



Mary "Kay" Thacker Woodall

April 24, 1933 - October 21, 2025

Mary "Kay" Thacker Woodall passed away on October 21, 2025, at home, surrounded by her family.

She was born in Talking Rock, Georgia, 92 years ago. When she was five, her family moved to Maryville, Tennessee. She graduated from Everett High School, where she met her husband, Dallas.

Kay's life was built on faith in God and love for her family. She and Dallas began their family in Rockford, Tennessee, before moving to Indiana in search of a better life. There, they joined the First Baptist Church of East Gary, where Kay was a devoted and humble servant-always working quietly behind the scenes, never seeking recognition or praise.

Kay had a nurturing spirit, shown through her love of cooking and her joy in feeding anyone who came through her door. She was a mother to all -not only to her own children, but to their friends as well.

She found peace in life's simple pleasures: sitting with a glass of iced tea while watching her birds, tending to her flowers, planting gardens, and canning the harvest. But her greatest joy was always found in the kitchen, preparing a simple, delicious Southern meal with family and friends gathered nearby.

Kay's legacy lives on through those she leaves behind: her son, Edd Bales; daughters, Sherry Woodall, Sabrina (Garry) Szostek, and Angela Woodall; grandchildren, Elizabeth Booth, Tony Elliott, Andrea (Tony) Krupa, and Christopher (Sarah Easton) Szostek; and great-grandchildren, Isabella Zanon

and AJ Krupa. She is also survived by many beloved nieces and nephews, and her faithful companion, her loving puppy, Molly.

Kay was the last of her generation to pass into her heavenly home, joining her husband, Dallas Woodall; her parents, Emmett and Katie Thacker; her brothers and sisters — S.A. Thacker, Ollie Mullinax, Odene Sutton, Billie Thacker, Columbus Thacker, Dorothy Holsonback, and Byrd Thompson — as well as her special niece, Pam Davis.

Family and friends are invited to gather at Burns Funeral Home (701 E. 7th Street, Hobart, IN) on Sunday, October 26, from 3–7 p.m. Funeral services will be held Monday, October 27, at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of your choice or to VNA Hospice of Northwest Indiana.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **26**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home - Hobart
701 E. 7th Street
Hobart, IN 46342
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Funeral Service

OCT **27**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BT

“ Brenda T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary "Kay" Thacker Woodall.

Brenda T. - October 25, 2025 at 09:00 AM

ME

“ Madison & Jason Elliott purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary "Kay" Thacker Woodall.



Madison & Jason Elliott - October 24, 2025 at 07:54 PM

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DH

“ Dan and Nancy Holsonback purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Mary "Kay" Thacker Woodall.



Dan and Nancy Holsonback - October 24, 2025 at 05:32 PM

DH

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Dan and Nancy Holsonback - October 24, 2025 at 05:32 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary "Kay" Thacker Woodall.



October 24, 2025 at 10:58 AM

WC

“ Walter C. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary "Kay" Thacker Woodall.



Walter C. - October 24, 2025 at 09:38 AM

WC

“ Walter C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary "Kay" Thacker Woodall.

Walter C. - October 24, 2025 at 09:38 AM

SB

“ Steve Booth purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mary "Kay" Thacker Woodall.



Steve Booth - October 24, 2025 at 06:29 AM

BC

“ I grew up in Lake Station and have great memories of her at our church. She always had a smile for everyone. A beautiful lady both inside and out, always willing to help, which she passed on to you, her 3 girls. Dallas and Kay are together again. Sherry, Bino and Angie know that she was loved and will be missed by so many of us. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE WITH THE ANGELS.

Bobbee Miller Clawson - October 23, 2025 at 06:57 PM

ST

“ I remember Kay with her family and always smiling. She was a beautiful woman. Condolences to her family. May she rest in peace.

Sherril Larimore Tokarski - October 23, 2025 at 06:35 PM

PB

“ working with Kay was such fun made me laugh often

Penelope o Beattie - October 23, 2025 at 04:34 PM