



## Kathleen Alba

May 7, 1937 - February 14, 2017

Kathleen "Kate" Alba was born in Brooklyn, NY on May 7, 1937, the daughter of Gladys Strifler and Michael Sweeney, sister of Geri, Marilyn and Jim.

Kate was ahead of her time as her older sister Geri would often tell her family, she was the type of woman that stood up for herself and said exactly what was on her mind. Kate had a great sense of humor and loved to shock people with a well timed bawdy joke or two.

Kate was married to James ("Jim") Alba for almost 30 years until his passing in 1986. They were the proud parents of six children and lived in Lindenhurst, Bay Shore and Holbrook, Long Island.

In Bay Shore, Kate and her best friend Mary Galbraith were next door neighbors and two peas in a pod- more like sisters than friends with the same fondness for inappropriate jokes, getting all the kids together and enjoying a good Bloody Mary now and then.

While raising their family in Holbrook, Kate and Jim enjoyed some of the best people they have ever known such as the Chasen, Cestero, DeMato, Feeley, Rosario and Wilkinson families. Often partying and vacationing together, millions of memories were made and laughs shared as those families squeezed every ounce they could out of life. There were Friday night bowling leagues, softball leagues and block parties on Thunder or Nimbus road in Holbrook were epic events that planted the seeds for stories that are still passed on today, over 35 years ago.

Kate was a hard worker at places like the Triangle Inn Motel, the In & Out Deli and King Kullen and she took great pride in the work she did. At King Kullen she once tackled a shoplifter in the parking lot and when her manager told her that it was not store policy to tackle shoplifters she replied "it ought to be". In 2005 Kate moved to West Palm Beach, Florida and enjoyed her neighbors in Century Village, all of them looking out for "Mama Katie" and enjoying a good laugh with her almost every day. She especially enjoyed her friends Rey, Ernie, Inez, Katie and Cynthia. Over the past few years nobody meant more to her (besides her own children..we hope) than her beloved caregiver Dara. "My Dara" as Kate called her is a young lady with a heart of gold who loved Kate and took great care of her and we, her family are forever in her debt.

Kate passed away on Valentine's Day, February 14 and is survived by her children Ken (Kelly), Gerri, Sue and Jim (Karen). She leaves behind 10 grandchildren, her brother Jim (Gail) and many friends. A strong woman and true survivor, she was preceded in death by her husband Jim, sons Steve and Michael and granddaughter Alicia.

# Cemetery Details

## Pinelawn Memorial Park

2030 Wellwood Avenue  
Farmingdale, NY 11735  
(631) 249-6100  
<http://www.pinelawnmemorialpark.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 7.** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

A.L. Jacobsen Funeral Home, Inc.  
1380 New York Avenue  
Huntington Station, NY 11746  
(631) 423-2185  
[jacobsenfuneral@gmail.com](mailto:jacobsenfuneral@gmail.com)

## Burial

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kathleen Alba*

November 27, 2022 at 05:33 PM



“ *Barbara Galbraith Higgins sent a virtual gift in memory of Kathleen Alba*



**Barbara Galbraith Higgins** - March 08, 2017 at 03:35 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathleen Alba.*



March 05, 2017 at 12:11 PM



“ *THE BOYS AT BULLET purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Kathleen Alba.*



**THE BOYS AT BULLET** - March 02, 2017 at 01:28 PM

FZ

“ From Your Work Family - ZPS purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Kathleen Alba.



From Your Work Family - ZPS - March 02, 2017 at 10:38 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Kathleen Alba.



February 28, 2017 at 12:32 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathleen Alba.



February 27, 2017 at 09:47 PM

AK

“ I really appreciated spending time with Kate. Her sarcastic sense of humor was such a breath of fresh air. Our last outing was supposed to simply be a trip to the doctor, but once we got out of the house we just kept going, heading north. We ended up in Jupiter and stopped by the office so Deb could get a hug and kiss. We headed to a pharmacy, and decided we were hungry. Duffy's was just down the street so Kate enjoyed a very rare cheeseburger and a Bloody Mary with a big smile on her face. Since we were still in Jupiter, we headed east towards the ocean and peeked at the Jupiter Lighthouse to which she said she had never seen before. It was gorgeous out that day, beautiful blue skies and not too hot. We took the scenic way back towards home, and started making plans for the next girls day out. I will really miss you Kate! You were a hoot and a half.  
Amy King

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Amy King - February 27, 2017 at 06:19 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Kathleen Alba.



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February 25, 2017 at 05:40 PM

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“ Lara Irwin lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Alba



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Lara Irwin - February 22, 2017 at 08:52 PM



“ *Danielle Blance Saulle lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Alba*



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**Danielle Blance Saulle** - February 22, 2017 at 08:43 PM



“ *Kathy, Kevin & Sean Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Alba*



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**Kathy, Kevin & Sean Sullivan** - February 21, 2017 at 08:45 PM

JM

“ My Dear Kate,

*As I sit here and think of how wonderful it was that GOD put you in my path. You were an amazing, strong and outspoken woman. I enjoyed the time that we were afforded together. I learned from you how to be more compassionate and patient for the sick. I would like to share a memory that we had back when you introduced me to a musical group called "Celtic Thunder". My memories of you bring nothing but a smile on my face. I took you to a concert, my first, to see your favorite group, Celtic Thunder. Oh you were so nervous of getting out for the first time in a long while. You looked lovely. As we are walking the hallway of the Casino to get to the concert hall, you were "omg, my skirt is falling!". It is okay I told you we will fix it in the bathroom. But by the time we got there your skirt hit the floor. You just looked at me and was, "Oh well, damn it. Everyone gets to see this." I felt just awful for you. I finally convince you to get out of the house and breathe through your anxiety and this is what happens, you moon everyone!*

*It definitely was never a dull time with you. But as soon as your band started we forgot everything. Enjoyed ourselves and that was that. I am too old for this shit, you said to me in the car. Thank you you said. But Ms.Kate, thank you. You have afforded me the knowledge to take care of my Mom who is stricken with the same illness. And I love your for that. You were every bit as patient with me. I loved listening and just sitting with you. I am sorry I didn't make it to you in time but you were never alone. Your family has always been next to you. As they are now. Love and peace to your next journey.*

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**Joylyne Melendez** - February 21, 2017 at 11:50 AM

JM

“ Joylynne Melendez lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Alba



Joylynne Melendez - February 21, 2017 at 11:39 AM

JA

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Jim Alba - February 20, 2017 at 10:18 PM

JK

“ James And Katelyn lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Alba



James and katelyn - February 19, 2017 at 06:25 PM

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James and katelyn - February 19, 2017 at 04:53 PM

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“ *The Galbraith Family lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Alba*



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**The galbraith family** - February 17, 2017 at 06:25 PM

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*May you rest in eternal peace..kate..your now reunited with your hubby jim, sons mike and Steve and granddaughter alicia..thank you for many years of friendship..from brooklyn, ny to bayshore, ny..you will be missed by many..xo*

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**The galbraith family** - February 17, 2017 at 06:28 PM