



Kathleen Jean Rowles

December 9, 1953 - May 2, 2026

Kathleen Jean Rowles- Big Stone Gap

Kathleen Jean Rowles, 72, of Big Stone Gap, passed away on Saturday, May 2, 2026.

Kathleen's love and dedication to her family were immeasurable. She took great pride in being a mother and caretaker, always putting the needs of others before her own. At the age of 50, she returned to school to pursue her passion for helping others and became a registered nurse. She went on to work for over a decade as a substance abuse counselor, touching many lives with her compassion and care.

Before her nursing career, Kathleen owned and operated a thrift shop in Big Stone Gap known as the Blue Moon. She also had a deep love for the arts and found joy in painting and creative expression. Kathleen was a devoted wife, providing steadfast care and support to her husband throughout his battle with cancer.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Chuck Rowles, and her parents, James and Francis Booth.

Left to cherish her memory are her sons, Casey and Jason Messick; her grandchildren, Isabella, Lucy, and Leona Messick; and her brother, Jimmy

Booth.

A burial will be held on her farm in Strawberry Patch, those services will be announced when the arrangements are complete.

An online registry is available for the family at www.holdingfuneralhome.com

Holding Funeral Home of Big Stone Gap is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ *I lived with Kathy growing up. Her parents were as sweet and giving as she was. She was a rare jewel on this earth & she is a rare jewel in heaven. I will miss her & our 'phone' coffee immeasurably.*
"Emmanuel" Kath. PJ

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Kath was my neighbor growing up . I will cherish all our memories. Lots of laughs and love. She was a really special friend. You'll be missed. Rest in peace . Until we see you again. Peace be with you .

Laura Kelly - May 07 at 10:18 PM