



Kay Callahan Mandigo

March 4, 1945 - January 20, 2025

Kay Callahan Mandigo (Martha Katherine, though she couldn't stand the name Martha) was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She passed away peacefully at home on January 20th at the age of 79.

Kay was born on March 4, 1945, in St. Louis, Missouri, to Dr. William Paul Callahan Jr. and Jo Anne Aylward Callahan. The second of four children, Kay grew up with her older sister Patsy and brothers William Paul III (Buddy), and Michael in Wichita, Kansas. Kay exhibited her stubborn insistence on getting exactly what she wanted early, refusing to eat anything other than peas and Cheerios. Attending high school at Mt Carmel Academy she continued to buck the norms and expectations that drove both the Nuns and her parents crazy. Punishment seemingly had no effect. Upon graduation she refused to follow her parents' directive to attend St Mary's College at Notre Dame, opting for either the University of Hawaii or the University of Kansas, ultimately selecting Kansas—a decision that would shape her life profoundly.

In 1964, during her freshman year at KU, Kay's life took a serendipitous turn. On a double-blind date, she met the love of her life, Clark Mandigo II. As the story goes, Kay's friend arrived first, prompting Clark to jokingly push his friend forward, saying, "There's your date!" Moments later, Kay entered, and Clark knew instantly he had made the right choice. Thus began a love story spanning 61 years, marked by laughter, devotion, and mutual admiration. Kay and Clark traveled the world and shared a lifetime of wonderful experiences

with their legion of friends, they may have had a little wine along the way.

Kay and Clark married in 1967 and upon graduation from law school the couple returned to Wichita to begin their life together, raising four children. Kay excelled as a devoted mother, deeply involved in her children's school activities and creating a loving, supportive home for her family.

In 1987, the Mandigo family moved to San Antonio, Texas, where Clark became CEO of Intelogic Trace. Determined to establish roots in their new city, Kay quickly embraced the community. She chaired major events such as the Witte Game Dinner and the Texas Biomedical Gala while ensuring her children adjusted smoothly to their new surroundings. The Mandigo home became a lively gathering place, with "Party at the Mandigo's" becoming a cherished tradition. Kay's legendary Christmas and Fiesta parties showcased her unmatched hospitality and warm spirit.

Kay's creativity knew no bounds. An exceptional cook and a gifted needlepoint artist, she founded Clark & Company, a business that reflected her passion for art. Through this venture, she curated canvases and yarns, inspiring others to discover their artistic talents. Many San Antonio homes are adorned with needlepoint ornaments, Christmas stockings, and other creations designed by Kay, a lasting testament to her vibrant spirit and artistic legacy.

Kay is survived by her devoted husband of 57 years, Clark II; her children, Keri (John) Moses, Clark III (Camille) Mandigo, Molly Mandigo and her fiancé Fabio Mafra, and Megan (Thomas) Flemons; and her five grandsons, Jack, Matthew, and Jamie Moses, and Clark IV and William Mandigo. She is also survived by her brother Bud Callahan, sister Patsy Vizza, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to Carina, Dario, and Pauline for their

care and support.

There will be a private Celebration of Life Service held at a later date.

In lieu of customary remembrances, donations may be made to the MD Anderson Cancer Center or a charity of one's choice.

Kay's legacy is one of unwavering love for Clark and her family, joyful celebration of friendships, artistic creativity, and boundless hospitality. Her vibrant spirit will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

Tribute Wall

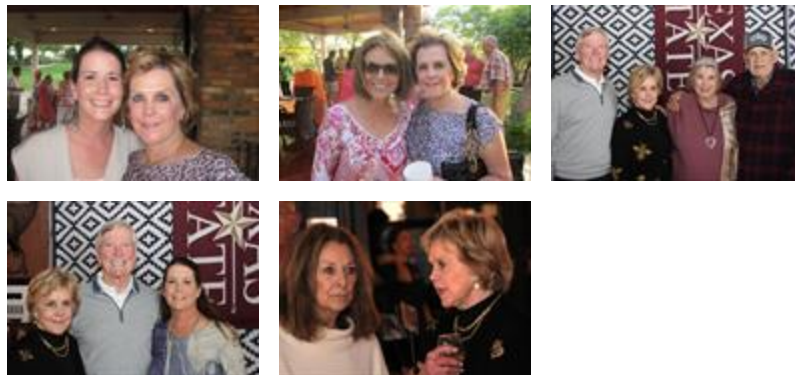
PB

“ *Our hearts are broken for your loss. I have nothing but sweet memories of time with Kay. I loved that she really knew what she wanted and how to get it done. She was never afraid of hard work and made sure all the fine details were tended to for anything she was executing. I shared some pictures from events (mostly surrounding Megan's wedding) and hope they make you smile during this difficult time.*

Pam B - February 06, 2025 at 12:05 PM

PB

“ *24 files added to the album Memories with Kay*



Pam B - February 06, 2025 at 12:01 PM

PH

“ *Clark,*

We recently learned of Kay's passing. We want to offer our condolences to you and all the family. May God comfort you at this difficult time.

Jake, Dave & Phil & Families

Phil Hesse - January 31, 2025 at 10:44 AM

JW

“ So saddened to learn of Kay’s passing away. Even apart geographically, it is hard to know how to say goodbye. Heartsick at the loss but grateful for the happy memories.....and, there are many. A wonderful wife, Mother, and friend. She made ho hum evenings into impromptu “ dinner parties”...based on what each of us had in the fridge. And gave lovely more formal dinners for Clark’s business, or out of town guests with style and seeming ease. A truly talented beautiful joyous soul! Wichita has never been the same without Kay and Clark. Condolences to her devoted family, she will be missed.

Judy Weatherall

judith weatherall - January 28, 2025 at 09:48 PM



“ We here at Marlene custom pillows have worked with Kay for many years. Kay was always easy to work with. She never ever an issue with cost or items coming back questionable, etc etc. I only met her once in person, I was coming up the stairs and she went flying down the stairs, never bothered to stop and say hello. It wasn’t that long ago that I asked her about that time and her reply was.. I think I wanted to have a cigarette before heading to the airport, which I thought was the funniest thing ever. My dad was a smoker and when it was cigar time, he wasn’t saying hello to anybody. Kay was a sweetheart and will be missed by all. She was a true business owner and all of us will miss her dearly. Kay’s daughter will carry on her legacy and I look forward to working with her in the best possible way that I can.

Patrick and staff.

Patrick Sinegal - January 27, 2025 at 02:18 PM

MB

“ I have been painting canvases for Kay since 1995. She was inspirational and knew exactly what she was looking for in a canvas for her customers. Her knowledge of stitch work and fibers enhanced every stocking, pillow, ornament and cummerbund that found its way to Clark and Company.

Even though we did our business long distance. I will always remember her as a friend.

Marlene Bauer-Holder - January 27, 2025 at 12:03 AM

JF

“ I am sorry to learn of Kay's passing. I have many fond memories of living across the street in College Hill. When I graduated from high school, Kay gifted me with a needlepoint pillow depicting my favorite things, and the backing was my KMC uniform. I still cherish it to this day, after all of these years. Blessings to all of you and I pray you have moments of peace as you grieve this huge loss in your family.

Julie Farha - January 26, 2025 at 09:17 AM

CA

“ You will always be in my heart, Mrs. Kay, a very beautiful, Intelligent, admirable woman. Full of beauty Inside and out , she taught me perseverance is necessary and may we never give up. She shared time with me, teaching me with actions and that things are done well by giving the best, I received advice from her, Classes on many things, how to do and what not to do. An exceptional woman, I thank God for allowing me to meet a great woman, now I only know that I miss her and I still haven't assimilated that she is no longer with us.

Carina - January 24, 2025 at 07:21 PM

PO

*She was my best friend Fiercely loyal to her friends and most importantly her family. She was a woman of total integrity, never sacrificing her principles, always telling the truth, regardless of being “politically correct”.
Had a great quiet honest sense of humor, and always had a true sense of who she was. Loved a party and knew how to throw the best. I will miss her guidance, humor, and unequivocal love for me and for my family, especially Conor. She did so many quiet acts of kindness and guidance to so many in her life, that will never be known. Only Kay would think of sending pizza to workers doing repairs on her street. One of many examples of a quiet kindness underneath a quite awesome exterior, May my dear friend Kay, RIP. ❤️❤️❤️Priscilla*

Priscilla O'Shaughnessy - January 25, 2025 at 12:29 AM

MC

*I'm sooo sorry to hear the passing of Kay. She's one of my stitching customers. I'm gonna miss her...
Kay, you may rest in peace. 🙏🙏❤️*

montana carvel - January 26, 2025 at 01:53 PM

DW

I am so very sad to hear of Kay's passing. She has been a customer of our since she opened her shop. A very lovely and elegant lady and one who's absence will be noted at our industry shows.

Debbie Woodard - January 27, 2025 at 11:11 AM

LH

I was very sad to hear of Kay's passing, I cooked and served many dinner parties for her and her Lovely Family. Kay was a kind and a beautiful person. Kay adored her Family and her Grandchildren; she touched many lives and will be missed immensely.

Laura Henderson - January 28, 2025 at 05:46 PM

PT

I just learned today of Kay's passing this life...Heaven has welcomed a lovely lady with a real joy for life. In her company she always made you feel you were the most important guest ...a natural gift to bring out the best in others.....a lovely lady who will be missed by many throughout the state....best...Paul Tripplehorn

Paul Tripplehorn - February 04, 2025 at 06:03 PM