



## Kathy Crowe

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Mary Kathleen (Kathy) Crowe was born in Sacramento, Calif. on November 30, 1954, to Robert Merle and Gene Gilmour Brown. Kathy passed away peacefully in her sleep on August 16, 2020, at the age of 65.

Kathy's family moved to Corvallis in 1964 after her dad started teaching at the Children's Farm Home. She attended Garfield Elementary School, Highland View Junior High, and then graduated from Corvallis High School in 1973. She attended Oregon State University, earning a bachelor's degree in Education in 1978.

On December 18, 1976, she married Steve Crowe, also from Corvallis. They had two sons Matthew (Matt) A. Crowe, born August 8, 1984, and Michael (Andy or A.C.) A. Crowe, born May 27, 1986.

Kathy was preceded in death by her father, Robert Brown; her mother, Gene Brown; and brother, Scott Brown. She is survived by her husband Steve; sons Matt Crowe and Andy (Kayla) Crowe; grandchildren, Lilah Crowe, Harper Crowe, Cora Crowe, Hadley Crowe, Hudson Crowe, and Hayden Crowe; nieces Mackenzie Brown and Michaela Brown; cousins, Jann Gorrin, Bob Brown, Mary Beth Tannehill, and Laura Klein.

After graduation from OSU, Kathy went on to work for Hewlett Packard in 1979. Her first position allowed her to use her degree in education creating internal HP employee training films. Over her 36 year career at Hewlett

Packard, Kathy held several different positions. Most HP employees knew her as a Planner, scheduling materials for the Personal Printing Platforms division. She retired December 1, 2015.

Kathy's focus was always her family. In addition to her full time job at HP, she was the CEO of the Crowe residence. She always made sure every member was where they needed to be, on time, in clean clothes, and good health with lunch in hand. Self-sacrificial, always serving those around her out of love, her day was never done until her head hit the pillow.

Kathy was active; she enjoyed sports and stayed in shape by walking and bike riding with her friends and husband. She walked 5 to 7 miles daily, walking during her lunch hour with HP friends and after work with her favorite walking partner, Dori Ratzlaff or husband. Kathy competed in several half-marathons every year up until she was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2018. In addition to walking with friends, Kathy enjoyed riding bikes with her husband. Together they participated 3 years in the Reach the Beach fundraiser for the American Lung Association riding 30 miles to Pacific City on the Oregon coast. They would take their bikes to places like Portland and ride them downtown or on trails. One year she rode with her husband from their home in Corvallis by way of Peoria Road through Harrisburg, all the way to Eugene. They spent the night at a hotel in Eugene making the return trip home the following day.

Kathy loved humor and had a contagious laugh. It was important for her to make others laugh and she loved it when others would make her laugh. She shared special connections with many friends. Kathy was warm, compassionate, and loved nicknames.

In lieu of flowers Kathy would prefer a donation to Every Child Linn-Benton a nonprofit 501(c)(3) supporting foster children <https://everychildlinnbenton.org/donate/>.

A celebration of life will take place in Corvallis at 10 am on September 5, 2020. Because of the pandemic environment it will be located at an outside venue with limited access. Spacing and face-mask requirements will be

enforced. To help us control the size of the gathering please RSVP to [kcrowe\\_celebration@outlook.com](mailto:kcrowe_celebration@outlook.com) or join us for the live stream at <https://youtu.be/fhf8OKg7iC4>.

Please leave your condolence messages for the family below.

# Tribute Wall

PS

“ I only recently learned of Kathy's passing. Hard to believe, just seeing her at the Cleaners last year(?), she looked and sounded great. Her little brother Scott, was a great friend for many years. I still think of, and miss him often. I enjoyed popping in and out, seeing Bob & Gene on Garfield, out in the forest, and then Gene over at Stoneybrook. Kathy always possessed that quick wit, a sparkle in her eyes, and that genuine laugh. She treated everyone like family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Crowe and Brown families. Very sad news indeed.

*Pete & Linda Sekermestrovich*

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**Pete Sekermestrovich** - September 15, 2020 at 08:29 PM

DM

“ Like the other tributes I was shocked by Kathy passing. She made the impression on me that she was what Mr. Hewlett and Mr. Packard had in mind when they developed the HP WAY. She always was upbeat, but more importantly she treated everyone with dignity and respect, and had a great sense of humor. I Thank God everyday for Dave & Bill's foresight, and being willing to share their fortune and intellect with all of us. I was fortunate to be hired and experience the many Kathy Crowe's at HP. I grew as a employee, but more importantly as a person. My wife and I send our Prayers and sympathy to the Crowe Family during this difficult time.

*Dennis & Carol McNaught*

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**dennis mcnaught** - September 03, 2020 at 11:39 AM

DP

“ I am saddened to hear of Kathy's passing. Thank you for providing a virtual option for her service on Saturday.

*Debby Kellar Pattin, Corvallis HS `73*

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**Debby Kellar Pattin** - September 03, 2020 at 10:30 AM

LM

*Part of Kath's magic was how she made me feel about myself. When I was around her I felt replenished, and funny, and confident. She called me 'Lor' and had nicknames for everyone. She made us feel like we belonged. She worked hard and contributed so much as part of the Fab Four in ICBD. She had such a solid core of love for her family and friends and life. Rest in peace my friend..*

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**Lori Monday** - September 04, 2020 at 02:56 PM

JG

“ I was shocked and saddened to read of Kathy's passing. She was a delightful, funny, and conscientious young lady. She worked with me in the early 80's to produce instruction videos for an internal monitoring system. Later on it was just short conversations in the hallways of HP. We were mutually amused by the fact that we had named our respective two sons in reverse order - Mike and Matt for me, Matt and Mike for her. Her nickname for me was JimmyG. Her dad, the late Bob Brown, with his seemingly infinite supply of toothpicks, taught my daughter Math at Highland View middle school. Though I think I saw Kathy only once at Safeway in later years after retirement, I will still miss her. I remember a poster made for her 40th birthday (by her brothers, I think) displayed at HP with a picture of her in her ballerina outfit (maybe at 5 or 6 years old) - what a cutie!

*My heartfelt condolences and sympathies to all of Kathy's family.  
Sincerely, Jim Galvan*

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**James Galvan** - September 02, 2020 at 05:28 PM



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**McHenry Funeral Home** - August 31, 2020 at 12:30 PM

KK

“ Karen Keller lit a candle in memory of Kathy Crowe



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**Karen Keller** - August 27, 2020 at 06:20 PM

SW

“ Kathy and I started as virtual colleagues at HP on RR's planning team, but quickly formed a true and lasting friendship. We would call each other and share a good laugh often. We also would call each other to share our frustrations... usually ending with a good laugh too. I knew her only as a kind, warm, funny lady. She touched my life in the best way and will be truly missed. Condolences and prayers to her family.

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**Stephanie Williams** - August 27, 2020 at 04:58 PM

RR

“ So sad to hear about our great neighbor. We will miss her smiling face

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**Roy and Sandy Rider** - August 24, 2020 at 11:41 AM

SW

“ I met Kathy at HP in the late 80s. EVERY TIME I had time I'd talk to her in the hallway. because she was upbeat, warm, intelligent, witty, and friendly. I can imagine what her loss means to those who loved her. I am sorry for your loss. Suzanne Woodard

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**Suzanne Woodard** - August 23, 2020 at 12:51 PM

BA

“ Steve, I'll miss my brief sweet chats with Brownie when we would come upon each other in Corvallis, always updating each other on our families. She was one of my first friends upon coming here and our friendship the only one I've kept up with from my Albertsons' days. She'd nicknamed me Bubbles, I'll truly miss hearing that ever again as it belonged to the two of us. She had a special way of saying it that always made me smile. I've always thought she was the one full of happiness. She has a special place in my heart as she was a very wonderful friend and will be thought of always. You and your family are in my thoughts at this difficult time. Brownie was a warrior, and now another dear friend in heaven watching out over us all.  
Betty

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**Betty Amandi** - August 22, 2020 at 02:45 PM

CF

“ I worked with Kathy many years ago at HP. She was always so upbeat and happy and funny. Kathy was a such sweet person and I will always have loving memories of her. So very sorry for your loss. God bless.

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**Colleen Franzoia** - August 20, 2020 at 06:06 PM

SS

“ Steve and family:

*I just read that your loving wife, Kathy, passed away Sunday and am so sorry for your loss.*

*I hope you find comfort in remembering all the good times you had together. I know you have many.*

*Sincerely,*

*Steve Swedberg*

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**Steve swedberg** - August 19, 2020 at 10:58 AM

TA

*Val and I met Kathy and Steve when we moved to Corvallis in 1982. Through the years we were drawn to her tender heart and warm welcoming smile. Val remembers that every Christmas Kathy would playfully put glitter and confetti in her Christmas cards. It was always a special treat opening those cards. We share the sorrow now with Steve and the family but we also share with them the Hope of the Gospel. We will miss you Kathy Crowe.. Rest in Peace.. - Love Tony & Val Arlyn*

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**tony arlyn** - August 25, 2020 at 12:27 PM

LC

*I went to school with Kathy from elementary through high school. I remember her as a sweet person, liked by everyone. It was a pleasure to reconnect with her at the 40 and 45 year high school reunions.*

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**Linda Yates Cohoon** - August 31, 2020 at 08:48 PM

SW

*I first knew Kathy while teaching at Garfield School. In the last 30 years or so, I have run into her at grocery stores. We always had a fun chat, catching up with each other. She was so peppy, with had such a sparkle in her eyes, and I enjoyed hearing about her boys and extended family. I am so sorry to hear of her passing. Hold close the memories - she'll always be with you!*

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**Shirley Wirth** - September 01, 2020 at 10:56 PM

PK

*I was a co worker of Kathy's for many years at HP. We sat next to each other during a challenging period in commercial ink support, I am thankful for her kindness and always grounding me when I was frustrated. We became lunch buddies with others in our bay for years, for those times, I will hold dear to my heart. Our time together will be treasured in my memories of her!*

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**Priscilla Kennon** - September 03, 2020 at 11:38 AM