



Catherine (Kate) Porter Smith Cardin

February 29, 1964 - November 29, 2023

Catherine Porter Smith Cardin (Kate) died peacefully at her home, surrounded by loved ones, at sunset on November 29, 2023.

Saturday, February 29, 1964 was a special day, not only was it a Leap Year, but it was the day Kate Smith was born in Birmingham, Alabama. She was the daughter of Charles Harold Smith “Pete”, and Mildred Broun Smith, “Millie”. At the age of three, the family moved to Montgomery where Kate made many lifelong friends. She had two older brothers, Mark the “CPA” and Peter the “Surgeon.” T-Bone, their Great Dane, helped Kate learn to walk by holding onto his collar.

Kate loved dogs – T-Bone, Roger, Bear, Blitz, Sam, Catfish, Bullet, Shotgun, Mr. Clyde, Hammer, and Brodie, and granddogs Bingley and Teddy.

The entire Cardin family went to the University of Alabama. Kate was a debutante and a member of AOP. She met her husband Jim (Budman) at school, and they set up house in Pulaski, Tennessee.

Kate was a wonderful mother and did an amazing job raising their daughters, Kate Downing and Sara-Elizabeth. Kate was devoted to her Girl Scouts, mentoring them all the way from Brownies through high school when all received the Gold Award, the highest award a Girl Scout can receive. Quite an achievement!

Being born on a Saturday, Kate loved to entertain friends and family. She was a welcoming and gracious hostess, always putting out her “good” things. She was an excellent cook too and delighted in putting on a spread.

And as so many know, Kate was always available to teach children, and adults, the rules of etiquette.

Kate grew up a tomboy and loved the outdoors, especially kayaking on Second Creek. Biking with her friends, sailing in the British Virgin Islands, tennis, pickleball, and of course, she loved walking, walking for miles and miles. Kate became an accomplished painter and was a terrific card player. She loved gardening and her flowers, and “gathering.”

Most of all, Kate loved and adored her family and friends. She never met a stranger and always had a smile on her face. Always.

Kate is survived by her loving husband of 37 years, James Thomas Cardin (Jim) and their two daughters, Kate-Downing Cardin of Nashville and Dr. Sara-Elizabeth Cardin of Memphis, and her two brothers, Mark Smith of Florence and Dr. Peter Smith (Christy) of Nashville, her mother-in-law, Sue Cardin, her sister-in-law Karen Cardin Spivey (Steve) and numerous nieces and nephews. Kate was preceded in death by her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Smith (Pete and Millie) of Montgomery, and her father-in-law, Thomas Lee Cardin (Tommy) of Pulaski. The family wishes to extend a special thanks to Paige Saint-Brewer, who is indeed a saint.

In lieu of plants and flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Giles County Library, Giles Humane Society, or the charity of your choice.

Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of

arrangements for Catherine Porter Smith Cardin (Kate).

Tribute Wall

AH

“ I'm very sorry if this happening. She was so young to have left this world just like my father dad Rickey Holley 61 when he passed. I knew her girls from school. They were so nice and vibrant and smart. I really liked them. I believe I knew you to Mrs,Kate from Budweiser in the plant one day we talked or something. But you were so kind. You girls had a wonderful mother,guess y'all got it from her. Huh. Lol. Like mama like daughter 👍. She will be truly missed but never forgotten. It's hard losing a parent from my experience but as long as u believe in God he will comfort u all the way like no other can. Not even relatives. It's hard, very but she will be there with you telling u it's ok. U will feel her spirit among you. I feel my dad's all the time and God's presence. Amen, love y'all, Ashley Holley Pulaski TN. 38 yrs.old



Ashley Holley - December 02, 2023 at 06:37 PM

DR

“ It was a privelege to know Kate Cardin. She included you and made you feel special. She was an amazing person. Condolences to her family and friends. She will be missed.
Ben and Deb Robinson



Debbie Robinson - December 02, 2023 at 09:53 AM

GW

“ Some of my fondest and cherished memories of Kate were at Anheuser Busch and TMBA conventions. She was always the “life of the party” ❤️ My deepest sympathy and prayers to her family.



Gay Wanstrath - December 01, 2023 at 10:27 PM

BD

“ Brenda Davis lit a candle in memory of Catherine (Kate) Porter Smith Cardin



Brenda Davis - December 01, 2023 at 09:04 PM

TC

I have several memories of Kate; the one that stands out the most : everyone talks of how much she loved working out & walking. Well caught her walking with one of her grand pups on a random day & the boys were in the backseat of the Jeep. She was on my side of town & we were almost home, when I stopped to chat with her, she was so sweet, I opened the back Jeep door & she let the dog play with the boys so we chatted by the side of the road. I have a ton of sweet memories because she was always a delight & just made everyone feel welcome. She will be missed.

Tammy Crosslin-Crane - December 02, 2023 at 12:08 AM

CC

“ Crystal Cotham lit a candle in memory of Catherine (Kate) Porter Smith Cardin



Crystal Cotham - December 01, 2023 at 12:27 PM

DH

“ *Deborah B Hopper lit a candle in memory of Catherine (Kate) Porter Smith Cardin*



Deborah B Hopper - December 01, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *Too many good memories with Mrs. Kate to name. I'll cling to all of our fun times together and the many years she stepped in as a bonus mama to me. Budman, Kate-Downing and Sara-Elizabeth will all be covered in prayers for the foreseeable future. The world is a darker place without her light.*

Haley Gray - December 01, 2023 at 01:39 AM

TT

“ *Theresa Tucker lit a candle in memory of Catherine (Kate) Porter Smith Cardin*



Theresa Tucker - November 30, 2023 at 05:17 PM

EM

“ *Kate was an amazing woman. We walked many miles together with our dogs, so sad to hear of her passing. My prayers are with her girls and Jim who she loved so much.*

🐾 Elizabeth Maxwell

Elizabeth Maxwell - November 30, 2023 at 05:16 PM



“ 2 files added to the album *Memories Album*



Bennett - May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory - November 30, 2023 at 04:16 PM

PS

Kate taught the scouts so many lessons about the things she loved: gardening, cooking, and friendship. I loved being a co- leader with her.

psusiek@gmail.com - November 30, 2023 at 10:24 PM