



## Eleanor Kay Woodard

May 14, 1939 - November 16, 2014

Services for Eleanor Kay Woodard, 75, of Tyler, will be held at 1:00 PM Sunday, November 23, 2014, at Stewart Family Funeral Home. Pastors Dale Purdy, Ken Summerville and Don Smith will be officiating. Graveside service will follow at East Hill Cemetery in Palestine under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Ms. Eleanor Kay Woodard passed away peacefully on Sunday, Nov. 16, 2014 at her son's home in Tyler surrounded by family and friends.

Kay was born May 14, 1939 in Palestine, TX to Joe W. Compton and Lota Taylor Compton. She graduated from Sam Houston State with a major in Education. She received her Master's Degree in Counseling at Stephen F. Austin University and a Mid-Management Degree from Texas A&M University-Commerce. "Whoop"

For over 20 years, Kay worked as a teacher and counselor for Whitehouse ISD. After retiring from the school system, she became the Volunteer Coordinator for her son at Grace Hospice of East Texas.

Kay was a member of Heritage Baptist Church, CASA, Alzheimer's Alliance, and President of the "Grandkids Fan Club".

Eleanor Kay Woodard is preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Lota. She is survived by her children: son, Joe Woodard and daughter-in-law Kathy Woodard, her daughter Kelle Woodard Hinson, and sons, Brad Woodard and Craig Woodard; along with 9 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, sisters Carol Koenig and husband Wendell of Austin, Tx, Candy Barrow and husband

Rich Barrow of Venus, TX and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation is scheduled from 6:00-8:00pm on Saturday, Nov. 22, 2014 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway in Tyler, TX.

If desired, memorials may be made to Grace Hospice of East Texas, 1820 Shiloh Rd. #1103, Tyler, TX 75703.

Our family would like to thank a very special niece, Seana Pak, who lovingly moved to Tyler, strictly to help our mom in her last months, to be the best she could be EVERY DAY.

# Cemetery Details

## East Hill Cemetery

Lacy Street  
Palestine, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **22**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
(903) 581-2008

## Service

NOV **23**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

KW

“ The Gormley Family was new to the Whitehouse School district in 1979 and our family added 9 children to Ms Woodward's bus route. We had an 8th grade student and a kindergarten student with all the grades inbetween. She greeted us each day with a smile as she drove right up to our driveway. The route wasn't suppose to be to the driveway but she had it altered when she saw the volume of elementary aged children we had. Sometimes if we were running late she'd circle our street twice so we could get everyone on board. Or shed wait for us as we ran up the street to catch us on the turn around.

*Memories of riding the bus with her as our leader are filled with fondness. She helped the little ones off when the older siblings weren't there and noticed when someone forgot their lunch and would wait for them to go and grab it. She laughed with us when she cleaned out the bus and made the papers fly in the wind and then we'd picked up trash together to make our bus clean. She watched over all of us on those daily bus rides and made sure the bus behaved appropriately with kindness to all.*

*She taught me English in 8th grade and many of my siblings who came after me but the teaching we still speak of her today are about the loving example she was to us. The best memory we have of her was that of a woman of strong Christian faith who followed the example of Christ. We know of her testimony personally. Our family was having a difficult time financially one year and my younger siblings shoes were worn with holes taped on the bottom, and in horrible condition. It was the best we had at the moment. My younger brothers were embarrassed to go to school and I remember their heads hanging low as we boarded the bus with "our best". Ms Woodward saw the need and acted. She went and gathered donation for new shoes and a few aded extras for our family and took them to our parents who were ever grateful for her service to us that year. She made a difference for us.*

*She been gone for a while but her influence continues on in all*

*those she came in contact with and with our family still. May the Lord continue to bless and keep her until we are all reunited.*

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**Kristi Gormley Woodruff** - November 10, 2022 at 10:52 PM

KW

*I apologize for the auto correcting in my above post. I know she is Ms Woodard.*

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**Kristi Gormley Woodruff** - November 10, 2022 at 10:57 PM

JW

“ *I am just now discovering of Kay's passing. She was my teacher in the 6th grade at Four Pines School in Palestine. That was 51 years ago. She only taught us 1/2 the year. She would often bring cinnamon rolls to class and heat them on top of those big classroom stoves. I was having difficulties during this time and she went one on one with me as though she were my mom. That is a day I will always remember her for. I regret not having reconnected with her through the years. Reading these tributes reminds me of just how special she really was. My condolences to her family.*

*Joe Weaver  
Palestine Tx*

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**Joe Weaver** - July 02, 2017 at 03:05 PM

AS

“ *Kay touched sooooo many lives during her education career - we are all the better after learning our "True Colors" during Kay's training at the many schools across East Texas! Her travels from school to school in her convertible sports car brought such a breath of fresh air, and her vibrance during each appearance left such a positive mark on so many teachers! Job well done!!*

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**Andrea Jolley Seale** - November 23, 2014 at 09:54 AM

AT

“ Amanda Tucker lit a candle in memory of Eleanor Kay Woodard



amanda tucker - November 23, 2014 at 01:54 AM



There are just so many many memories i cant even begin to start ya'll where more then neighbors my whole life but family im so sorry for ya'lls loss she was a amazing woman i love ya'll amanda marie tucker

Amanda Tucker - November 23, 2014 at 03:02 AM

AL

“ Annie LeNorman sent a virtual gift in memory of Eleanor Kay Woodard



Annie LeNorman - November 21, 2014 at 07:32 PM

AL

“ Annie LeNorman lit a candle in memory of Eleanor Kay Woodard



Annie LeNorman - November 21, 2014 at 07:28 PM

AL

“ Kay was a precious caring person with enough love in her heart for the entire world. I thank God for letting her be part of my life even for a short time. I will always remember her smile and her I Love You. My love and prayers go out the family of such a precious lovely lady.

Annie LeNorman

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Annie LeNorman - November 21, 2014 at 07:22 PM

KS

“ Kathleen Sheehan purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Eleanor Kay Woodard.



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Kathleen Sheehan - November 21, 2014 at 07:11 PM

KS

“ Although it's been many years since I've spent time with Kay, her all encompassing personality is still so vivid I feel I was with her just yesterday. For 21 years Kay and I have shared a granddaughter together. When I look at Kirsten today I see she embodies Kay's enthusiasm for life that overflowed into all of those around her.

And for that I am grateful

Thank you,

With love

Kathleen Sheehan

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kathleen sheehan - November 21, 2014 at 06:27 PM

SH

“ Sam And Dianne Hamilton lit a candle in memory of Eleanor Kay Woodard



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**Sam and Dianne Hamilton** - November 21, 2014 at 01:33 PM



“ Miss Kay was one of my volunteers when I worked at CASA and what a delight she was to work with! She was always so eager to help the neglected and abused children, she would always ask, "what child do you think needs my help the most?" and she would take that child under her wing, going above and beyond the call of duty. I loved working with Miss Kay because it didn't feel like work, I got excited about my job because she was passionate about her kiddos and she was always excited about fulfilling her CASA role. I loved Miss Kay, if only all of the neglected and abused kids had a Miss Kay in their lives...wow, what a better world this would be!



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**Sherry Scallions** - November 21, 2014 at 01:12 PM

BW

*Thank you for those amazing words about my mom. You totally brightened my day. Blessings. Brad*

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**brad Woodard** - November 21, 2014 at 06:22 PM

FF

“ Forest Hardy and family. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Eleanor Kay Woodard.



Forest Hardy and family. - November 20, 2014 at 10:29 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Eleanor Kay Woodard.



November 20, 2014 at 10:21 PM

MC

“ Where do I begin to describe this beautiful woman? Kay lit up the room with her smile, she loved her children and Grandchildren with all of her heart and soul and you could visibly see it. She literally made defensive driving so much fun you actually wanted to take it again! You could always spot her on the road by her car because she preferred red and convertibles! She helped me so many times with my boys through so many years of school. Having a child with ADHD, she had me prepared for every meeting year after year. I can only imagine all of the children that were impacted by her work. In later years she used that same compassion and enthusiasm to assist the elderly in hospice care. Heaven has received a vibrant and loving soul this week. I will miss seeing that red convertible at the theater or on the road but I will never forget Kay Woodard .



Melissa Charba - November 19, 2014 at 09:34 PM

HS

“ I will always remember her smile, laugh and zest for life. This amazing lady really knew how to light up a room and warm a heart. Her kindness made a big impact on my life and I am so blessed to have known her. Her kindness and love for all around her will long be remembered.

Holly Womack Schipper - November 19, 2014 at 08:36 PM

 Wendy Hardin

“ Mrs. Woodard was a favorite teacher of mine from 8th grade...I loved her Texas way, and direct style of positive communication. She was really herself everyday of class. Honestly, she believed in work AND play, and never once told us this. She simply lived and we learned and we felt impacted from her life example. She was that bright light in the room that everyone was drawn towards. She is loved by many and I am so thankful for her witness that spoke in how she LIVED life. Her sense of style and laughter. How she danced at our dance before we would as shy teens. Blessings & prayers to her family as I know the sense of loss must be great. She lived well and loved big. RIP Mrs. Woodard.

Wendy Hardin - November 19, 2014 at 08:26 PM



“ Rita G Williams lit a candle in memory of Eleanor Kay Woodard



Rita G Williams - November 19, 2014 at 05:40 PM

KH

“ Kelly Smith Hitt lit a candle in memory of Eleanor Kay Woodard



Kelly Smith Hitt - November 19, 2014 at 02:06 PM

RM

“ Rich, Candy, Seana, Andru, Paige, Chip & Maribel purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Eleanor Kay Woodard.



Rich, Candy, Seana, Andru, Paige, Chip & Maribel -  
November 19, 2014 at 12:58 PM

KW

“ She was the greatest grandmother I could ask for! She taught me life lessons I will never forget and she showed me love that I will never let go! She was amazing in every way possible and she always made me smile...I continue to smile today because she taught me no other way I love u grandma Kay !!!!

kirsten taylor woodard - November 19, 2014 at 11:33 AM

BJ

“ Brenda Johnson lit a candle in memory of Eleanor Kay Woodard



brenda johnson - November 19, 2014 at 09:09 AM

CF

“ She was a wonderful parent and friend of Snow White Child Care, a teacher loved by all her students because of her sparkling personality and contagious smile. She will be missed by all my family and all who knew her.

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**Catherine Ferguson** - November 19, 2014 at 04:45 AM

CT

“ Kay was an independent, loving, and brilliant woman. Her mind never stopped and she was as energized as electricity. I will love her forever.

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**Cassie Thompson** - November 19, 2014 at 12:45 AM

MB

“ Kay was one of the few Compton cousins I knew. Her grandfather was my Great-Uncle Joe. I wish God's blessings on all Kay's loved ones. Mike Bonner

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**Mike Bonner** - November 18, 2014 at 10:17 PM

KJ

“ Such a precious friend! I'm remembering all the times she was there for me and all the good times we had through the years! Missing her already and realizing what a blessing she was in my life! Love you, Kay!

*Kay Johnston*

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**Kay Johnston** - November 18, 2014 at 10:00 PM

CG

“ Kay stands for: Kind, Awesome and Yahoooo!!!. There was never a dual moment when Kay was in charge. I will never forget the look on her face when I pushed the button on the computer and deleted all the grades.

She just smiled and started recording them again. I was blessed to have known her and look forward to seeing her again. Hugs and love to the family. Cindy Gaddis



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**Cindy Gaddis** - November 18, 2014 at 07:00 PM

JM

“ James And Sharon Moyers lit a candle in memory of Eleanor Kay Woodard



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**James and Sharon Moyers** - November 18, 2014 at 05:46 PM

CC

“ Kay was funny, kind, smart and generous! She will be missed by all who knew her.



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**Carleta Cates** - November 18, 2014 at 05:15 PM



“ I love u and miss u so much u were the best grandma ever I love u thank u for everything u did for me

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**Joe Woodard** - November 18, 2014 at 04:51 PM

JM

*James and I were so sorry to read in the Tyler paper about Kay's death. She was such a sweet person who will be greatly missed. Our prayers are with the family. James and Sharon Moyers*

**James and Sharon Moyers** - November 18, 2014 at 05:48 PM

RM

*My family and I are blessed to have known a lady like Kay--- a special, caring and devoted friend. I'll never ever forget her. She had a certain way about her-- asking about others and truly caring HOW things were with you! Love, love , loved her so much!*

*Ramona and Charlie Martin & Family*

**Ramona Martin** - November 18, 2014 at 08:11 PM

LS

*I only knew her thru the school She was a very special lady. Rest in peace Mrs. Woodard you will be missed.*

**Leah Harris Sanders** - November 18, 2014 at 10:17 PM

TW

*I feel so Blessed to have known Kay!! She had the biggest heart!! Always thinking of others!!! She is a true Angel!!! She will always have a special place in my Heart!!!*

**Teri Woodard** - November 18, 2014 at 11:14 PM

WW

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you! God Bless*

**Wayne Watlington** - November 19, 2014 at 07:32 AM

LL

*When I think of Kay Woodard, I think of smiles and laughter! She spread enthusiasm. She raised her kids "right." Prayers for your family, Brad.*

**Linda Hutchins Lane** - November 19, 2014 at 07:48 AM

AP

*Kay taught our son, Jeff in school. In 1976 she sold us a house. We are still living happily in it. Kay was a kind and precious person. Sending caring thoughts to her family.  
JT "Bill" and Ann Peevy*

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**Ann Peevy** - November 19, 2014 at 02:06 PM

LS

*Kay was one of a kind. We never talked that she didn't end her conversation with, 'I love you'. She was a very special lady, and I'll miss her so much. Rest in peace, Kay. I loved you back.*

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**Lynda Smith** - November 20, 2014 at 12:44 PM