



Martha Malone Key

September 2, 1947 - December 15, 2024

Martha Ann Malone Key, 77, passed away December 15, 2024. Born September 2, 1947 in Houston, she was adored by her parents, Bernadet Breedlove Menking and Clarence McLeod Malone, Jr.

Martha attended The Kinkaid School and graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in Houston. She also attended Texas Tech University and the University of Texas at Austin.

On February 18, 1978, Martha married the love of her life, William Orand Key. They settled in Tyler where they raised their two beloved children, became members of Christ Episcopal Church and became ensconced in the community.

Martha embraced her new hometown and served as an active volunteer. She was on the Board of Directors of the Tyler Rose Museum and the Tyler Museum of Art. She was a longtime member of The Gertrude Windsor Garden Club and the Junior League of Tyler. Martha enthusiastically served the Texas Rose Festival in many capacities, including as Chairman of the Rose Show, Chairman of the Queen's Coronation and as the Executive Assistant to the President of the Texas Rose Festival. Additionally, she served The Order of the Rose as the Queen's Ball Chairman. Perhaps, dearest to Martha was supporting her children in their various activities and sporting events at All

Saints Episcopal School.

Martha was preceded in death by her father, Clarence McLeod Malone; her mother, Bernadet Menking; stepmother, Sandra Malone; stepfather, Perry Menking, and her brother, John Malone.

She is survived by husband, William Orand Key; son, William Orand Key, Jr. and wife Suzie; daughter Caroline Malone Key and wife Marla; grandchildren, Caroline Grace Key, Annie Malone Key and Miller Orand Key. She is survived by her sister-in-law, Elizabeth Malone; niece, Meg Malone; nephew, Carter Malone and wife Brooke; nephew, Justin Malone and wife Alison; and niece, Kendal Malone Rodgers and husband Scott. Martha is survived by her brother-in-law, Denning Key and wife Jan; niece, Frances Key; sister-in-law, Eugenia Key Son, and niece, Meg Rodman Randolph and husband Johnnie.

The family would like to thank caregivers Nancy Andersen, Tamika Campbell, Branika Payton, Aracely Valle and the staff of Prestige Estates. In addition, the family heartily thanks the staff of Paloma Hospice Care for their kind and gentle service.

After a private graveside service, Martha's funeral will take place at Christ Episcopal Church in Tyler on Friday, December 20, 2024, at 10:30 am.

In lieu of traditional remembrances, memorials may be made to the Tyler Museum of Art, the Tyler Rose Museum, the Heritage Rose Garden at the Tyler Rose Garden or to the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Service

DEC **20**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Christ Episcopal Church
118 South Bois d' Arc
Tyler, TX 75702

Tribute Wall



“ *Kelley Uzzell lit a candle in memory of Martha Malone Key*



Kelley Uzzell - December 28, 2024 at 10:42 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Martha Malone Key.

December 19, 2024 at 11:53 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Martha Malone Key.*



December 19, 2024 at 11:53 PM



“ *The Burrier Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Martha Malone Key.*



The Burrier Family - December 17, 2024 at 09:30 PM

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“ *She’s in the sun, the wind, the rain,
she’s in the air you breathe
with every breath you take.
She sings a song of hope and cheer,
there’s no more pain, no more fear.
You’ll see her in the clouds above,
hear her whisper words of love,
you’ll be together before long,
until then, listen for her song.*

-Branika 💜 🕊️



Branika Payton - December 17, 2024 at 07:58 PM