



## Kay D. Rowe

March 3, 1945 - December 24, 2023

Rowe, Kay D. December 24, 2023 age 78 of Canton. Beloved wife of Richard "Rich" Rowe. Loving mother of Laura (Gabriel) Soto, Alicia (Yong Heo) Rowe, and David Rowe. Dear sister of Susan Gardner, and the late: Lewis Berryman and George Berryman.

Kay was born on March 3rd, 1945 in Flint, Michigan to Wilbur and Norine (McCourt) Berryman. Kay graduated from Northville High School in 1962 and began attending the University of Michigan as a freshman in the fall of that year. She met her husband, Richard Rowe at U of M. They were married on July 18, 1964 and moved to Shelby, OH where both Kay and Rich obtained their first jobs as public school music teachers. Some years later, they returned to Michigan, where Kay resumed her studies at U of M and completed her Bachelor's Degree in the field of music. After graduation, Kay and Rich began raising a family. At the same time, she auditioned with the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra and was awarded the position of principal clarinetist, which she held for 29 years. Kay taught private clarinet lessons, and later served as president of the Livonia Youth Symphony, where her daughters Laura and Alicia played violin and cello, respectively. After their son David was born in 1979, Kay pursued her studies at U of M and earned a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Development. She became director of the preschool program and also taught Sunday School at Calvary Baptist Church in Canton with her sister Susan for many years. In addition to her love for music, Kay enjoyed painting and teaching watercolors. Nature was a favorite

theme in her paintings as well as everyday pursuits. As her interest in watercolors grew, she took workshops and classes, and traveled with other artists to paint on location in Mexico, Belize, Portugal, Italy, and Taos NM. In 1995, she founded The Village Artists Studio in Old Village Plymouth where she taught classes and workshops for 28 years. In addition, she hosted Spring and Fall artist retreats for 20 years at Crystal Mountain in northern Michigan, where artists were encouraged to paint on site. Other interests include teaching art and music for Braille Beats at the Lions Bear Lake Camp in Lapeer MI, performing as a member of the Silver Strings Dulcimer Society, volunteering at Angela Hospice as a certified music therapist, teaching classes at the annual Original Dulcimer Players Club in Ewart MI, and serving as an Auxiliary member of the Plymouth Camp of Gideons International. Kay and her husband Rich have been active members of Faith Baptist Church, Canton MI, using their talents on saxophone and trumpet to provide music for weekly services. Kay's faith and dependence on the Lord was a hallmark of her life. She had a very consistent walk with the Lord and being Christ-like and serving Him had always been her highest priority. She was energized by people and one of her greatest joys was serving others.

Visitation Thursday December 28th 4-8 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West (Between Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth. In state Friday December 29th 10 AM until the 11 AM Funeral Service at Faith Baptist Church, 47500 Warren Road (At Beck and Warren), Canton.

Interment Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Gideons International, The Gideons International Processing Center, P.O. Box 97251, Washington, DC 20090-7251 or Faith Baptist Church, 47500 Warren Road, Canton, MI 48187.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 28. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth  
46401 Ann Arbor Road West  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
(734) 459-2250  
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

## In state

DEC 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Faith Baptist Church Canton  
47500 Warren Road  
Canton, MI 48187

## Funeral Service

DEC 29. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Faith Baptist Church Canton  
47500 Warren Road  
Canton, MI 48187

# Tribute Wall

MW

“ All one has to do is read the account of Kay’s life to realize what a caring and giving woman she was. As an artist friend of Kay’s for many years I saw this caring and giving exemplified in so many ways. It was a pleasure sharing our love for art and nature. I will always remember her smile, laugh and humor. It is said there are many colors seen in heaven that we have never seen on earth which makes me think of Kay’s happy wonder at seeing them, for we can be assured she is in heaven.  
*Marsha Weigand*

Marsha Weigand - January 06, 2024 at 01:17 PM

HD

“ She was a dear soul who brought so much joy and comfort to our patients at Angela Hospice. She was a calm and colorful presence to all that had the privilege to hear her beautiful music.

Heather Dean - January 02, 2024 at 01:29 PM

SY

“ SHARON YOUNG lit a candle in memory of Kay D. Rowe



SHARON YOUNG - January 01, 2024 at 04:44 PM

SY

“ Sharon Y. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kay D. Rowe.

Sharon Y. - January 01, 2024 at 04:41 PM

SK

“ I'm so sad to hear of Kay's passing. I played in band with Kay in high school, and unknowingly in Silver Strings this year. God bless you all as you suffer this loss and praise Him that she will be with him for eternity.

Shary (Mills) Kelsey - December 29, 2023 at 09:30 AM

LW

“ I was so sorry to hear about Kay. Kay was my clarinet teacher when I was in High School. She was such a lovely lady and talented musician. Love growing up knowing Kay and family. You are all in my prayers.

Lynn West - December 28, 2023 at 07:23 PM

FB

“ I send sincerely loving wishes to Kay's family with many wonderful memories of Kay in all her walks of life. I was lucky to have known her from the 6th grade and we shared music through all Northville schools and University of Michigan. She will be remembered as a dear friend.

Fern Barber - December 28, 2023 at 12:29 PM

T&

“ The Baringer's Bruce, Kim, Bailey & Bryce purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kay D. Rowe.



The Baringer's Bruce, Kim, Bailey & Bryce - December 28, 2023 at 10:47 AM

JM

“ Kay was a wonderful lady and it was our joy to know her and her family at Faith Baptist Church. We will always remember her music and wonderful smile. We had many trips together with our Faith Baptist travel group and we will miss her but know that she is with the Lord today. Our Sympathy, Patrick and Joan McNally

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**Joan Morrison McNally** - December 28, 2023 at 06:12 AM

SE

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. I enjoyed her friendship and laughter. Sheree Esser  
Sorry for your loss. She was an artist, musician, homemaker and kind person. john

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**Sheree k esser** - December 26, 2023 at 02:43 PM

CF

“ I will horribly miss her musical talent and love for Jesus. Always a willing servant in the music ministry, I watched her with admiration (and a little jealousy) wishing I had at least a fraction of the musical ability she possessed. See you in heaven, Kay. I'll miss you so much in the meantime. Love, Char (Heritage Class at Faith Baptist Church)

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**Charlene Falardeau** - December 26, 2023 at 01:37 PM