



## Kathy Jo Sowards and Hunter

November 21, 2013

Thursday, November 21, 2013, mother and son were called to Heaven within 30 minutes of one another. Kathy Jo Sowards and her infant son, Hunter Austin Walker passed away at Cabell-Huntington Hospital.

Kathy was born November 19, 1985 in Huntington and was the daughter of Greg and Lisa Persinger Sowards. She was also preceded in death by her grandfather, Arnie Persinger. She was a dietician with Genesis Teays Center, Hurricane with nine years of service and was a 2003 graduate of Hurricane High School.

In addition to Greg and Lisa, also surviving them are Kathy's daughter and Hunter's sister, Hayley Nicole Walker and Todd Walker, Kathy's fiancée and the children's, father. Brother/Uncle Gregory Sowards, Jr. (Christy); grandmothers, Katherine Sowards and Diana Persinger both of Culloden and Wanda Persinger of Hometown also survive them. There are several other aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews including Mikie, Lindsey, Xander and Troy Alan surviving as well as Todd's mother, Sandy Walker of Culloden.

Funeral service for Kathy and Hunter will be held at 2pm Monday, November 25, 2013 at Chapman Funeral Home, 3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane with Pastor Darren Persinger officiating. Burial will follow in Valley View Memorial Park, Hurricane, WV. Visitation will be held from 4-6pm Sunday at the funeral

home. You may visit [www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com](http://www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com) to share sympathies with the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Valley View Memorial Park

2466 Main Street  
Hurricane, WV 25526

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **24**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Chapman Funeral Home Hurricane  
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## Funeral Service

NOV **25**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kathy Jo Sowards and Hunter*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *Mr And Mrs Kevin Morris lit a candle in memory of Kathy Jo Sowards and Hunter*



**Mr and Mrs Kevin Morris** - November 25, 2013 at 03:16 PM



Jessica  
Henderson

“ *Lisa, Greg, Diana, Todd, Haley and family i send my condolences life is not fair. Kathy Jo was a very strong loving young women, daughter, mother, companion and friend. She n Hunter are truly angels they will forever be missed n loved. My heartbreaks for Haley.*

**Jessica Henderson** - November 25, 2013 at 11:43 AM



“ *I had the blessing of taking care of Kathy and Hunter this pregnancy. Kathy was a wonderful person and truely loved her children. She was so excited for Hunter's birth. You could see the love she had for her daughter because her whole room was decorated with her drawings!!! Heaven now has two special angels!! We miss you Hunter and Kathy!!!*

**Kelly Cummings** - November 24, 2013 at 07:09 PM

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*“ GREG,LISA,DIANA AND ALL THE FAMILY,WE ARE TRULY HEARTBROKEN FOR YOUR LOSS,SORRY WE DIDN'T GET TO MAKE THE SERVICE,BUT YOU ARE TRULY IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.WILMA STANLEY AND SANDY MCDANIEL.LOVE AND PRAYERS TO ALL OF YOU.*

**wilma stanley** - November 24, 2013 at 04:32 PM

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*“ Kathy was a courageous young woman who for the love her children and family gave the ultimate sacrifice. God truly has a special place by His side for his new angels. Love you Kathy and Hunter I will carry you in my heart always.*

**Patty Chapman** - November 24, 2013 at 09:13 AM



*“ Todd my heart breaks for you and Haley I will be here for you anytime just remember that. Jesseie Burdette*

**Jessie Burdette J** - November 24, 2013 at 08:31 AM

LK

*“ I had the privilage of seeing Kathy nearly every day as we ran her dialysis. We watched her belly and excitement grow over the prospects of a new baby. She was a wonderful girl and it is already not the same without her. All of our hearts were truly broken when she and baby Hunter were taken. Nothing I can say, no condolences I can offer will ease any pain. However, I just wanted to share how she touched our lives, touched my life. We often exchanged pictures of our babies and compared parenting tips and advice. I looked forward to seeing her. She was a light; and things will forever be a little darker without her in the world.*

**LK** - November 24, 2013 at 07:04 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Kathy Jo Sowards and Hunter.*



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November 23, 2013 at 09:44 PM



“ *I remember Kathy from school we were friends and we grew apart older we got. One thing about her is she had big heart and cared for everyone.. Heaven gained two angels her and baby hunter..*

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**Priscilla** - November 23, 2013 at 09:42 PM



“ *Truly sorry to hear this . I just want to share this with the family . On one of camping trips to Beech Fork , we had been playing cards around the picnic table with Kat and one of her friends ,all having a wonderful time and getting pretty loud when Kat put her finger on her mouth and said shhhhhh, the park ranger will get us . This lead all your of laughing and getting louder . To this day I still laugh . Miss those times . Haley , I know you will miss your mommy so much as you grow up , just remember mommy is always with you , when you need her the most you will feel her , Your mommy is one of sweetie and kind hearted young woman I had the honor to know . prayers and comfort to the family .*

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**kelly sowards** - November 23, 2013 at 02:15 PM



“ *So sorry prayers to your family*

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**Vickie Rice** - November 22, 2013 at 09:35 PM

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*Kathy was a strong loving and caring person. She spent the last months on this earth protecting and trying to bring Hunter into this world. Although her and my brother Todd had not officially married she was and will always be my sister in law. She gave us the greatest gift ever in my niece Hayley ;her beautiful daughter. The world is a much sadder place without her and my precious nephew Hunter. It gives me comfort to know that she will forever have Hunter in her loving arms. You are deeply loved and greatly missed; never to be forgotten. All my love to both Kathy and Hunter. Wendy*

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**Wendy** - November 23, 2013 at 01:55 PM