



## Bernita "Kayse" Small

March 4, 1962 - August 8, 2024

Bernita "Kayse" Small passed away peacefully, surrounded by family and friends, on August 8, 2024, in Haymarket, Virginia. Kayse was the cherished matriarch of a large and loving family, a devoted wife to George Small, and a dear friend to many. She founded Le Boudoir, a lingerie boutique and bra-fitting service in Middleburg, Virginia, and Livy and Lana, Bras for Us. Kayse was also a proud United States Air Force veteran.

Born on March 4, 1962, in Church Point, Louisiana, to Wallace and Mary Duplechain, Kayse was an avid traveler who had a deep appreciation for world cultures and cuisine. She hosted dinners in Paris, studied at the legendary Le Cordon Bleu School of Cooking, journeyed to Taroudant, Morocco to learn traditional recipes from a Berber family, and spread her love of food with family and friends. Through her entrepreneurial ventures, Kayse devoted her time and energy to promoting women's empowerment, body positivity, and self-confidence.

Kayse was predeceased by her beloved mother, Mary, and her brothers, John Duplechain and Joseph Wallace Duplechain. She is survived by her devoted husband, George, and her children, Kimberly, Amber (Simon), Baruch, Ishmael (Jasmine), Robbie, and Solange, who will forever remember her loving guidance and unwavering support. Her legacy continues to flourish through her grandchildren Ariana Simone, Ellena, Olivia Grace, Aiden,

Derrick, Kairo, and Cataleya Josephine. She is also survived by her loving father, Wallace, and her sisters and brothers.

As we remember Kayse, we celebrate a woman who embodied love, hope, strength, and grace.

Family and friends will gather for a Memorial Service at 4:00 PM on Friday, August 16, 2024, at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center St., Manassas VA 20110. A Repast will immediately follow in the funeral home Reception Room.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG 16. 4:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
pfh@piercefh.com  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## Repast

AUG 16. 5:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home Celebration Room  
9609 Center Street  
Manassas, VA 20110  
<https://www.piercefh.com/who-we-are/celebration-room>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pierce Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Bernita "Kayse" Small*



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**Pierce Funeral Home** - August 15, 2024 at 09:29 AM



*We miss you everyday in Middleburg. You and your family are in my continued prayers and thoughts sweet friend.*

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**Wendy Osborn** - August 08, 2025 at 10:30 PM

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**Jerole Stambach** - August 16, 2024 at 07:06 PM

JS

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**Jerole Stambach** - August 16, 2024 at 07:03 PM

RC

“ From Drs. Ronald A. and Betty Neal Crutcher, the parents of Kayse's former business partner, Sara Crutcher Moore.

*Howard Thurman: "For a Time of Sorrow"*

*I share with you the agony of your grief,  
The anguish of your heart finds echo in my own.  
I know I cannot enter all you feel  
Nor bear with you the burden of your pain;  
I can but offer what my love does give:  
The strength of caring,  
The warmth of one who seeks to understand  
The silent storm-swept barrenness of so great a loss.  
This I do in quiet ways,  
That on your lonely path  
You may not walk alone.*

*"For a Time of Sorrow" by Howard Thurman, from Meditations of the Heart. © Beacon Press, 1999.*

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**Ronald Crutcher** - August 16, 2024 at 04:08 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Bernita "Kayse" Small.*



August 16, 2024 at 07:48 AM



“ *your Washington, DC Family at Littler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernita "Kayse" Small.*

**your Washington, DC Family at Littler** - August 16, 2024 at 07:48 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Bernita "Kayse" Small.*



August 15, 2024 at 03:51 PM



“ *Dayrell & Sherry Schneider purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Bernita "Kayse" Small.*



**Dayrell & Sherry Schneider** - August 15, 2024 at 06:49 AM

DS

“ Dayrell & Sherry Schneider planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernita "Kayse" Small.

Dayrell & Sherry Schneider - August 15, 2024 at 06:49 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Bernita "Kayse" Small.



August 14, 2024 at 09:14 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Bernita "Kayse" Small.



August 14, 2024 at 05:08 PM

FF

“ From, Your iDS Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernita "Kayse" Small.

From, Your iDS Family - August 14, 2024 at 05:08 PM

DN

“ Dr. Ken & Darnester Nora purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Bernita "Kayse" Small.



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**Dr. Ken & Darnester Nora** - August 13, 2024 at 10:07 PM

DN

“ Dr. Ken & Darnester Nora planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernita "Kayse" Small.

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**Dr. Ken & Darnester Nora** - August 13, 2024 at 10:07 PM

JF

“ John Ferrer & Family purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Bernita "Kayse" Small.



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**John Ferrer & Family** - August 13, 2024 at 06:19 PM

RP

“ Renee Paige purchased the *Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum* for the family of Bernita "Kayse" Small.



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**Renee Paige** - August 13, 2024 at 03:43 PM

CM

“ Christine Duplechain Meche purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Bernita "Kayse" Small.



Christine Duplechain Meche - August 13, 2024 at 11:13 AM

CM

“ Christine Duplechain Meche planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernita "Kayse" Small.

Christine Duplechain Meche - August 13, 2024 at 11:13 AM

MB

“ George and family, we are devastated with the news of Kayse's passing - such a beautiful soul, she will be missed.

Marilyn and Chris Brennan

Marily & Chris Brennan - August 12, 2024 at 04:23 PM

AG

“ I love you Mom ❤️ I'm going to miss you so much 🕊️



Amber Gazawi - August 12, 2024 at 02:15 PM

SY

Such a beautiful family so sorry for your loss

Sandra Young - August 13, 2024 at 06:30 AM

PC

“ Dear George and Family,

*We are so sorry for your loss. Kayse was so full of life and had a wonderful sense of humor. We are both still stunned by her passing. Sending healing prayers of comfort and support.*

*Phil and Becky Ceconi*

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**Philip and Becky Ceconi** - August 12, 2024 at 10:53 AM

PC

“ Philip C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernita "Kayse" Small.

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**Philip C.** - August 12, 2024 at 10:43 AM

DH

“ Dawson Her Many Horses purchased the Heavenly Sentiments Spray for the family of Bernita "Kayse" Small.



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**Dawson Her Many Horses** - August 11, 2024 at 08:46 PM

KL

“ We are heartbroken at the loss of this amazing woman. She was a sweet friend, brave veteran and an accomplished business woman. In her company, she would speak proudly and lovingly of her family. Her love and adoration for Mr. George was apparent the minute he entered the room... The world has lost a beautiful soul... Heaven has gained the sweetest of angels.

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**Kathy Leighton** - August 10, 2024 at 09:21 PM

LB

*So so sad to hear this. She was a bright star in my life.*

Laurie Bain - August 10, 2024 at 10:55 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Bernita "Kayse" Small.*



August 10, 2024 at 05:13 PM

LD

“ *My heart is broken 💔 Your mother loved you'll with everything in her and loved you George with all of her heart. She was simply amazing. Hold on to all of the beautiful memories. She will always be with you all. I love ❤️ you'll and I am here always. Stay strong and faithful, trusting in God during this difficult time. She's resting peacefully in Paradise. 🕊️🕊️🕊️*



*All My Love, Auntie Lindsey*

Lindsey Duplechain - August 10, 2024 at 05:09 PM

TF

“ *The Crossley and Mann Families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bernita "Kayse" Small.*



The Crossley and Mann Families - August 10, 2024 at 03:51 PM

TF

“ The Crossley and Mann Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernita "Kayse" Small.

The Crossley and Mann Families - August 10, 2024 at 03:51 PM

LD

“ Lindsey D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernita "Kayse" Small.

Lindsey D. - August 10, 2024 at 03:18 PM

TL

“ The Colemans from Church Point, Ia purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bernita "Kayse" Small.



The Colemans from Church Point, Ia - August 10, 2024 at 11:23 AM

TL

“ The Colemans from Church Point, Ia planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernita "Kayse" Small.

The Colemans from Church Point, Ia - August 10, 2024 at 11:23 AM