

Kathleen Holt Obituary

March 9, 1946- November 27, 2025 (age 79)



Kathleen Anne (Childress) Holt, age 79, passed away peacefully on one of her favorite days of the year, Thanksgiving, November 28, 2025, in Houston, Texas.

Born on March 9, 1946, in Houston, Texas, to the late William Charles Childress and Annetta Laurie Parker, Kathleen was a loving mother, dedicated wife, impactful teacher, involved church member, and proud Texan. She grew up in Pearland, Texas, where she spent her childhood surrounded by her fun-loving cousins and siblings. She could light up the room with her smile and infectious laughter. She had a genuine love for people and made lifelong friendships which endure to this day.

A 1964 graduate of Pearland High School, she was Homecoming Queen and played the flute in the marching band. In 1966 she was Miss Alvin Junior College. From there, she went on to earn a BS in Education from the University of Houston in 1968. Her first teaching job was at Westwood Elementary School in Friendswood, Texas. Her fourth grade students affectionately knew her as “Mrs. K. Holt,” and she forever referred to them as “my little fourth graders,” no matter their age.

On August 9, 1969, she married John Dennis “Denny” Holt. In 1972, they moved to Friendswood, which was home for the next 53 years. She was deeply involved in all aspects of Friendswood life, including organizing the July 4th parade, running election campaigns and helping design the Friendswood flag. From 1992 to 1998, she was Director of the Bay Area Volunteer Center, promoting volunteer opportunities with programs like “A visit from Saint Nick.”

Kathleen’s deep faith in Christ impacted her friends, family, and community. For over 50 years, she faithfully served Friendswood Methodist Church in many roles – teacher, tireless leader, faithful servant, prayer warrior. Her service in the prayer ministry is a legacy that continues to this day.

Kathleen loved family visits and get-togethers. She loved vacations – road trips to Bar Harbor and coastal Spain and Portugal, the beach (any beach), tubing on the Comal, Rome, Paris, London, Costa Rica and the Holy Land. In retirement, her genealogy research took her many places – to England in search of family history and to late-night memorial church services at the Alamo. She was an active member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, the Alamo Descendant Defenders Association, and the Descendants of the Gonzales Immortal 32.

She is survived by Denny Holt, her husband of 56 years, son Adam William Holt, brother Charles Clay Childress, nephews Clint Childress, Chad Collins, and Nathan Holt, nieces Stacey (Childress) Meyer, Mandy (Childress) Kelley, and Brandy (Collins) Hart, as well as many grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Services will be held on Friday, December 5, 2025, at Friendswood Methodist Church (110 North Friendswood Drive). The family will receive visitors at 10 AM, followed by the funeral service at 11 AM. A reception will be in Wesley Hall immediately after the service. A graveside service will be held at Southpark Cemetery at 2pm (1310 North Main St. Pearland, TX).

In lieu of flowers, the family requests you consider making a donation to Hope Village or Texas EquuSearch.