

Kathryn “Kay” Davies (Pinkley)



Kathryn “Kay” Davies (Pinkley), 67, passed away November 26, 2019, the end of her unwavering battle with cancer.

Kay was born to Dale and Darleen Davies on June 16, 1952 in Iowa City, Iowa, where her father had a residency in radiology. The family, including older brother Mark, then moved to Fremont, Nebraska, where Kay grew up. She graduated from Fremont High School in 1970.

Kay attended Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln and had a 43-year state-government career in health and human services. Kay worked in several capacities over the years—from the compilation of public health statistics to technical review of proposed regulations for major state programs—she accomplished much with her conscientious approach, ability to work with people, and uncanny ability to spot typos with a quick glance at a page.

Kay is survived by her partner, Martha Carter; in-laws Ann Billesbach, Steve and Shala Carter (and sons Joseph and Joshua Carter), Dave Billesbach and Jennifer Bauman, niece Stacey Miller; brother Mark (Mardy) Davies; and dear friends including April Seaman, Judith Maushart, Neal Mersmann, Julie Nichols, Bryn Gardner, and the late Donald Pinkley. She will also be remembered by many new friends at the Southeast Nebraska Cancer Center.

Condolences may be left using the form below. Memorials may be made to the Heartland Cancer Foundation (<https://www.heartlandcancerfoundation.org>) or Hearts United for Animals (<https://www.hua.org/>).

A celebration of Kay's life will be held after the New Year.

Funeral Home assisting is Aspen Mortuary, 4822 Cleveland Avenue, Lincoln, NE 68504. To view an on-line obituary or email condolences please visit Aspen Mortuary's website at www.aspenaftercare.com.

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Condolences for Kathryn "Kay" Davies (Pinkley)

Tom Rauner says:

[December 1, 2019 at 9:49 am](#)

Martha, I am so sorry to here of the loss of one of such a wonderful friend. I have had the pleasure of working with her for many years. It would be my honor to help celebrate Kay's life.

Reese Clarice Aarthun says:

[December 1, 2019 at 10:23 am](#)

Kay was so smart! Her career choice seems do appropriate. As with many of the almost 400 in our graduating class, I did not keep in touch. The picture immediately brought back warm memories of her laugh and smile and all the questions she asked. It sounds like she surrounded herself with good people. I am do sorry for your loss

David Montgomery says:

[December 2, 2019 at 11:46 am](#)

Kay was my mentor and friend during our careers at the State Health Department. She showed me the ropes when I first came on board in 1974 and we worked together in many different capacities until my retirement six years ago. What was there not to love about Kay — sparkling personality, wit, intelligence, humor, she had it all. Kay helped make many a difficult job more bearable, and was a veritable poster child for competence and hard work. Once Kay was finished with a project you knew it was right! I was shocked to see her notice in the paper — she was still so young and I will mourn the lost years she could have spent brightening the lives of those around her. Please be sure you give adequate notice for the celebration of life in January — I'm sure it will be packed with many of us whose lives were made better by knowing Kay.

Mo Vesely says:

[December 3, 2019 at 11:55 am](#)

Many prayers for Kay and her family. She is at peace now from her sufferings.

Betty and Rene Ferdinand says:

[December 3, 2019 at 2:17 pm](#)

Martha, we are so sorry to hear about Kay. Please let us know if there is anything we can do. We would love to come to Kay's celebration. We have many fond memories of Kay and friends. Take care.

Jolene Wieser says:

[December 6, 2019 at 9:50 pm](#)

Martha I was very sad to hear of Kay's passing. I am Don's sister. My sympathy to you.
