



Sylvia Jean Smith Kent

January 27, 1955 - July 21, 2017

Sylvia Jean Smith Kent, 62, of Havana Florida went home to be with Jesus on July 21st 2017. She was born January 27, 1955 to Louis and Nell Ree Smith. She is survived by her husband Rev. Garry Kent; 2 daughters Jennifer (Chris) Land and Amanda (Gary) Sewell; 4 grandchildren, Lorelai, Katy and Garrison Sewell and Rachel Land; brother-in-law, Bruce (Carol) Kent; sister-in-law, Linda (Sherman) Hooks; several nieces and nephews and also special family friend Betty Gould.

Sylvia got saved at the age of 18 and from that point on she was ready to serve the Lord however He asked. Once she made the decision she never looked back. For the 38 years 4 months and 11 days they were married she stood by her husband supporting his ministry ready to help in any way that was needed. She was willing to do anything from driving a bus, printing the bulletin or organizing a church event. For 20 of those years she also worked in Christian Schools. She did everything from teach, guidance counselor, assistant administrator, to graduation planner. She touched the lives of more children and families than we will ever know.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Sylvia's honor to Concordia Baptist Church 4098 Concord Rd Havana, Florida 32333.

Visitation will be 10:00 Monday July 24th followed by the service at 11:00 at Concordia Baptist Church, 4098 Concord Rd Havana, Florida. The graveside service will be at 4:00 (Central Time) at Dunn Raley Cemetery, Millers Ferry Rd, Vernon, Florida. All friends and family are invited to join as we celebrate

her life at either or both services.

Kelly Barber of Bevis Funeral Home in Tallahassee (850/385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Kent family with their arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Concordia Baptist Church
4098 Concord Road
Havana, FL 32333

Funeral Service

JUL 24. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



Cheryl Keel

“ Sylvia meant so much to me and my family.....she and Garry became our friends in 1992 when we first moved to Panama City. She touched so many lives through ministry in so many places. I am going to miss her dearly.....she was a friend, mentor, confidante and a 2nd momma to me. I know she's in heaven rejoicing.....she has no more pain and suffering. To her precious family, whom I dearly love, may the Lord walk with you all in the coming days and weeks.....we love you all.....The Keels

Cheryl Keel - July 24, 2017 at 08:09 PM



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“ It is our sincere prayer and hope that God will bless and comfort Mr. Kent and each of the children and their families and all the rest of Mrs. Kent's family as only He can do. We hope and pray that it may be of some small comfort to know that so many others care about your loss, temporary though it is, and that we are praying for you. We appreciate and thank God for the spiritual investment Mrs. Kent made in the life of our family and her demonstrated love and devotion for our Lord. We rejoice for the joy that Mrs. Kent is now experiencing with our Lord Jesus Christ and we look forward to that coming great reunion! God bless, comfort, and be close to you each. Stan, Bessie, & Brent Dillard

Stan, Bessie, & Brent Dillard - July 24, 2017 at 03:34 PM

 Nancy Sheffield

“ *My very first best friend!! . We shared many fun, and not so fun, times throughout our school years. A friend to all, she loved getting us all together for a good time. Satsuma High School Class of 1973, will truly miss our classmate, who was a friend to all. Without a doubt Sylvia is with Jesus. When she gave her heart to Jesus it was a full life commitment. Although our grown up years took us in different directions, she will be a vibrant memory for life. Safe in the arms of Jesus, we that trust in our Savior will be with her again. I'm sure she's in heaven planning the reunion now What a day that will be!! .*

Nancy Norsworthy Sheffield

Nancy Sheffield - July 22, 2017 at 08:59 PM

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“ *While we had the privilege on knowing Sylvia for a little more than four years, she will always hold a special place in our hearts. She radiated the love of God in her life and ministries even in the darkest times. Her sweet spirit of friendship and kindness will be greatly missed by all who knew her and loved her. We rejoice to know that she is now in the very presence of the Lord she loved and served and she is whole and healthy and celebrating in Heaven. Rest in peace, dearest Sylvia. We will miss you until we meet again.*

David & Karen Parish - July 22, 2017 at 07:02 PM

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“ *Praying for your family during this time & remembering all Sylvia did in the lives of parents & students including us! Bill & Wanda Crittenden*

Bill & Wanda Crittenden - July 22, 2017 at 06:42 PM