



Patricia Kathryn Kidd

April 3, 1950 - December 14, 2015

Patricia Kathryn Helms Kidd

Kathy Kidd died suddenly on December 14, 2015, in Potomac Falls, Virginia. Although she struggled with health problems for most of her life, that did not stop her humor, enthusiasm, and quest for knowledge. She will be missed by her family and all those whose lives she touched.

Kathy was born April 3, 1950, in New Orleans, Louisiana, the first child of Ellis Franklin Helms Junior and Patricia Seale. She grew up in New Orleans and nearby Mandeville. She graduated from Brigham Young University (BYU) with a degree in Journalism, and then moved to Salt Lake City, Utah to work for the Deseret News. While living there, she met and married Clark Lloyd Kidd on November 18, 1976. They lived in Utah until 1987 when they moved to their current home in Virginia.

A prolific writer, Kathy authored or co-authored many books on topics as diverse as cooking, computer games, self-help, fiction and science fiction. She has served as the editor and contributing columnist for two different web sites, as well as the moderator for several online forums. She always supported and encouraged others with a gentle hand. Her weekly blogs have inspired and entertained many readers.

Since joining The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS Church) while attending BYU, she has been strong in her beliefs and has never wavered in her support of the Church and other institutions that promote good will. She has served those around her through formal assignments (callings)

or just when she found someone in need. Most of her Church callings involved her considerable writing skills, but she also loved teaching the young women and mentoring them. She and Clark have also enjoyed working in the Washington D.C. LDS Temple for the past 20 years.

Kathy is survived by her husband and two sisters, Sandra Dee Helms and Susan Elizabeth (Edward) Wiedeman.

Viewings will be held on Monday, December 28th from 6-8 PM, and Tuesday, December 29th from 10:30-11:30 AM. The funeral service will follow the second viewing. All events will take place at the LDS Church building at 22066 Circle Drive in Sterling, Virginia, 20164.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Humanitarian Aid Fund of LDS Philanthropies. Although this is administered by the LDS Church, 100% of the funds donated go to those in need in all parts of the world. You can donate online by visiting www.ldsphilanthropies.org, and scrolling down to the "Donate Online" button.