



Kathleen "Kathy" Therese Chapin

July 19, 1959 - June 4, 2026

Kathleen Therese Mitter Chapin, known for her love of quilting, gardening, baking, the outdoors, and family and friends, died June 4, 2026, in Maury County.

Kathy was born July 19, 1959, in Garden City, Mich., to Ralph and Mary Mitter. She grew up in Livonia and graduated from Eastern Michigan University, going on to become a teacher and, after moving to Middle Tennessee, began a career with the U.S. Postal Service.

She was preceded in death by her mother, who passed away in 2025, and her brothers Jimmy and Brian.

Survivors include her husband of 43 years, Paul Chapin of Williamsport in Hickman County; sons Jack William Chapin (Brooke) and Nicholas Paul Chapin (Jessica); a brother, Mike Mitter (Paula); three grandchildren, Sloane, Hunter and Lucas Chapin; and her father, Ralph Mitter.

Kathy and Paul lived in Chelsea, Mich., where he worked for General Motors and she was a substitute teacher and full-time mom. In 1993, Paul transferred to the GM Saturn plant in Spring Hill, and Kathy followed two months later with their young sons. After living in Spring Hill, Kathy and Paul settled in Williamsport, which they called home for more than three decades.

She taught as a public school substitute teacher in Spring Hill and Centerville before beginning her career with the postal service, first as a carrier and then working in the Centerville, Santa Fe, Duck River and Williamsport post offices. Kathy retired as the postmaster in the Nunnely Post Office in 2019.

Kathy's first love was her family. Known affectionately as GiGi to her three grandchildren, Kathy enjoyed spending time fishing with Paul and retreating to the outdoors, where she loved gardening and shared homegrown vegetables with neighbors and family.

Kathy brought a special sense of peace and love to any room she entered. She was an expert quilter, often making quilts for the newborn babies of relatives and friends in Michigan and across Hickman and Maury counties.

Visitation will be held on June 13, 2026, from 2-4 p.m., with a Celebration of Life to follow from 4-5 p.m. at McDonald Funeral Home, 102 West End Ave., Centerville, TN.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests considering a donation to the Hickman County Humane Society, P.O. Box 183, Centerville, TN 37033.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 13. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Hickman County
102 West End Ave.
Centerville, TN 37033
(931) 729-3561

Celebration of Life

JUN 13. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



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McDonald Funeral Home, Inc - June 15 at 04:02 PM

ER

“ We will miss Kathy, her quick wit and humor. She was such a treasure, was a very caring woman. We shared many laughs, many recipes, many life stories. Such creativity! Her quilts were so beautiful. What a credit to womanhood she was. We will never forget her. Her love of her family was just effervescent.

May you rest in peace, Kathy.

*Love always,
Eileen & Wills Rossiter*

Eileen Rossiter - June 11 at 09:28 PM

DS

“ So sorry to Kathy's family. My deepest condolences to you all. May you find strength, comfort and peace in the coming days. Prayers



Debbie Semore - June 09 at 09:27 PM

CS

“ Kathy loved showing her latest quilting projects, and I loved to see them. I’ve missed her being at our post office.
Glide among the angels



Charlotte M Staggs - June 09 at 03:40 PM

JE

“ Kathy was a "bright spot" wherever she was! As a regular customer at the Town Crier Gift Shop, as an avid quilter and hard working volunteer at the Hickman County Quilt Shows, and as an efficient and friendly U.S. Postal worker, she was a blessing to all who knew her.



Our sympathy and comfort to her family,

Johnnie Ruth and Chug Elrod

Johnnie Ruth Elrod - June 08 at 01:21 PM

RG

“ Ronald Gammons lit a candle in memory of Kathleen "Kathy" Chapin



Ronald Gammons - June 08 at 09:47 AM

MB

“ *Michael Bates sent a virtual gift in memory of Kathleen "Kathy" Chapin*



Michael Bates - June 07 at 07:14 PM

CR

“ *Kathy was my high school close friend from junior high . We drifted a little when the school split between Franklin and Churchill. We continue to hang out together and then eventually moved away from each other. I just reconnected with her recently after 40 some years. I am SO glad I did. It was so good to hear her voice after many years. I still have the baby quilt she made me 40 years ago !! I truly will miss her.*

Christine Rickard - June 07 at 01:05 PM



“ *Such sad news. Kathy was so kind and caring I treasure the table runner she made for me during one of our visits to TN, when I happened to comment how pretty the fabric was. Sending love and condolences to the family from the UK. Nikki & Bert Hughes*

Nicola Hughes - June 07 at 12:24 PM