



## Raleigh "Katie" Kathryn Marquis

December 12, 1976 - May 3, 2024

Raleigh Kathryn "Katie" Marquis (née Seay) died unexpectedly at home on May 3, 2024 in Orlando, Florida at the age of 47.

Katie is survived by her husband of 17 years, Brian Marquis; Parents, Linda and Raleigh "Sandy" Seay; Sister and Brother-in-Law, Samantha and Mark Hunter and Nieces, Annie, Kathryn and Karleigh Hunter.

Katie was born on December 12, 1976 in Roanoke, Virginia, to Linda and Sandy Seay. She is a double Gator and a member of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority, graduating from the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida with a Bachelors of Science (1998) and Masters of Arts (2001) degrees. After a few years in public relations, Katie had the opportunity to return to UF in 2005, working in the Alumni Office where she met her husband, Brian. In 2012, Katie left UFAA for Seay Management Consultants, her father's firm in Orlando, Florida. In 2014, Katie had an opportunity to get back into Alumni Relations at Virginia Tech, her father's Alma mater where she worked until 2022.

She enjoyed spending time with her three nieces, talking all things Taylor Swift.

She and Brian took multiple trips to Germany and Austria. They enjoyed spending time in the Bavarian and Austrian Alps and most recently visiting the

Christkindlmarkt during Advent.

Katie was an avid Gator fan. She never missed a football game or a chance to cheer on the Orange and Blue.

Katie made everyone laugh. You felt welcomed and included when you were with her.

Katie was a kind and gentle soul who was loved by all who knew her. Her spirit will never be far from us.

A Requiem Mass is scheduled for 10am on May 16, 2024 at St Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Winter Park, Florida, with a reception to follow

In lieu of flowers, we welcome donations in Katie's name to the University of Florida Foundation.

# Previous Events

## Requiem Mass

MAY 16. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church  
526 N. Park Ave  
Winter Park, FL

## Reception

MAY 16. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

The Tap Room at Dubsdread  
549 W Par St.  
Orlando, FL 32804

# Tribute Wall



“ There are very few of my high school memories that did not include Katie. I am so very sorry to The Seay Family and send my sincerest condolences. May her memory warm and comfort you and may she rest in peace.

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**Andrea Meikle Anderson** - May 31, 2024 at 02:41 PM

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“ Dear Sandy, Linda, Samantha, and Brian,

We have been grieving over the "homegoing" of sweet Katie. O! how we wanted to see her "one last time." However, we must be content to wait for that joyful day. Until then, both she and you remain in our hearts and prayers.

Everette and Alice Wright

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**Alice W. Wright** - May 17, 2024 at 05:49 PM

A square icon with the initials 'RT' in white text on a brown background.

“ I had the pleasure of working with Katie at UF. She was a delight and a hard worker. Always sweet and helpful. She puts a smile on my face when I think of her. A fellow Gator, Randy.

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**Randy Talbot** - May 16, 2024 at 12:12 PM

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“ Sincerely, Fuller Chiropractic planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raleigh "Katie" Kathryn Marquis.

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**Sincerely, Fuller Chiropractic** - May 16, 2024 at 11:38 AM

SC

“ Sincerely, Fuller Chiropractic purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Raleigh "Katie" Kathryn Marquis.



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**Sincerely, Fuller Chiropractic** - May 16, 2024 at 11:38 AM

BK

“ Sandy and Linda,  
Our thoughts are with you.  
Bob and Sue Keith

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**Bob and Sue Keith** - May 15, 2024 at 06:40 PM

FD

“ Katie, I have never met you, but know your parents. They are such wonderful people that everything written about you must be true. My prayers are with your family.

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**Frances Demetree-Dasher** - May 15, 2024 at 04:06 PM

GF

“ Brian, Sandy and Linda - Su and I are so very sorry for your loss. We know how much you loved and adored, Katie. It was evident how much she cared for and adored you, your family, and virtually everyone she met - we know Seminoles were excluded. 💔

*Greg Fansler*

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**Greg Fansler** - May 15, 2024 at 02:36 PM

TA

“ Tom, Ann and Emily Ackiss planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raleigh "Katie" Kathryn Marquis.

Tom, Ann and Emily Ackiss - May 15, 2024 at 07:28 AM

TA

“ Tom, Ann and Emily Ackiss purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Raleigh "Katie" Kathryn Marquis.



Tom, Ann and Emily Ackiss - May 15, 2024 at 07:28 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Raleigh "Katie" Kathryn Marquis.



May 14, 2024 at 01:20 PM

TG

“ The SJNA Board of Governors purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Raleigh "Katie" Kathryn Marquis.



The SJNA Board of Governors - May 14, 2024 at 08:42 AM

MA

“ Dear Sandy and Linda: Our kindest thoughts to you. We lost our son 13 years ago and the support from Cotillion members gave us great comfort. Although things will never be quite the same, time will dull the grief we know you are feeling. Hug each other twice as much as normal. Much love from Baltimore.

*Lone and Marty Azola*

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**Marty Azola** - May 13, 2024 at 04:24 PM

MB

“ Dear Linda and Sandy: Donna and I were shocked and devastated to learn of the passing of your beautiful Katie. There are no words to express our deepest sympathy and most sincere prayers for you.  
*Mike and Donna Burrows*

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**Mike Burrows** - May 13, 2024 at 01:59 PM

RO

“ Ms. Katie one of the loveliest Southern women I know. Her sweet smile and her lovely hello will be missed. Brian I pray the Lord is with you and Katie's family at this time. We will all miss our Southern Bell!



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**Robin** - May 13, 2024 at 10:35 AM

JM

“ We remember Katie as being a light hearted, happy girl with wonderful humor!! We have deep prayers in our heart for her family as they walk this path of grief. Denise and Jay McGirt

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**Jay & Denise McGirt** - May 12, 2024 at 11:55 AM

SW

“Katie was a lovely, sweet, and kind addition to the alumni office at Virginia Tech during our time together there. She will be remembered fondly for her willingness to share and smile in all things. Sending prayers of peace and hope to all and God’s blessings always.

Sandie Worley - May 09, 2024 at 12:11 PM

JM

“Jeremy and Laura Marquis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raleigh "Katie" Kathryn Marquis.

Jeremy and Laura Marquis - May 09, 2024 at 07:44 AM



“Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Raleigh "Katie" Kathryn Marquis.



May 09, 2024 at 07:44 AM



“Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Raleigh "Katie" Kathryn Marquis.



May 09, 2024 at 05:22 AM

KM

“Katie was a very kind hearted and joyous person. She was funny too! Katie loved her family fiercely, especially her nieces. She liked to “brag” about them. Katie also didn’t miss an opportunity to give a “shoutout” to Brian for doting on her. Katie’s faith was important to her and very much part of her daily life. Her love for Tim Tebow, Taylor Swift, UF, VT, and pop culture was also known. Katie had a tough few years and she still loved, still prayed, and still smiled. I know she has found peace. I hope her family and friends can find some comfort in that today and in the days ahead. Lifting all who loved her up in prayer. Her friend, Kelly

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**Kelly McCann** - May 09, 2024 at 05:12 AM

HM

“ We loved Katie... she never failed to make us laugh and feel very welcomed. The best memory Paul and I still chuckle about is when we went tubing with Katie. I went in to the office and purchased tickets to tube, and while I was away from the car it started to sprinkle. I came back and my girl was decked out with rain gear from head to toe ...including matching boots, a jacket, and an umbrella. It was everything I could do to keep a straight face. My first thought was where did all that come from?? I was impressed and she was adorable... but I also thought.. aren't we about to get soaking wet as we travel down the river?! 🤔👉 I went back in and got a rain check... which was perfect... because Brian was able to go with us the next day.

Later that day we played cards at their house in Blacksburg. During that game, Katie called Paul out on my Knick name “Linda” (google Listen Linda 😂). By the end of the card game she felt everyone needed nicknames. She had Brian named Rog.... Paul named Javier (with a trill on the r) and she was Melinda. We laughed about that for years.

Melinda, we will miss the joy you brought into our lives and will treasure our memories with you. You will forever be in our hearts. Until we meet again...

Much love to Brian and all of Katie's loved ones. You will be in our prayers.

Heather and Paul Moore



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Heather and Paul Moore - May 08, 2024 at 08:49 PM

SK

“ Linda and Sandy, we are heart broken to read this sad news. We did not know your beautiful daughter, Katie, and cannot fathom your anguish. With deepest sympathy and love, Sherry and Joe Krawczyk 🕊️💖

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**sherry krawczyk** - May 08, 2024 at 02:58 PM

HD

“ I'm so very sorry to learn of Katie's passing. She was a beautiful soul who brightened my day every single time I saw her at the office here at Virginia Tech. Sending you peace through this difficult time.

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**Heather Ducote** - May 08, 2024 at 01:07 PM