



Dr. Jessica Kate "Katie" Birchfield Gladstone

March 17, 1962 - July 28, 2019

Dr. Jessica Kate (Katie) Birchfield Gladstone of Lauderhill, Florida died Sunday, July 28, 2019 in the University Hospital, Tamarac, Florida. Katie was born March 17, 1962 in the Johnson City Memorial Hospital. She was the daughter of Joyce Pope Birchfield and the late Jesse James Birchfield. Kate was a member of the First Freewill Baptist church of Elizabethton, Tennessee. She was a very active church member in Florida leading the youth choir and was a soloist.

Katie was a wonderful, beautiful lady with so much heart. She worked diligently to do the work of the Lord. Her ability to pray would bring the spirit of the Lord to all those present.

Katie was a 1980 graduate of Elizabethton High School. She earned a B.S. Degree from East Tennessee State University and was a member of the Jazz Singers and Dancers. Katie received her Doctorate from Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, Tennessee.

Katie was the owner and operator of I Care for Eyes in Pembroke Pines, Florida where she practiced for 27 years. She was fluent in Spanish as many of her patients were Hispanic. Katie was known by her patients for the loving special care they received.

Katie Loved the water, especially skiing and spending time on her house boat the Katiedid on Watauga Lake.

Katie was preceded in death by her father, Jesse James Birchfield, her maternal grandmother, Georgia (Mama Georgia) Pope, her paternal grandparents, Sudie Birchfield and Jesse Birchfield, Sr., an uncle, Sonny Hale and an uncle and aunt Jerry and Joyce Pope.

Those left to cherish her memory include; her husband, Robert Gladstone of the home, her mother Joyce Pope Birchfield, her special aunt, Leta Hale, cousins, Judy Carol

DeLoach and her husband Victor, Tiffany Jenkins, Joey Garrison and her husband Josh, Whitney Taylor, Joseph Taylor and his wife Leslie and her Godson, Vic DeLoach, two much loved fur babies, Taipei and Hanji.

A service to honor Dr. Jessica Kate (Katie) Birchfield Gladstone will be conducted at 3:00 PM Thursday in the chapel of the Mausoleum of Peace at Happy Valley Memorial Park, Elizabethton, TN. Entombment will follow in the mausoleum. Those wishing to attend the committal service are asked to meet at the cemetery at 2:45 PM Thursday.

Presiding ministers will be Rev. Raymond Amos and Rev. Randy Johnson.

Donations in memory of Katie may be made to the Building Fund of First United Methodist church, 325 East E Street, Elizabethton, TN 37643.

Words of encouragement may be sent to the family at www.tetrickfuneralhome.com. Tetrick Funeral Home, (423-542-2232), 221 North Riverside Drive, Elizabethton, TN 37643 is honored to serve the family of Dr. Jessica Kate (Katie) Birchfield Gladstone.

Events

AUG **Celebration of Life Service** 03:00PM

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Happy Valley Memorial Park-Mausoleum of Peace
2708 Elizabethton Hwy, Johnson City, TN, US, 37601

Comments



“ It was by chance that our family was referred to Dr Katie. She welcomed us with open arms as though she had known us for years. She was the favorite and only doctor that our kids enjoyed seeing, even if they needed to have an exam. Our last time seeing her was bittersweet when she mentioned how over the years she enjoyed watching the kids grow and become young adults. Dr Katie was more than an optometrist, she became family. It is with heavy hearts that we say our goodbyes and give our condolences to Bob and her family. She will always be remembered and loved by the Crawfords.

Leashia Crawford - August 13, 2019 at 01:00 PM



“ Denise D'Onofrio lit a candle in memory of Dr. Jessica Kate "Katie" Birchfield Gladstone



Denise D'Onofrio - August 12, 2019 at 06:46 PM



“ I knew Katie from our time together at First Baptist Church of West Hollywood, as well as through her practice where we had many interesting talks during my exams. She wrote a beautiful letter of recommendation for me when I applied to Chinese medicine school, and even now I still strive to care for my patients in the manner in which she cared for me and countless others. Such a warm, loving person and a true inspiration! Big hugs and prayers to her husband Bob and the rest of the family during this difficult time.

Beverly Sorrells - August 09, 2019 at 10:17 AM



“ I was a client of her ophthalmology practice in South Florida from the age of 5 until her retirement due to her health problems. She was a beautiful person that was taken away too soon. My heart goes out to her family and loved ones. Thank you for everything, Dr. Katie. You will be missed!

Jason Learned - August 07, 2019 at 10:27 PM



“ My deepest sympathy for the loss of your beautiful daughter. I loved the Pope family.
Joyce Hart Dalton
Baltimore, Maryland

Amy Dalton - August 07, 2019 at 02:59 PM



“ I have so many wonderful memories of Katie! Riding around in her blue car with the t
tops off!! Laughing until we cried!! Sharing secrets with one another!! Her caring
heart and Faith in God were inspiring!!! Know how much I love you, Katie! We will
meet again!!!

Sabrina White - August 02, 2019 at 08:34 PM



“ There are so many words that describe Katie, but the one that stands out most in my
mind is FRIEND. She loved everyone and went out of her way to make them feel
loved and excepted. She had the most contagious smile! When Katie smiled it lit up
the room. Katie had Mama Georgia's loving heart, Leta's sense of style, Jesse's
family foundation and Joyce's sense of adventure, always waiting to see what was
around the next corner.
Katie, you will be missed! Love You! Maylee

Maylee Brooks - July 31, 2019 at 09:07 PM



“ My fondest memory of Katie is hearing her beautiful voice . Regardless of the song,
be it secular or religious, she could open the heavens !!! The memory I treasure the
most , would be , her singing for my wedding . I will never forget it !!
You are singing with the Angels now , and I'm sure that the heavenly choir has never
sounded so good !!!
Joyce & Leta , I love you with all my heart !! My prayers are with you !!
Jennifer Stroupe

Jennifer Stroupe - July 31, 2019 at 07:40 PM



“ I had the distinct privilege of first getting to know Katie when we were both
undergraduates at ETSU. I will never forget the first time I saw her on stage with the
Jazz Singers! I was mesmerized. As we became acquainted, I learned she too was
headed to Memphis and Southern College of Optometry like me. Over our years
together at SCO, we laughed, we cried and we accomplished our dream of becoming

eye doctors. I am profoundly saddened by news of her passing.

My deepest sympathies go out to her mother, Joyce, her husband, Robert, and the many family and friends who were closest to her.

Dr. Jim Venable

Dr. James E Venable - July 31, 2019 at 05:04 PM



“ My fondest memory of Katie is when she lived behind me when we were children. She would stand at the fence and we would talk and laugh when life was so simple. She was always telling me something that her and her mommy was doing. My heart breaks for you Joyce. She was a blessing to you and Jesse and I am praying for peace for you and Leta and the rest of the family. She was truly beautiful inside and out. Love and prayers.

Sherry Ellis Hubbard

Sherry Ellis Hubbard - July 31, 2019 at 10:28 AM



“ During my time at First FWB Church in Betsytown, one of my most loved things to hear was the phrase, "Katie's coming home this weekend." I am sure that is how the angels felt this past week when they were told, "Katie's coming home!" What a joy it was to be able to work with her and have her lovely voice in the choir and she never came home without singing at least one solo. Had many lovely visits with her and her sweet family and they will always be cherished memories. Joyce, Judy, and all, you are in my heart and in my prayers. Love you all. Jerry Carraway
keyzman02@yahoo.com.

Jerry Carraway - July 31, 2019 at 05:19 AM



“ I am so saddened by the report of the passing of Katie.
I knew her as a child and as a teenager who I taught in Sunday School at First Freewill.
A vibrant and loving person as a teen and from events recorded she grew to be a wonderful lady.

Jim Pritchard - July 30, 2019 at 10:38 PM



“ Katie had one of the most beautiful hearts!

In His Arms

Days are long, when there are worries everywhere
Some to hard to handle...to hard to bare!
But when I look into my heart to find the faith I grew up on
I could feel God holding me, from a world that's gone wrong.

In his arms, we have strength, when we're worn
With his touch, we're held still within the storm,
With his love, there is grace, with our faith we're never alone
In the arms of the Master, carrying us on our journey home.

When our faith goes weak and we began to lose our way
Our need for the truth is close, it's only a prayer away
When we think of Jesus and the teaching of the loving word
We'll see God's mercy, when we reach the gates of pearl.

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2006, Franklin D Bennett, Jr.

Franklin Delano Bennett Jr - July 30, 2019 at 09:38 PM



“ Donna And Clyde Williams lit a candle in memory of Dr. Jessica Kate "Katie"
Birchfield Gladstone



Donna and Clyde Williams - July 30, 2019 at 08:55 PM



“Katie was the sweetest lady....just like her mom and grandmother. She was the epitome of love like her dad. I'll never forget being at her parent's home every Halloween where she and her family would have special bags made up for us. Every moment I spent in that home I knew I was loved.

Dennie Freedom - July 30, 2019 at 06:20 PM



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Maryetta Shadoan Elliott - July 30, 2019 at 05:55 PM



“My heart is broken for Katie's precious family. She could truly light up a room with her beautiful smile. She had the kindest heart- you will be missed sweet Katie- I love you & give your sweet Daddy & Mama Georgia a big hug for me

Michelle Taylor - July 30, 2019 at 05:46 PM



“Our hearts are sad for the loss of your loved one. Praying for you and yours. Jim and Adie Hyder

Jim Hyder - July 30, 2019 at 05:39 PM