



Kathy Bolesta

April 16, 1948 - October 28, 2018

Kathy Bolesta, 70, of Broken Arrow, passed away Sunday, October 28, 2018. A memorial service honoring her life will be held Thursday, November 1 at Hayhurst Funeral Home Chapel.

Kathy was born Friday, April 16, 1948 in Mentor, OH to the late Theodore and Stella (Miller) Tessmer. She married the love of her life, Richard Bolesta in Suitland, MD on August 30, 1969 and their union was blessed with two children; daughter Jennifer and son Matthew.

She also tried to enjoy the simple things in life. She enjoyed sewing, baking and crafts, but her family always came first.

Survivors include:

Husband Rich Bolesta of the home

Daughter Jennifer Quick and husband Jason of Broken Arrow

Son Matthew Bolesta and wife Mahilet of Seattle, WA

Grandchildren Braeden, Conner, and Aeron

Kathy is predeceased by:

Parents Theodore and Stella "Jo" Tessmer

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JE

“ 7 years. How has it been that long, Mom? Some days it feels like forever, and other days, it feels like I just heard your voice. The pain never really leaves - it just changes. It softens, it shifts, but it's always there.

No matter how old we get, we never stop needing our moms. There's a space only they can fill - in our hearts, our memories, our everyday moments.

You're missed beyond words, Mom. I carry you with me always.

Jennifer - October 28, 2025 at 07:50 PM

JE

“ Happy Birthday, Mom. 🌸
I love and miss you, always.

Jennifer - April 16, 2025 at 11:43 AM

JQ

“ Happy 75th Birthday, Mom!

I miss you.

I love you.

Can't wait until we meet again.

Jennifer Quick - April 16, 2024 at 04:41 PM



“ Kathy Bolesta

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM

JQ

“ *Missing you Mom. ❤️
I love you.*

Jennifer Quick - April 28, 2022 at 10:46 PM

RW

Jennifer i am so sorry to hear your Mom had passed..i dont know if you even remember meeting me but i am your Aunt Rose. My father Tom Norman was married to your grandmother and had adopted your Mom..i lost my daughter and trying to do our family tree for her son, my grandson she left behind. Again my heart breaks for you an your brother..i pray yourDad is well

Rose Williams - October 31, 2022 at 07:09 AM

JQ

*Hi Rose,
Yes, I remember you. A fond memory of mine is when we were visiting you in Ohio & catching fire flies! I am truly very sorry to hear about the loss of your daughter. ((Hugs))*

Jennifer Quick - April 16, 2024 at 04:45 PM


Jennifer Quick

“ *3 years.
36 months.
1095 days.
26280 hours.
1576800 minutes.*

*You loved me even before I started breathing.
Now I will miss you till my last breath.*

Jennifer Quick - October 28, 2021 at 10:02 PM



Jennifer
Quick

“ *My mind still talks to you.
My heart still looks for you.
My soul knows you are finally at peace.
Happy Heavenly Mother’s Day, Mom.
I love you.*



Jennifer Quick - May 09, 2021 at 10:23 AM



Jennifer
Quick

“ Happy 3rd Heavenly Birthday Mom.

I can't believe that it has been 10 months since I last wrote to you. It definitely doesn't seem that long. So much has happened since then. Braeden is now married, you are a great grandma to a beautiful little girl and soon he and his family will be in Germany. Conner is driving, I still can't wrap my brain around him being old enough to drive and had his first job. Aeron is well, Aeron. He is wrapping up with 8th grade and was voted "Best Dressed" at school. Isn't that funny? Thinking of how he dressed when he was younger; I'd say he has come a long way.

We celebrated your birthday the same as last year; zoom call with the family, clam chowder, balloon release and lemon cupcakes for dessert. Dad and I both thought those balloons kept making a heart shape, change shape and then go back to a heart shape, while floating away. It was awesome to see. I'll take it as a sign you were with us, enjoying your celebration.

I hope you had an amazing day. Who am I kidding? I know you did.

I love and miss you, immensely.

A Day of Celebration & Remembrance

Jennifer Quick - April 16, 2021 at 11:41 PM



Jennifer Quick

“ Hi Mom, Nothing has really changed and honestly only gotten more bizarre. You already know that though. I sure wish you were here and we could chat about all the crazy things that are going on. You'd definitely give me another perspective and help me navigate this uncharted territory, that's for sure. This just proves what I have also said, you are never too old for your Mom.

I love you and miss your terribly! ❤️

Jennifer Quick - June 28, 2020 at 11:51 PM



Jennifer Quick

“ Hi Mom, How weird is it that the webpage for Hayhurst popped up on my phone about 30 minutes ago? It's so bizarre, like it was sending me a message or a reminder that I needed to chat with you tonight. I now am at a loss of what to say to you tonight..... You do know what is weighing heavy on my heart; maybe you'll visit me in a dream soon and I'll learn the answer. I sure do miss you. What I would give for a chance to see, touch and talk to you. It would be a dream come true.

I love and miss you. ❤️

Jennifer Quick - May 28, 2020 at 11:52 PM


Jennifer
Quick

“ *Happy Mother’s Day Mom!!!!* ❤️

I came across this cartoon and thought it fit you perfectly!! I know how much you loved your grandsons. I remember you always joked that the reason you had children was so you could have grandkids!

I love and miss you!



Jennifer Quick - May 10, 2020 at 12:04 PM


Jennifer
Quick

“ *18 months.*

How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard. – Winnie the Pooh.

I love and miss you Mom.



Jennifer Quick - April 28, 2020 at 02:14 PM



Jennifer Quick

“ *Happy Birthday Mom!!*

We celebrated your birthday today with a family Zoom dinner while eating your favorite clam chowder from Pikes Place and lemon birthday cake. Afterwards we released balloons. They went North, just like last year. Dad says that heaven must be North. We'll find out in time and will all be together. I look forward to when we can all be together again as a family.

I love and miss you. ❤️



Jennifer Quick - April 16, 2020 at 10:38 PM



Jennifer
Quick

“ Hi Mom,

Times are certainly strange right now with the Covid-19 virus. Of course I wish you were still here but with this virus running rampant, it's best that you aren't. Dad and I have both talked about how worried you would have been (of course never letting anyone know). I know the palms of your hands would have been peeling like crazy. Hopefully next month, I'll be able to report that things have died down.

I miss you immensely and think of you every single day. Who am I kidding, many times a day I think of you. In my mind, I replay various conversations and moments we shared together. I miss your laugh and the way your eyes would light up.....I truly miss the smell of your perfume. ❤️

I miss you, Mom.

I love you, Mom.

XOXOXOXO

Jennifer Quick - March 28, 2020 at 11:22 PM



Jennifer Quick

“ Hi Mom,

I am so thankful I have a couple of your voicemails saved on my phone. I wish I had more but I treasure the ones I have. I still struggle with you being gone; I imagine I always will. I just miss you. Really, really miss you. I am appreciative of the close relationship we shared. It was definitely something special and sadly, not many people have good/great relationship with their Mom. Thank you for always making Matthew and I a priority; always letting us know you loved us and were there for us.

I ended up making your lasagna. Dad came over and ate with us. It was okay but not the same. I used your recipe, so it should have tasted exactly like your lasagna. It didn't. Like I have always said, you make the BEST lasagna. I'm sure I'll make it again but in the same sense, why bother. It'll never taste as good as yours.

I miss you.

I love you.

Jennifer Quick - February 28, 2020 at 07:12 PM



Jennifer
Quick

“ Hi Mom,

Well, I been craving your lasagna lately....like obsessively. I mentioned that to Dad, he said he has been craving it too. I'm guessing it's because it's always been my birthday dinner for the past several decades!! Jason offered to make it for me; I told him I only want you to make it for me. I bought all the ingredients and will make it probably this weekend - but it just won't be the same. I can't believe that I'll be turning 50 in just a few days!!! Isn't that just NUTS??? I definitely wish you were here to celebrate it with me. I miss you so very much but I know that you are always with me. I was definitely obvious last week. Thank you for that, it gave me such peace. ❤️

Not a day goes by that I don't think of you.

I love you and miss you, Mom.

Jennifer Quick - January 28, 2020 at 08:58 PM



Jennifer
Quick

“ Hi Mom,

December has been a rough month. None of us were in the mood to celebrate; it took everything in me to decorate for Christmas. Honestly, we didn't put much out. The boys were in the same funk too. They didn't care if we put up a tree or not. The holidays just aren't the same since you're not here. You were the glue that held us together. I sure do miss you and wish we could have just one more day together. I miss the sound of your voice, the smell of your perfume, you rolling your eyes at Dad and me when we thought we said something hilarious! You know, deep down, you thought we were hilarious!! There is just so much I miss about you.

Rest In Peace, Mom.

I love you.

Jennifer Quick - December 28, 2019 at 10:36 PM



Jennifer
Quick

“ *Happy Thanksgiving, Mom.*

Over the past month, you've made your presence known in so many ways. You've come through at some very poignant moments and I thank you for that. You know I treasure those times you visit us.....is it greedy of me to ask for more? 😊 Those visits from you are just a beautiful experience and I want more; I need more. I know everyone of us feel the same way.

I love you Mom.

I forever miss you.

Thank you for your visits. You know that they have all come at the exact moment needed; for all of us.

Jennifer Quick - November 28, 2019 at 08:05 PM



Jennifer
Quick

“ One year.
365 days.
8,760 hours.
525,600 minutes.
31,536,000 seconds.

Time just keeps ticking away, like nothing has changed. But so much has changed. You have been gone for an entire year. How can that be possible? I still reach for the phone to call you or catch myself saying or thinking that I need to share something with you. I miss you, Mom. I just wish I could have one more moment to share with you. To hug you, to tell you I love you, to just sit with you, or to even have you roll your eyes at me when I share my dorky jokes with you. I treasure every moment we ever shared together and am glad I have those memories to look back on.

I look forward to the day when we are together again, in heaven.

I miss you.

I love you.

Jennifer Quick - October 28, 2019 at 09:13 PM



Jennifer
Quick

“ How can it be 11 months that you've been gone?

Mentally, I'm stuck still on Sunday, October 28th, 2018 but the minutes, hours and days keep trudging along. I relive that night over and over in my head.

I miss you, we ALL miss you. The only thing that gives me peace is that you are in heaven, with your Dad and Phyllis, and no longer in pain. Knowing that, does ease my pain.

I hope to see you soon in my dreams.

I love and miss you.

Jennifer Quick - September 28, 2019 at 10:11 PM

ND

“ *I remember when Kathleen was born, making us a family of five...I was almost 8 years old at the time and thrilled to have a baby sister. It was an exciting day when she finally came home from the hospital when she was a month old....such a tiny baby...so precious...and so many memories of the days when we were young...On October 28th, when I remember our Mother's birthday so many memories of Kathy return as well now...Big ones and little ones...a little girl with pigtails and a dress of red plaid that Mom had made for her, Kathy wanting a ride on the back of my new bicycle, and then she was a young woman with her precious fiancé borrowing a white dress from me to get married in...and years later driving her and her children to Dallas to see our oldest sister...so many, so many memories... and as more and more of the people that I have loved for years disappear from my life I realize that I will be joining them soon, and what a grand reunion that will be! Rest in Peace, my dear sister, I loved you all your life...and I believe you knew it...*

Nanci Hugo Dotson - September 16, 2019 at 04:51 PM

Jennifer Quick

“ Wishing you a Happy 50th Anniversary. ❤️💕❤️

I love and miss you.



Jennifer Quick - August 30, 2019 at 08:23 PM

RB

“ HI SWEETHEART, HAPPY 50th ANNIVERSARY !! Hard to believe it has been 10 months since you were called home. While I feel I let you down, being so close while you silently slipped away into a peaceful eternal rest, I realize you are finally free of all the pain and suffering. I just want you to know how much I love you and miss you, As you rest in eternal peace know that you are always in my thoughts and prayers.

Forever In My Heart

Richard Bolesta - August 30, 2019 at 10:00 AM

Jennifer Quick

Happy 50th Anniversary. 💕

Jennifer Quick - August 30, 2019 at 11:39 AM


Jennifer
Quick

“ Hi Mom,

Today was just a rough day. I just miss you and really want you here with me. I know that is selfish but I don't care.....I want my Mom. Most days I do really well but then there are some days where the grief just cuts like a knife. Bottom line, I miss you and the old saying "we are never to old for our Mom" is so very true. I honestly don't know how Dad is functioning. I think Friday will be an exceptionally difficult day since it's your 50th Wedding Anniversary. This just plain sucks.

I love you, Mom. 💕💕

Jennifer Quick - August 28, 2019 at 11:06 PM


Jennifer
Quick

“ ❤️ Mom ❤️

You are never far from my mind and I wonder if that is normal. We all know I can be a bit obsessive. It makes me wonder if everyone is like this or just me. Thank you for visiting Dad in his dream a few weeks ago. I know, just as you do, it brought him great comfort. Tomorrow is Dad's birthday and I think it's going to be a tough day for him. We will do our best to keep him occupied. We're taking him to Hooters for all you can eat wings, lol. Oh joy!!

I miss you like crazy and really wish you were here. It sucks you not being here with us. 😞

I love you.

Jennifer Quick - July 29, 2019 at 12:41 AM


Jennifer
Quick

“ Hi Mom, I know I say this all the time, but I can't believe it's been 8 months since you passed away. It doesn't seem like it's been that long but in the same sense it feels like it has. I know that makes no sense but time is so weird. I felt your presence the other day and it was wonderful. Words cannot describe how amazing it felt, just so warm & calming and the feeling of love was so obvious. I won't ever forget how that felt. I love you so much and just wish I could spend one more moment with you; just to hug you and tell you just how much I love you.....and I want to smell your perfume.

I had to share this picture, I thought it was so funny how many pictures we took in order to get a “good” one. It's hard to believe that was almost a year ago.

I love and miss you, Mom.



Jennifer Quick - June 28, 2019 at 11:31 PM


Jennifer
Quick

“ 7 months today. Still hard to comprehend; I imagine it will always be. You have visited me twice in my dreams, well twice that I can remember. I can't believe just how beautiful you looked. It brought tears to my eyes; you are now healthy and whole - exactly what you deserve. I love you so much and miss you immensely. I can't wait for you to visit me again.

Jennifer Quick - May 28, 2019 at 08:28 PM



Jennifer Quick

“ *Happy Mother’s Day, Mom.*

I miss and love you. ❤️



Jennifer Quick - May 12, 2019 at 01:02 PM



Jennifer Quick

“ *In less than an hour, you will have been gone for 6 months. Half a year. I can’t even grasp the idea of it already being 6 months. Time is marching on but my head and heart are stuck on October 28, 2018. I miss and love you, Mom.*



Jennifer Quick - April 28, 2019 at 10:48 PM


Jennifer
Quick

“ Happy Heavenly Birthday Mom. 🎈 🎂 ❤️

Today has been filled with memories from all the birthday celebrations that we have shared all throughout the years.

We love you and miss you so very much.

You're always and forever in our heart. ❤️



Jennifer Quick - April 16, 2019 at 09:55 PM


Jennifer
Quick

“ *5 months. I spend a lot of time in my head; just thinking of you. I wonder what your days are like in heaven. It must be glorious. I'm reading a book from your bookshelf, I'm not even sure you ever read all of it because the spine was in perfect condition. Anyway, there was a piece of paper in it that you had scribbled on. It was like a present from you; as if you had left it there especially for me. It made me smile. I miss you so much, that will never change. I love you.*

Jennifer Quick - March 28, 2019 at 07:32 PM


Jennifer
Quick

“ *Four months. So much has happened since you passed away but you already know that. I think of you daily and talk to you often but again, you already know that. We celebrated my 49th birthday. It really wasn't the same with you not here.....not to mention no lasagna!! Lol. I know you are no longer in pain, so I am forever grateful for that but damn! It truly sucks that you're gone. I love you, Mom.*

Jennifer Quick - February 28, 2019 at 07:49 PM


Jennifer
Quick

“ *You've been gone for two months now. Not a day goes by that I don't think of you. We celebrated our first Thanksgiving and Christmas without you. We made the best of it; you were talked about often, but you already know that. We miss you so much, there is a void that will never be filled. I have a few voicemail messages saved from you. It gives me great comfort knowing that I have them; I frequently listen to them. Hearing your voice brings me such comfort. No matter how old we are, we always need our Mom.*

I miss you so much. I love you.

Jennifer Quick - December 28, 2018 at 01:26 PM

JE

“ *Mom, I miss you so very much.*



Jennifer - November 17, 2018 at 08:13 PM

RI

“ 2 files added to the album K1



Rihcard - November 13, 2018 at 12:40 AM

SR

“ *Rich and family, There are no words adequate to express our heartfelt sympathy. May Kathy's spirit and legacy live on in your hearts and may you find comfort in your memories. We feel blessed to have met Kathy in Kansas and most recently our time together in Ohio. We will always remember the laughs and fun family time we had.*

Sincere sympathy, Bill and Sandy

Sandy Rounsley - November 03, 2018 at 07:27 PM

N.

“ *Rich...Deepest Sympathy...N.H.Dotson*

N.H.Dotson - October 31, 2018 at 11:50 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathy Bolesta.*



October 31, 2018 at 12:44 PM

JS

“*Kathy and my mom were sisters and they were the best of friends. She had a dependable, easy-going persona coupled with a reliably dry sense of humor that I always found personally endearing. She was a hero of mine when I, her nephew, was a little boy.*

One of my earliest memories is of her in her Senior year of High School, and she was getting ready for a big Homecoming Football game, back in the mid '60's. I couldn't have been more than 3 or 4. Also, I'll never forget her coming back from seeing one of my first "favorite bands" in those days - The Box Tops (favorite song in those days: "The Letter"). When she got home, she surprised me with a drum stick she caught at the end of the concert when the drummer tossed his sticks into the crowd. I was a proud young man with that very special drum stick and I cherished it for years!

In more recent decades she and her family would come down from Broken Arrow and visit at my mom's ranch in East Texas... I always looked forward to the times that I got to be with her and spend time with her. She was good family time. She was always so warm and easy to be with. She wasn't just my fun and funny Aunt, she was also subtly wise and insightful.

I will now miss knowing she was up the road, there, in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, persevering through life with the rest of us mortals. But I know she and my mom are finally back together again, cracking jokes and commenting on the world's current events.

Godspeed, Aunt Kathy.

Jeff Stager - October 31, 2018 at 11:23 AM

SC

“ As I am greatly saddened at the news of Kathy passing, some memories came to me that brought a smile to my face. Those are the things I want to pay tribute to Kathy to. The memories. For those memories are what make her live on. They are like inside jokes that you share with only those that were there. So for me I am going to simply give a word or two that I hope will bring some happy memories and possibly a laugh to those that had the honor of knowing Kathy.

*The queen of QVC
"loving" the little drummer boy
going all out on Christmas
Peanut brittle.
Sewing like a pro.
Her caring soul.*

Scott

Scott - October 31, 2018 at 09:09 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Kathy Bolesta.*



October 31, 2018 at 08:44 AM



“ *Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Kathy Bolesta.*



October 30, 2018 at 12:32 PM



“ *Richard and family,
Recalling many fine memories of our younger days and times of spending time together. Our visit with you a couple years ago was special for us.
Remember all the good and happy times as they do bring comfort.
Stuart and Carol Seashols*

Stuart and Carol Seashols - October 30, 2018 at 07:24 AM



*Richard and family ...
Although time is sometimes short, always remember your memories. Keep them close. May God guise Kathy into heaven and also help ease your pain. God bless each and everyone.
Wanda Ballou (Guy Blatnik's wife)*

wanda Ballou Rogel - October 30, 2018 at 07:45 AM



“ *It is our honor and privilege to serve the Bolesta family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Kathleen.*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - October 29, 2018 at 08:50 AM