



Kay E. Moody

July 18, 1952 - December 18, 2025

Kay E. Moody, age 73, of New Market, Tennessee, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, December 18, 2025.

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. - II Timothy 4:7

Kay was born on July 18, 1952, in Jefferson City, Tennessee, to the late Charlie and Betty Poore. Kay was a 1970 graduate of Jefferson High School, where she proudly played on the girls' basketball team. Kay continued her education at Carson-Newman College, earning both her bachelor's and master's degrees in education.

From an early age, Kay felt a calling to teach—a calling she faithfully lived out for more than 30 years in public education. Most of her career was spent teaching sixth-grade science at Jefferson Middle School. Kay left a lasting impression on countless students, families, and colleagues. In addition to her work in education, Kay also worked for over 20 years at Wal-Mart and later at the Carson-Newman College bookstore following her retirement. Whether in the classroom or the workplace, Kay had a remarkable gift for connecting with people. Many lives were touched by her kindness and encouragement.

Kay was a faithful member of Mill Springs Baptist Church and lived her life grounded in her love for Christ. She was an avid Jefferson County High School and University of Tennessee sports fan, especially cheering on the Lady Vols.

She is survived by her sons, Jim (Lindsey) Berry and Jake (Alicia) Berry; her

sister, Pam Jett; her brother, C.W. Bill Poore; and her grandchildren, Drew Berry, Kaitlin (Bradley) Battin, Reagan Berry, and J.T. Green.

In addition to her parents, Kay was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Fain Moody. Fain was Kay's high school sweetheart, and after many years apart, the two reconnected later in life and were joined in marriage—a reflection of God's perfect timing and enduring love.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Sunday, December 28th, at Mill Springs Baptist Church with Dr. Greg Lindsey officiating. The family will receive friends from 2-3 pm with a celebration of life service following at 3 pm. A private burial service will be held at Jefferson Memorial Garden. Fielden Funeral Home is honored to serve the Moody family.

Cemetery Details

Jefferson Memorial Gardens

812 E. Broadway Blvd
Jefferson City, TN 37760

Previous Events

Receiving of Friends

DEC 28. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Mill Springs Baptist Church
2510 N Highway 92
Jefferson City, TN 37760
(865) 475-9598

Celebration of Life Service

DEC 28. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fielden Funeral Home Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Kay E. Moody*



Fielden Funeral Home Inc. - December 27, 2025 at 10:44 AM

TL

Kay was such a wonderful lady and teacher. Sure will be missed by many! Had the privilege of working with her her mother also. They was so much alike and loved to talk. Continued prayers for the family and friends. ❤️

Travis Lowe - December 28, 2025 at 08:40 PM

JD

“ *I heard a story one time that Kay boiled a pot of water and poured it on her baby daddy.*

John Doe - March 23 at 04:20 PM

CI

“ *Cindy lit a candle in memory of Kay E. Moody*



Cindy - January 08 at 08:53 AM

LT

“ Ms. Berry was a great teacher . I don't know how she could remember but I would see her at Walmart and she would call me by name and ask how I was doing . She made a mark on many kids lives

Libby Tyree - December 31, 2025 at 09:21 AM

BW

“ We are so sorry to hear this Jim. Loved your mom, she was a great teacher. We will keep you and your family in our prayers. Beverly Whittaker and Brian Key



Beverly Whittaker - December 28, 2025 at 04:27 PM

WS

“ Jake you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers so sorry for your loss your mom was search sweet person my mamaw Helen loved her. She will be greatly missed. If you need anything please let me know

wendi stiner - December 27, 2025 at 08:43 PM

BS

“ I have known Kay since the fourth grade. She was always a very good friend. I will miss Kay , but I know she is in a better place now. I know she has made it home.
Bobby Spradlin

Bobby Spradlin - December 27, 2025 at 07:18 PM

DC

“ *Denise Kelly Carr lit a candle in memory of Kay E. Moody*



Denise Kelly Carr - December 27, 2025 at 04:22 PM

LW

“ *I've known Kay since grammar school. Precious memories of a sweet, sweet person who will be dearly missed.*

Linda Wilson - December 27, 2025 at 09:07 AM

SP

“ *SI Group PNPT purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Kay E. Moody.*



SI Group PNPT - December 26, 2025 at 05:31 PM

RI

“ *Kay was a wonderful friend and I will miss her terribly. She was one of the kindest people and really cared for everyone. I was speaking with someone today who I did not realize knew Kay. They were telling me how she frequently messaged to check on their child who is ill.*

She was a Godly woman and is now spending eternity in Heaven, where she will never suffer again!

Rita - December 26, 2025 at 01:58 PM

CR

“ I went to high school with Kay and Pam. My sincere condolences to all her family. Kay was a really sweet girl. I know that she will be missed!

Cathi Jarnigan Robinson - December 22, 2025 at 01:58 PM

JP

“ I remember us growing up. We were cousins and went through school together. Kay was always really smart and helped me with my school work. I have always respected her and she has always been good people. I send my condolences to the family. We love her, and know she is with Jesus. We will always love her. Jack Poore

Jackie Poore - December 21, 2025 at 05:22 PM

JP

“ Jackie Poore lit a candle in memory of Kay E. Moody



Jackie Poore - December 21, 2025 at 05:17 PM

DB

Kay was a great teacher and friend she will truly be missed .My daughter was a student of Kay's,They remained friends long after Brandi graduated.

Della Btown - December 23, 2025 at 06:35 AM

AB

“ Of all the teachers I had I've the years, Mrs Berry always stood out as MY favorite teacher..Mrs. Berry cared about her students so much..To her family,prayers for God to comfort you all and Mrs Berry,I truly hope you rest in peace maam.Jake,I got to know him as a neighbor and he is a good boy,probably due to the fact he had a mom that was a caring and loving mother, bless you all



Anthony Ball - December 21, 2025 at 10:26 AM

GF

“ Ginger Franklin lit a candle in memory of Kay E. Moody



Ginger Franklin - December 21, 2025 at 07:55 AM

DB

“ David and Vickie Berry purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kay E. Moody.



David and Vickie Berry - December 20, 2025 at 01:13 PM

SB

“ Sharon Boatman lit a candle in memory of Kay E. Moody



Sharon Boatman - December 20, 2025 at 10:57 AM

SB

“ I knew her as Kay Berry she was an amazing teacher and inspiration to all. I looked forward to her class everyday she made learning fun. My condolences to the family and friends.

Sharon Boatman - December 20, 2025 at 10:55 AM

TQ

“ Kay was such an inspiration of love and kindness to all that she met. Kay was such a wonderful friend to my mother. She will be sadly missed here and gloriously accepted into heaven. Now enjoy the rewards with our Father n heaven.



Tracy Quint - December 20, 2025 at 05:14 AM

AB

“ Angela Banks lit a candle in memory of Kay E. Moody



Angela Banks - December 19, 2025 at 09:57 PM

BI

“ KAY was such a sweet, kind person...we always stopped to chat when our paths crossed...we had a long conversation the last time she was at Dollar tree..she was loved and will be missed...prayers for her family.

Brenda Case Tilley Ingram - December 19, 2025 at 08:12 PM

BA

“ There were 5 of us July girls. Kay and we other 4 had a special connection with all 5 of us involved in the education of so many Jefferson Elementary students. Many will remember her as a dedicated teacher and Christian friend.



Barbara - December 19, 2025 at 08:07 PM

KR

Our paths crossed from high school throughout our adult life. Kay was such a genuine person and a delight to know. She lived a good life and there is comfort in knowing that she loved the Lord.

Kay Rutherford - December 19, 2025 at 10:26 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kay E. Moody.



December 19, 2025 at 07:48 PM

KH

“ Keith Humbard planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kay E. Moody.

Keith Humbard - December 19, 2025 at 07:48 PM

JB

“ Jim so sorry for you and your families loss.



Jeff and Faye Bales - December 19, 2025 at 07:45 PM

SW

“ Sheila Williams lit a candle in memory of Kay E. Moody



Sheila Williams - December 19, 2025 at 07:04 PM

JB

“ So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Kay was a wonderful person. I will miss her. R



Janice Brown - December 19, 2025 at 06:57 PM

TI

“ I not only worked with Kay at Walmart but we were cousins. Thru working with her I met her son Jake and got to know him to. Kay would always send me inspirational poems or posts and I'll always have that memory of her. RIP SWEET CUZ.

Trish Inman - December 19, 2025 at 06:50 PM



“ She was a lovely woman and I was blessed to have her as a teacher at Jefferson Middle school. She inspired me to become a teacher. I have thought of her countless times over the years. She will be missed!
Shannon Williams Mayes

Shannon Mayes - December 19, 2025 at 06:44 PM

LS

“ Kay was a lovely Christian friend. Prayers, love and comfort for her family and friends.



Linda Skelton - December 19, 2025 at 06:27 PM

DS

“ Such a precious lady. She touched my heart with her love for Jesus and her family and her students. Home at last, sweet lady.

Darlene Smith - December 19, 2025 at 06:20 PM

CD

“ I worked with Kay for years at Walmart. She was my birthday buddy her. Loved her so much. Prayers for her family.



Charlene Dalton - December 19, 2025 at 06:19 PM

GS

“ Remembering Kay and the impact she had on so many students through her years of teaching. She was a lovely lady and I send my deepest condolences to her family. May you find peace and solace in the memories you shared. Blessings Gwenn Sanford

Gwenn Sanford - December 19, 2025 at 05:52 PM

DL

“ A wonderful woman and friend. God Bless.

David Longmire - December 19, 2025 at 05:40 PM

BR

“ Kay Berry Moody was a very special Lady. A great friend if you were her friend .. she would have your back. No questions asked. I will miss you Kay Rest in peace my friend. ❤️

Becky R - December 19, 2025 at 05:39 PM

MD

Such a sweet friend Rest in Peace Kay your job is over

Marjorie Dale - December 19, 2025 at 05:54 PM

ZM

“ She helped set me on the path I am on today. Thanks to her I will always remember “science is fun.” I am greatly saddened by this news. We have lost a good one.

Zac Muncy - December 19, 2025 at 05:39 PM

BM

“ Ms Berry as I knew her was my 6th grade science teacher. Loved her dearly. She was a good one. I will miss seeing her in the community. Prayers for your family during this time.



Brandi Mclaughlin - December 19, 2025 at 05:30 PM

SW

“ Sherry & Wayne Williams lit a candle in memory of Kay E. Moody



Sherry & Wayne Williams - December 19, 2025 at 05:12 PM

DW

“ She was Ms.Berry to me.Always loved her,she was such a good person! Prayers for her family.

Denise Mills Wells - December 19, 2025 at 05:00 PM