**Obituary for Kathy Jo Matthews**

Cumberland Gap, TN.

Kathy Jo Matthews, 71, passed into her Heavenly Father's arms on Friday, November 5, 2021 at Claiborne County Medical Center in Tazewell, TN. She regularly attended Maranatha Bible Fellowship Church where she was very involved. She was very devoted to her work for the Lord. She was a special education teacher for 36 years in Wayland, MI. Kathy devoted time to writing the local newspaper, volunteered at the Art Co-Op, and enjoyed photography. She was married to the love of her life for 13 years and she completed him in every way.

Kathy was preceded in death her parents: Jay & Beatrice "Rairigh" Smith. Left to cherish her memory is her loving husband, Walter Jay Matthews, Jr.
4 step children: Michael Matthews, Ray Matthews, Shaina Hedeen, & Christain Matthews; one brother, Dave Smith; 3 nephews: Eric Smith, Jarod Smith, & Ryan Smith; several close friends and relatives. Kathy will be deeply missed by all that knew and loved her.

Visitation for Kathy will be held Monday, November 8, 2021 from 4:00PM until 7:00PM at the Maranatha Bible Fellowship Church in Rose Hill, VA.
Funeral services will be Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 10:00AM. Burial will follow the funeral service in Maranatha Bible Fellowship Church Cemetery in Rose Hill, VA.

Memorial Donations may be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at: 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105 or <https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html>

Holding Funeral Home of Rose Hill is honored to serve the family of Kathy Jo Matthews.

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**Maranatha Bible Fellowship Church Cemetery**

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