



Kathleen "Kat" Sabrina Gavin

October 24, 1957 - February 20, 2026

Erath -

A service will be held on Friday, February 27, 2026 from 10:00 AM until 12:00 Noon at Christ's Commission Church in Erath for Kathleen "Kat" Sabrina Gavin, age 68, who passed away on Friday, February 20, 2026 in Abbeville. Pastor Ray Lange will officiate the service.

Kathleen was born on October, 24, 1957 in Lake Charles. She was known to most simply as Kat and to many as Ms. Kat. Kathleen lived a life that carried her far beyond her hometown. Over the years, she called many places home, including Okinawa, Japan, as well as Colorado, Hawaii, Florida, and Virginia. No matter where life took her, Louisiana was always part of her. In time, she returned and settled in Erath, where she spent her later years close to people she loved. Her passing was sudden, and though it was peaceful, it left an emptiness that words struggle to measure.

Kathleen was many things at once; she was nurturing at the core and never had to think about it. She was selfless, often putting others ahead of herself without hesitation. She was stubborn too, strong-willed when it came to the matters she believed in. She balanced that strength with humor. She could make people laugh, sometimes at exactly the moment they needed it most.

She worked as a Registered Nurse at Abbeville General Hospital, caring for others, not just because it was her profession, but because it was who she was! She knew how to be with people during moments of pain and fear so they would not feel alone.

Outside of work, she found peace in simple things. She loved driving, sometimes with no destination at all, just the road ahead, and her dogs, and their thoughts for company. She spent time gardening, nurturing flowers, the same as she would people. Her home was never just hers, it belonged to the animals she rescued, all the ones she could not leave behind. She had many animals over the years, each one finding safety with her. Barney, her dachshund, held a special place in her heart. He was her sidekick for many years.

More than anything, Kathleen had a gift, she made people feel seen. Even when she had her own burdens, she noticed others. She listened, cared, and showed up for her family, friends, and community. Kathleen truly loved and gave her support to anyone who was committed to being a better worker, continuing in learning new skills, or having hobbies that used our creativity to leave the world we live in better than we found it! Kathleen was a living example to all of us on being “the hands and feet” of Jesus and reaching the ones who are in front of us.

She ran her race the best way she could and never said, “no, I can’t.” Well done, good and faithful Servant of The Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Forever and always, loved and missed beyond this world. Kathleen, I carry your heart in my heart together.

She is survived by her son, Samuel Leigh Gavin; her grandchild, Kadence Sabrina Gavin; her stepmother, Diane Gavin; her sister, Darby E. Jordan (AJ

Derise) of Erath; her nephews, John Moeller, Donald Gavin, and Brian Gavin; her nieces, Jennifer, Diane, Janet Anne, Katherine Gavin, Amber, and Ashley Gavin; her twenty great-nephews and nieces; and her three great-great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Dolores C. Snead; her father, Leo Joseph Gavin I; her grandfather, George W. Choate; her grandmother, Ophelia White Choate Menard; her brothers, Leo "Jody" Joseph Gavin II and Edward George Gavin; her nephews, Kyle W. Snead and Scott "Boo-Boo" Wilson; her aunt, Flo Milsted of New Iberia; her aunt, Tessie Stephens of Erath; and her uncle, George Choate of Abbeville.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the doctors, nurses, and staff at the Abbeville General Hospital Cancer and Infusion and the ICU 2nd and 3rd floor nurses and aide services that cared for her while in the hospital these last weeks. She loved and cared so much for all of you and her family is grateful she had all that love and care around her then and all the years she worked alongside all of you. Thank You! And may God Bless You and Be Gracious Toward You and Give You Peace. Amen.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Abbeville General Hospital Cancer Infusion Center, St. Jude's, Animal Humane Society of Your Local Area.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Cypress Funeral Home & Crematory, 206 W. Lafayette St., Maurice, LA 70555.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 27. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Christ's Commission Church
120 W Lastie St A
Erath, LA 70533
<https://www.christscommissionchurch.com/>

Tribute Wall

AH

“ *Amiya and Carla Hasberry purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Kathleen "Kat" Sabrina Gavin.*



Amiya and Carla Hasberry - April 08 at 09:37 PM

BC

“ *Kathleen, when did our friendship start? I keep rolling back the years. Nursing school LPN and a few years later Nursing School RN. You were my hero. You were working sixteen hour shifts on weekend and anytime you could in between semesters. You ,through all that you maintained a 4.0.. I was supposed to see you in March and now that will not happen. I will have a difficult time getting over your death and I know your family are heartbroken. You were a real person and my life was so blessed having you in it. You are the light that gave me hope in difficult times. Today, while waiting for ultrasound technician, she walked into the waiting room, looked at me and said, hi my name is Kat and I will be taking care of you today. After that and tears, Kat took care of me. My friend, I can only hope that you are with your mom, Duthess, and Azaless. Hopefully, the rest of your loved ones are there as you loved them all. Maybe one day I can be there. To the family of Kathleen, you have my deepest condolences. She loved you all. I apologize for missing the services.*

Barbara Cruz - February 27 at 01:12 AM

DJ

Thank you so much for sharing a wonderful memory you have of my sister Kathleen. She spoke of you often and I'm so glad she had a friend like you who loved her and her fur babies for so many years!! My sister is truly missed so much and I know as the baby sister my life will never be the same! Grateful for you Barbara. Love, Darby

Darby Jordan - March 05 at 02:08 PM

EC

*“ To my beautiful niece- the world
Was a lot better with you in it ! I will miss our talks and our friendship and I will always be grateful that you were by my side through this journey !! I miss you and Tessie dearly thanks for holding my hand through it all 💔💔. Love always Aunt Elaine*

Elaine Champagne - February 25 at 09:43 PM

SG

“ Mom, words cannot express how heartbreaking it is not having you here. I will miss answering the phone and hearing "Hey, Son". I will miss the conversations that lasted hours regardless of the subject. I will miss the packages filled with Barnes & Nobles trinkets you found on the latest trip for a book. Most importantly, I just miss you. I wish you could have gotten that break in life on your own terms. You had the biggest heart of anyone I have known. I could go on forever listing all of the amazing things you did for all creatures on Earth, but your impact, while you were here, speaks for itself. I love you, Mom and you have my heart forever. Now get in your truck, grab Barney, and drive on the yellow brick road to neverending destinations. You've earned this break.

Sam Gavin - February 25 at 06:31 PM

BE

Rip my friend. You will be greatly missed. I will always tell the kids about you. Thank you for loving them. I'll remember the seimming party. Had some laughs that day. I hope you enjoyed the parties you came to. Always a pleasure having you. Wish we coulda had more dinners out the amy. I will remember our shifts. Busy ones crazy ones. Sad ones. Will hear your not so nice words you used in hectic times, Might use them sometimes to remember you more. You asked me the morning you left wheres the dog. I believe you were looking for barney and bet he was waiting for you when you got there. I can go on and one. You fought a hard battle but resting now. Remember you always.

belinda - February 25 at 10:09 PM

BE

Sam. I worked with your mom many years. She was an awesome lady. Theres many of our shifts she spoke of you and kaite. Me , my son. She loved my 2 grandkids and spoiled them. I injured my back in november. For 3 months with her feeling so bad she would call and check on me, but that was her. Caring always worried about everybody else. She will be missed always

belinda - February 25 at 10:20 PM