025 at 10:27 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kathleen Renee Bailey.



November 20, 2025 at 08:29 AM



“ Roy McCray lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Renee Bailey



Roy McCray - November 19, 2025 at 06:59 PM



“ Pioneer Medical Group purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Kathleen Renee Bailey.



Pioneer Medical Group - November 19, 2025 at 12:52 PM



“ Connor, kaydence, ashley and jeff purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Kathleen Renee Bailey.



Connor, kaydence, ashley and jeff - November 19, 2025 at 11:33 AM

CJ

“ Connor, kaydence, ashley and jeff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen Renee Bailey.

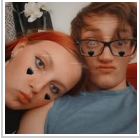
Connor, kaydence, ashley and jeff - November 19, 2025 at 11:33 AM

DD

“ Dawn Dack purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kathleen Renee Bailey.



Dawn Dack - November 19, 2025 at 09:24 AM



“ Cheyanne Moreau lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Renee Bailey



Cheyanne Moreau - November 19, 2025 at 05:20 AM

TB

“ Tara Jackson Burnette lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Renee Bailey



tara Jackson burnette - November 19, 2025 at 12:29 AM

CS

“ Carrie Stromer lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Renee Bailey



Carrie Stromer - November 18, 2025 at 10:25 PM

KR

“ Kristi lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Renee Bailey



Kristi - November 18, 2025 at 10:00 PM

TN

“ I always told her she was ugly and her mama dresses her funny. And she would always just laugh. She loved her jewelry. I would go into her office just to see what piece of jewelry she was wearing each day. We made trips to the bank and I'd stop and get us some Dairy Queen so we could eat them and work on the schedule for work. Some days I would go get her Wendy's chicken nuggets, she loved her some nuggets. She will be missed ♡.

Tammy Newland - November 18, 2025 at 09:28 PM

DA

“ Dawn lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Renee Bailey



Dawn - November 18, 2025 at 08:12 PM