



## Mrs. Kathryn Myers

June 29, 1967 - June 22, 2014

Kathryn Laird Myers (Kate Eddings) of Weaverville, North Carolina passed away suddenly on June 22, 2014 due to complications associated with Cushing's disease.

Kate was born at Scott Air Force Base in Belleville, Illinois, June 29, 1967 where her father was stationed in the United States Air Force. After moving to Charlotte, North Carolina and then Columbia, South Carolina, Kate lived with her family in Madison, Georgia where she spent most of her adolescent years. In 1985, Kate graduated from Saint Catharine's High School in Richmond, VA.

Kate is a University Of Georgia graduate receiving a degree in music. She continued her education at Weidner Law School in Wilmington, Delaware earning a Juris Doctor degree and a Master's of Business Administration simultaneously.

Kate had a very successful and fulfilling career for fifteen years before falling ill. She served as a law clerk for Hon George H. Stanger Jr. before taking on the role of Deputy Attorney General for the State of New Jersey. The later part of Kate's career was spent doing Pro Bono Services for South Jersey Legal Services.

Kate is survived and dearly missed by her husband Eric Myers, her parents Dr. Tally H. Eddings II and Mary Kathryn Everitt, her siblings Rebecca Calvin and Dr. Tally Eddings III, as well as her nieces Allison Gill, Cole Eddings, Molly Eddings, Halie Eddings and her nephew Everitt Gill.

Kate's love for animals was one of her greatest joys. Her horse Livingston and dog Daisy are now in the homes of friends and family.

A memorial service to honor the life of Kathryn Laird Myers will be held in the fall of 2014 at Raven Cliff Falls in North Georgia. An announcement for this service will be made at a later date.

Those wishing to honor of Kate can do so by making a donation to the Equine rescue, rehab and adoption center Hope for Horses, PO Box 1449, Leicester, NC 28748.



# Comments

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“ It is coming up on the fourth anniversary of the day we lost sweet Kathryn Myers, my aunt. I often read everyones memories and comments about Kate that have been shared over time. I find peace in knowing that she was so very loved by many people.

My dearest Kate,

We talk often, even if you are not here with me now. I miss and love you everyday. So many things make me thing of you as I continue my journey through life. I read the letter you wrote me on my 13th birthday almost everyday. At the end you say "You are my angel. I love you". Now, you are MY angel. Your presence is still constant in my life and as I make my mark on the world, I hope you are looking down on me smiling, as I am looking up at you. Walk the golden roads of heaven and enjoy being in the arms of God, as we shared our love for him with each other all throughout my childhood. I love you to the moon and back, Aunt Kate.

Allison

Allison Gill - March 29, 2018 at 12:57 PM

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“ December 17, 2014- Cried my eyes out tonight and my wife cried some tears too over just now finding that the first woman I ever loved, Kathryn Laird Eddings Myers, died. We met at UGA . From 1989-1992 I was an Armed Security Officer and while on break I went to the Doctor's Lounge and found a medical book that I took to her with pictures of a woman, front and back,eyes blacked out so you could not tell the identity of the patient. This woman had Cushings and I told Kate that she looked like her. She was mortified. It was very irresponsible of me to have even shown her the photos because it was not even a scientific or educated guess. She contacted me recently and told me that it took her and the doctors years to find what I accidentally discovered. How horribly saddened I was to find out that that was exactly what was ailing her. Her Father tried to encourage me to become a doctor. I have carried a lot of guilt for feeling like I cursed her in some strange way and would like to send my sincerest and deepest regrets to her family. She was the first woman that I wanted to marry and her memory will provide light in my life always as she was a wonderful woman and next to my wife and my family, the greatest friend to date that I have ever had in my life. Dear Kate... I hope if it is God's will that I will see you again some sweet day. 1-4-3-7 Jay Edward Harmon-Esquivel RN.

Jay Harmon-Esquivel - December 18, 2014 at 02:02 AM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. Although, I do not know your family personally, I would like to share some encouraging thoughts from the Bible. The Bible provides comfort during these difficult times. Revelation 21:3-4 states, And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away. Very soon now, we will never experience losing our loved ones in death and we will be able to see them again once they resurrected as per John 5:28-29. May these words give you a new hope.

Ana - July 05, 2014 at 02:18 PM

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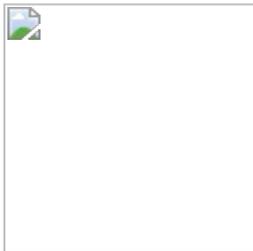
“ Kate never failed to have a word of encouragement for me as I struggled with my health due to Cushing's Disease. Thank you to everyone who shared her with us. She has been a blessing, a hero, a role model, and friend.

Jessica H - June 30, 2014 at 03:30 PM

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Robin - June 30, 2014 at 01:40 PM

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“ My condolences to the family during this difficult time. I am truly sorry for your loss. Please find comfort and hope in God's promise found at Revelation 21:3,4.

r gray - June 29, 2014 at 09:00 PM

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“ I don't have words for how much I'm going to miss Kate. I always felt that our friendship picked up right where it left off if we hadn't communicated in a while. Her memory will always be a blessing to me.

Ami F - June 27, 2014 at 06:58 PM

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“ I've been sick with Cushing's for a very long time and I vividly remember being in my living room when a National Geographic segment came on that was about obesity, but focused on Cushing's and it starred this lovely woman named Kate and a very amazing Endocrinologist who was known for diagnosing extremely difficult Endocrine disorders such as the type of Cushing's that I had. I was brought to tears watching that segment because the woman in the segment was just like me and she was able to finally get help and get the treatment she needed. I remember looking up the Doctor who was also featured in this segment and realized he was clear across the country and my chances of ever being able to get out to him would be next to impossible due to our finances. I never forget about Kate, the beautiful warrior who starred in that segment as time went on and I become more and more sick. Many years went by and so did many Doctor's until I was finally faced with the reality that I had to get out to the Doctor that Kate saw in that segment. My family helped pitch in money to get me there and within a few months of going to see the Wizard that diagnosed Kate, I too was diagnosed and on my way to treatment. Then the most amazing thing happened, at least it was for me. I became friends with Kate on Facebook. Kate was like a celebrity to me because in my mind she is the woman who brought me to the man who saved my life, so she also was my life saver as well.

Let me tell you, Kate was the most loving and caring person I ever had the blessing of talking to. She always had something kind to say and she was so full of love and life no matter what life handed her. She was such a huge part of the Cushing's community and without her so many people would still be out there searching for answers. Kate was an angel on earth and I will never, ever forget her and the love she shared with everyone and everything that had a heartbeat. May you finally be at peace in your Heavenly home, Kate! We love you and miss you tremendously! Thank you for saving my life!



Dawn Adkisson - June 27, 2014 at 01:02 PM

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“ It was with deepest sadness when I heard that you had left us Kate. You were an inspiration to many and helped me when I was going through some tough times with this awful disease. Peace be with you lovely lady.

**Diane Jones** - June 27, 2014 at 11:37 AM

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“ Kate thank you for always being so helpful to myself and many others. You will be missed by many...I have a very heavy heart after learning this sad news but I know you're in a better place. Fly with angels my friend.

**Tammy Ferguson** - June 27, 2014 at 10:23 AM

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“ Kate you touched the lives of so many. You made a difference in this world by leading the way for so many with this disease. Thank you for all you did for me and my family. You are missed and loved.

**Stacey Seitz** - June 27, 2014 at 09:22 AM

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“ My world was brighter because Kate was in it. She was an inspiration to me and so many others. She was such a kind and beautiful person and I always be forever grateful for her friendship.

**Bernadette Pielow** - June 27, 2014 at 08:54 AM

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“ I am at a loss for words, Kate is a true warrior , she was such an inspiration, she gave of herself freely to those who needed guidance in the Cushing's world. I am posting this Native American Poem for her, and for her family. may it bring you comfort as it did to me in my sorrow.

Leaves Talking

By Sondra Ray

When the coming of your death became awareness on the Planet  
Some wondrous events began.

The word went out that you were preparing to leave this place that you call home.

The word was heard by the wind and it promised to blow under you and push you.

The clouds heard the wind and billowed for joy:

"You may land on us and float for a while"

The rain said, "I will wash the air clean."

While the star polished itself to a brilliant shine.

In the presence of your impending death the Earth prepared to send you forth.

The gravity that held you so tightly began to lose it's grip.

It called, "Let loose, Let loose, Let loose and fly."

As you began to float, a squirrel noticed and remembered:

How you saved things that were important.

He told the rabbit, who told the turtle who told the bird.

" He is coming." they whispered

The bird sang your memories joyous release.

The song was heard by a lone wolf.

The lone wolf stood on the cold tundra howling her appreciation of all the lessons you learned so well.

Some distant great pines heard the howl  
and knew of your leaving.

They swayed releasing their fragrance to waft with you.

The fragrance was gathered in the swiftest of hawks, flown high with the wisdom that the great hawk knows.

The hawk told the passing eagle who swooped and soared until ,finding your SPIRIT  
loose

on the wind, carried it forward to a joyous rainbow.

The rainbow said, "Come I've been waiting.

The colors are all for you! "

"When the moon heard this it shouted,  
Prepare! A life well lived is Approaching!"

The Stars again polished their shine until the illumination penetrated the system.

Your soul saw and knew it was going home.  
Home to the light, home to the sun, home beyond the home.

And it met with all that it had known:  
The silent and brilliant mystery.  
The source.

The entire mystery burst with the splendor of  
"Welcome, welcome, we have been waiting."

The source, with all of the ancestors gathered round, enfolded you and danced your coming.

While far away, in the world that you had known, a group of your loved ones and friends gathered to speak your praises, to sing your leaving and to forever remember.

**Karen Nolan** - June 27, 2014 at 06:14 AM

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“ Dear Sweet Kate. You and I were hoping to be "surgery buddies", but your tenacity and strength got you there first. You were bound and determined to beat this disease, and my heart ached each time a new battle confronted you. You lost so much, yet you gave so much back. Run free, my friend.

**Susan Grayson** - June 26, 2014 at 10:45 PM

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“ My sweet friend Kate, I miss you so much it hurts. You were an inspiration to me from the very beginning. It was through you that Dr. McCutcheon tracked me own to tell me that I had a brain tumor and needed surgery. You are much loved by your Cushie family. Sweet Fairly Kate with the green eyes that make me weak in the knees.



**Philip Butler** - June 26, 2014 at 08:50 PM



“ I often read these memories many have shared about my sweet Aunt Kate. I have noticed she had the nickname "Fairly". How did this nickname come about?

**Allison Gill** - March 29, 2018 at 12:46 PM

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“ Words fail me right now and they rarely do. Kate was our friend, our shoulder to cry on, our mentor and our sparring partner when we needed one. :) And we were that for her too. Kate has been a very special part of my life for about 10 years now. You don't just let that go. There are few people who truly understand what we go through, except us. We have a bond that us unbreakable. Even in death we will continue to love her and let her light shine through us. I'm reminded of the 23 Psalm:

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul:  
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;  
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:  
thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Go rest high on that mountain Sweet Kate! We got it covered down here. Love you always friend. :)

**Amy Fore** - June 26, 2014 at 08:38 PM

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“ Sweet Kate, to say you earned your wings here on this Earth is an understatement. Your unconditional love, support, and kindness was felt by all who's lives you touched. Your tenacity, and sheer will fought the bravest battle with Cushing's disease, and the sacrifices you were forced to make were done with dignity and grace. I take comfort in knowing that you are free now from all of the pain that bogged you down. Soar with the Angels you darling girl. Until we meet again.



**Cyndie Farrar-Makuch** - June 26, 2014 at 08:30 PM

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“ Dear Kate, you touched my life with your southern humour through difficult times all those years ago, I am so sad that your time has come to leave us. Know that you will always have a very special place in many hearts and minds. Be at peace knowing you inspired many people and will continue to do so as the love in your heart will continue to shine on everyone whose life you touched, even across oceans. Enjoy your freedom in spirit and body, love is with you.

**Melanie Cook** - June 26, 2014 at 08:28 PM

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“ Kate, it is so hard to believe that you have been taken from this earth. I will miss you terribly but have comfort knowing that you are of perfect body now, in the arms of the Lord. I know now that you have the happiness that eluded you so frequently. You were a true inspiration. Lovely inside and out, kind, and helpful to all! Your loved ones were so lucky to have you a part of their lives. Go forth and do the happy things that are limitless to you now. I love you and will always hold your memory dear!

**Kristin Perry** - June 26, 2014 at 07:12 PM

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“ Kate was a kind, sweet soul, who always had a word of encouragement and support for all those in the Cushing's community who were blessed by her friendship. Her absence will be deeply felt by many, only to be eased by the assurance of her life eternal with her Lord and Savior and the knowledge we will celebrate together one day in heaven!

Molli Marshall - June 26, 2014 at 06:57 PM

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“ Dearest Kate, Even though we never met in person, only online in the support group, I loved some of the conversations we had. I was especially happy for you when you got your new horse recently. I felt we had a tie together there because all my kids and grandkids love the horses also. I was so saddened by the news of your passing and Tuesday while riding up the road and thinking of you I topped a hill and there was a cloud shaped like a horse with a rider on it's back and the rider had their head thrown back as if laughing and was holding a hand high in the air, and suddenly a peace come over me that let me know that you are ok and you aren't hurting any longer. You will be missed, My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Robert Cooksey - June 26, 2014 at 06:22 PM

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“ Dear Kate, you've inspired so many people with your courageous approach to cushings. I'm sorry to lose you, especially from this terrible disease. I'm so glad you're with God and your illness is over forever. Blessing to you. Rest in cushings free peace.

margaret - June 26, 2014 at 06:01 PM

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“ Kate was such a kind, loving, generous presence in our Cushing's support group and was dearly loved and respected. Her journey started close to my own and I remember all her steps along the way. She fought so hard to get better--and she deserved so much more. We all cheered her on when she followed her heart and adopted her beloved horse. She truly deserved all the love and happiness this decision brought her. She'd been through the ringer, like most of us, but was still always there to support others. Our little group is just heart broken over her passing. Rest in peace Kate. You will never be forgotten.

Lisa Eldridge - June 26, 2014 at 04:09 PM

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“ We started on the road to what we both hoped would be recovery together. We met on the Cushing's message boards and then we met in person the night before our (first) surgeries. We stayed in close contact via email and phone calls for a long time. I know how hard you fought, I know how much you lost, and I also know you were an inspiration to so many. RIP dear Kate. Now there is no pain and no heartache for you, but we are missing you, and our hearts are broken.

**Mary L.** - June 26, 2014 at 03:04 PM



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**Rebecca Barnes** - June 26, 2014 at 05:07 PM



“ I met Kate through an online Cushing's board. I count her as my friend even though we never met face to face. Kate was always kind and ready to help a fellow Cushie who was facing difficulties dealing with this horrible disease. I pray that everyone knows how special she was. Praying for her family and friends.

**Elizabeth Justice** - June 26, 2014 at 01:56 PM



“ May the family find peace. Kate's friends loved her. She gave all she could and left the world a better place . My deepest sympathies.

Judy Virostek  
Pittsburgh, Pa  
(Member of The Cushings Support )

**Judy Virostek** - June 26, 2014 at 01:20 PM



“ To the family, your Kate helped more people than you will probably ever know. She had the biggest heart and loved freely. She was a special friend, who I have many fond memories of. She will be missed greatly! I take solace that she is resting in the arms of our savior. she is now in no pain, only has true happiness, and no more sadness.

Kate, we all loved you so much, and each of us felt your love for us. You are gone now, but never forgotten. Your memories will live on forever in our hearts!

**Grace C.** - June 26, 2014 at 12:54 PM



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**Rebecca Barnes** - June 26, 2014 at 05:07 PM

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“ Kate, so beautiful, brave and kind. I don't believe I've ever known anyone to share her journey as openly, bravely and generously, both the glories and the pain. You've touched so many, some of us personally, some with your public appearances and some of us were lucky enough to spend time with you. I always picture you running with the big dog, blond hair flying behind you...

**Susan Fein** - June 26, 2014 at 12:22 PM

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“ I did not know her but I suffer from the same disease as she. My heart breaks to know that another Cushing's sufferer has passed.  
May you all find comfort in knowing that there are so many of us praying for your family and friends.  
RIP cushie friend

Jill Hansen Smith



**Jill Hansen Smith** - June 26, 2014 at 12:08 PM

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“ Beautiful, sweet Kate, there is so much you've given to so many. May you rest in love.

**Rebecca Barnes** - June 26, 2014 at 12:06 PM

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“ Kate was and will always be an inspiration. God Bless her soul.

**Beth** - June 26, 2014 at 12:05 PM

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“ Kate had it all and then got a horrible illness that takes everything. In spite of it all, she never lost her faith, her hope or her humanity. Losing Kate hits hard because she showed us how to stay centered and let your spirit shine no matter what. She was a good friend, mentor and inspiration. I am so sorry for your loss, so many of us are feeling it. Kate made the world better by being in it.

**Sybil Fitzpatrick** - June 26, 2014 at 11:58 AM

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“ Kate always was there to help someone in need. She will be missed.

**Shelley Eisele** - June 26, 2014 at 11:55 AM

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“ I'm praying for everyone who suffered your loss. Words cant describe how I feel right now. Rest in peace cushie warrior. God gained an amazing angel you will be missed Kate

**Tanya W.** - June 26, 2014 at 11:43 AM

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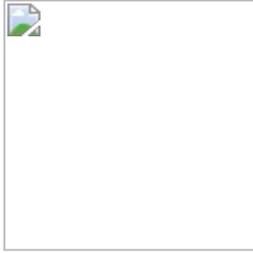
“ I spent the last 2 days reading message of hope and encouragement you've sent me over the years. I don't know if you ever realized what a light you were in this world. I know now you're finally enjoying the perfect love you deserve. Love you! ??

**Chardellw4@yahoo.com** - June 26, 2014 at 11:36 AM

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**Robin Smith** - June 26, 2014 at 10:24 AM

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“ Oh, Kate. I miss the sunshine of your face. You and I started your Cushing's journey together. I still have tons of emails between us. Your push to get the word about Cushing's out to the world so others can know was so admirable. You fought for us all. Your documentary with Dr. Friedman on the National Geographic Channel has helped thousands of people to understand the disease they have, and thousands more to understand it and realize they may have it. It has also helped family and friends to understand what their loved one is going through.

I will never forget our times together, and our laughter together. I won't forget our tears together and the sad times. I remember sitting in the lobby of a hotel with you and others, laughing and talking, the day before my pituitary surgery. I remember so much more, too. Too much to write here.

The Cushing's community, thousands of us, are devastated by your death. You were loved by so many. We will never forget you.

**Robin Smith** - June 26, 2014 at 10:22 AM

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“ Kate, you are without a doubt one of the most positive and uplifting people I have ever had the pleasure to call my friend. When life handed you lemons you made lemonade. We share a common bond that is hard to bear for even the strongest of people. You did so with grace and dignity every step of the way. You had your share of adversity but you were determined and kept moving forward. I'm so sad to add you to our painfully long list of Cushie angels. You are missed and loved by many.



**Renee S.** - June 26, 2014 at 10:14 AM

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“ You are missed greatly. You and I were in touch through our Cushing's journey and you helped so many, including me. I will never forget our road trip where we talked, laughed, cried and sang. Your life was too short and I am going to miss your wit and wisdom.

**Jennifer S.** - June 26, 2014 at 09:31 AM

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“ Kate you were one of my first friends in the Cushing's community, 9yrs ago. You were so kind and full of knowledge, support, love and genuine caring. You are Our Angel. You are a beautiful soul and fought incessantly for years. May you be at peace as you are now with The Lord, whom you loved so very much and it showed how you lived your life! You will be sorely missed. Until we meet in Heaven love.

M.R. Barranca

**Mary Ruth Barranca** - June 26, 2014 at 08:32 AM

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“ Kate, I've come to realize that our biggest struggles can bond us together and that distance and differences mean little. I love my Cushing's family; each loss is personal. I am grateful for the strength your story gave me to move forward and now to keep pushing for my cure. You said: "My cure is God's will, and I still have hope and faith!" God has given you His cure, Kate. May you be at peace, and forever in our memories.

Catherine B.

**Catherine B.** - June 26, 2014 at 12:57 AM