



## Kathleen Gail Wiloth Grigsby

April 8, 1944 - September 22, 2017

Kathleen Gail Wiloth Grigsby was born on April 8, 1944, at Parks Victory Hospital in Napa, California. She grew up on her family's farm on Big Ranch Road. The family home was the former Salvador Elementary schoolhouse. She loved playing outside and helping her dad harvest tomatoes and prunes. Kathy was a bit of a tom boy growing up and her best friend was Carl Bradley. She attended Napa High School where, at a school dance, George Edward Grigsby asked her to dance to the Johnny Mathis song "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes." She was 15 and he was 16. They went on to date all through high school, getting Cokes at The Wright Spot cafe and going for rides in the cars Ed fixed up. Ed graduated in 1961 and Kathy in 1962, and they married in 1963.

They had two children, George and Diana, who they raised in their home on Beard Road. George and Diana wed Shauna Varner and Tom Foster, respectively, and Kathy and Ed became grandparents to Jenna and Sarah Grigsby of Concord and Thomas "Augie" and Helen Foster of Napa. Kathy loved spending time with her husband, her children, her children's friends, her grandchildren and her grandchildren's friends. She liked competitive sports, including adult coed soccer and kick-boxing, and enjoyed her walks around town with her beloved husband.

Kathy will be remembered as a vivacious, happy-go-lucky wife, mother, grandmother and friend who loved life, exuded warmth and brought joy to all with her wonderful sense of humor.

She passed away after a battle with cancer on Sept. 22, 2017. She was 73. Kathy will be deeply missed by those who knew and loved her. She is survived by her husband, her children, their spouses and her four grandchildren.

The celebration of life will take place on Friday, October 6, 2017, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Claffey and Rota Funeral Home at 1975 Main Street, Napa. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that you take a loved one out to dinner.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT 6. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kathleen Gail Wiloth Grigsby*

September 29, 2022 at 04:54 PM



“ *Kathleen Gail Wiloth Grigsby*

September 29, 2022 at 02:55 PM



“ *Dear Ed, Our deepest sympathy on the loss of your beloved wife Kathy. We remember you both fondly from our soccer-playing days in the early 1980s. Gay and I have lived in Pewaukee, Wisconsin since returning to the Midwest in 1986. Your friend, Jake Ruby*

**Gay Ruby** - October 08, 2017 at 08:30 AM