



Kay Lockhart

September 5, 1948 - March 15, 2026

Janice "Kay" Gothard Lockhart, age 77, passed away on March 15, 2026, at home. She was the widow of Wayne Lockhart, who preceded her in death on November 18, 1999. They had been married for 29 years before his death.

Kay was born in Cedar County, MO, on September 5, 1948. She retired from Fresh Ideas Foodservice at SBU in 2017 after 13 years as the cashier. She won SBU's Staff Member of the Year twice, even though she didn't actually work for SBU. She was beloved by all the faculty, staff, and students. Many students kept in touch with her for years after they graduated. While she worked there, she proudly drove her car with the license plate "Ms. Kay".

Her hobbies were her family. She loved her children, grandchildren, and especially her great-grandchildren. She loved going to their games, attending their parties, and always kept snacks in the pantry for them. She could often be found with one sitting in her lap.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Helen Gothard, her in-laws, Clifford and Ruby Lockhart, and many other family members.

She is survived by her children: Mark and Alanda Cantrell of Goodson, MO, Chris and JoNeita Kerr of Nixa, MO, and EJ and Stelia Lockart of Bolivar, MO. Her grandchildren, Kristin and Kirk Gastel of Grand Prairie, TX, Kelly and

Justin Juline of Republic, MO, Bethaney and John Schrock of Cabool, MO, Chandler and Kayla Steward of Bolivar, MO, Tyler and Megan Lockhart of Bolivar, MO, Ethen and Katelynn Lockhart of Polk, MO, Clarice and Zach Crites of Bolivar, MO, and Abi Lockhart and Emily Daniel of Nevada, MO. Great-grandchildren: Lucas Cantrell, Oliver Juline, Ronnie Wayne Schrock, Hallie and Rhett Steward, Timmy and Charlotte Lockhart, Harper, Kinsley and Adeline Lockhart, and Waylen and Weston Crites, along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family members, and friends.

Our hearts are broken, but we are comforted by knowing that she is finally with our dad again.

. A Memorial service for Kay will be held at 10:00 A.M. Thursday, March 19, 2026, at the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar. Visitation will be held Wednesday evening from 5:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. at the Butler Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

MC

“ Matt C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kay Lockhart.

Matt C. - March 18 at 11:47 PM

SA

“ Steve, Patty, Danielle, Ashton and Andrew planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kay Lockhart.

Steve, Patty, Danielle, Ashton and Andrew - March 18 at 01:49 PM

SA

“ Steve, Patty, Danielle, Ashton and Andrew purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kay Lockhart.



Steve, Patty, Danielle, Ashton and Andrew - March 18 at 01:49 PM

LF

“ Lori F. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kay Lockhart.



Lori F. - March 18 at 10:12 AM

KF

“ Keith, Paula and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kay Lockhart.

Keith, Paula and family - March 17 at 09:48 PM

KF

“ Keith, Paula and family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Kay Lockhart.



Keith, Paula and family - March 17 at 09:48 PM

KS

“ I graduated from SBU in 2016 and can attest that Miss Kay was one of the best parts of the dining hall. I know I'm just another drop in the bucket, but just know she was so loved.

Katherine Shriner - March 17 at 09:12 PM

SP

“ Shannon Fife - Judy Pryor planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kay Lockhart.

Shannon Fife - Judy Pryor - March 17 at 08:09 PM

SP

“ Shannon Fife - Judy Pryor purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Kay Lockhart.



Shannon Fife - Judy Pryor - March 17 at 08:09 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kay Lockhart.

March 17 at 03:30 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kay Lockhart.



March 17 at 03:30 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Kay Lockhart.



March 17 at 11:38 AM



“ Alanda & Family- I got the privilege of meeting Ms. Kay and it was such a blessing. She was the sweetest sole. My prayers are with you during this difficult time. Love you Alanda & Mark

Jenny Young - March 17 at 11:16 AM

JT

“ Jenny Young & WBU Team purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kay Lockhart.



Jenny Young & WBU Team - March 17 at 11:09 AM



“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Kay Lockhart.

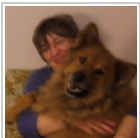


March 17 at 09:17 AM

ZD

“ Kay and I spent many Sunday afternoons between Sunday school and Sunday night church together at her home. I loved her parents! She married one of my neighbor friends/classmates from high school—Wayne. Over the years life pulled us apart; but I have wonderful memories of my sweet friend, Kay.

Zella (Young) Duff - March 17 at 12:22 AM



“ I lived next door to them for 12 years. So many memories. I so admired Kay in some ways. Her commitment to her family. I will always remember her kindness to me. May her memory ever be a blessing.

Janice Miller - March 16 at 10:19 PM

RW

“ *Ms. Kay was an absolute angel at SBU. As a student there for 4 years she was a daily anchor for so many students. She was always smiling and always so kind. I know that she is now with Jesus because her love of Christ shined every single day. Rest in peace, Ms. Kay- You will be missed!*

Rebecca Weber - March 16 at 08:25 PM