



Kay Lucia

July 19, 1951 - April 15, 2025

Kay Norrie Lucia, of Milledgeville, Georgia, passed away peacefully on April 15, 2025, at Atrium Health Navicent Baldwin. In accordance with her wishes, funeral services will be private.

Born on July 19, 1951, in a U.S. Army hospital in Nuremberg, Germany, Kay was the daughter of then-Captain George Norrie and Audrey Norrie. As part of a military family, her early years were spent in various locations, including Ft. Benning, GA; Ft. Leavenworth, KS; Ft. Monroe, VA; Manila, Philippines; and Ft. Knox, KY, before the family eventually settled in Milledgeville, GA. There, Kay graduated from Baldwin County High School in 1969. She was predeceased by her parents.

Kay pursued an extensive education in nursing and healthcare administration. She earned an Associate of Science in Nursing in 1978, followed by a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1988, and a Master of Science in Nursing in 1990—all from Georgia College in Milledgeville. In 2004, she completed a Master of Business Administration in Management from Wesleyan College in Macon, GA. She was a proud member of Phi Kappa Phi and Sigma Theta Tau, the international nursing honor society.

Kay began her nursing career at Baldwin County Hospital (now Atrium Health Navicent Baldwin) in the Medical-Surgical Unit. From 1980 to 1987, she

served as the plant nurse at Grumman Aircraft in Milledgeville, where she received commendations and recognition for her professional excellence. In 1987, Kay transitioned into administrative and leadership roles, beginning a distinguished 34-year career with Atrium Health Navicent in Macon, GA. She held a number of key positions, including roles at the Occupational Health Center and Employee Health Center, as well as serving as Outcomes Manager, Clinical Financial Manager, and Risk Manager. She retired in 2021 as Director of Risk Management for Navicent Health Systems.

Kay was actively involved in a number of professional and community organizations, including the American Cancer Society (Baldwin County Unit), the American Red Cross (Blood Drive Chairperson), the Middle Georgia and American Association of Occupational Health Nurses, and the American Heart Association, where she served as president of the Baldwin County Unit in 1986. Her certifications included Basic Cardiac Life Support Instructor, Occupational Health Nursing, Occupational Hearing Conservationist, and Pulmonary Function Testing.

She is survived by her husband of 20 years, Peter Lucia; her daughter, Dawn Traxler, and Dawn's fiancé, Michael McCadden, both of Milledgeville; her brother and sister-in-law, Ken and Sallie Norrie of Jacksonville, FL; her cousins, Diane Davis of Social Circle, GA; Sally (Mike) Bamman of Fort Myers, FL; and Dan (Karen) Jenkins of Atlanta, GA. She also leaves behind her beloved rescue cats, Max and Lily.

Kay met her husband, Peter, in Milledgeville in 1993, and they were married on August 28, 2005, in Amelia Island, FL. Together, they shared a love for travel, particularly beach vacations, and were passionate Florida Gators football fans. Many of their weekends were spent in Gainesville, FL, tailgating with family and friends. Kay also enjoyed reading, crocheting, and summer days by the pool with Peter.

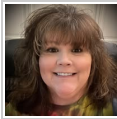
Kay lived a vibrant and fulfilling life. Her dedication to her profession, community, and loved ones leaves a lasting legacy. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Tribute Wall

SF

“ I was in second and third grade with Kay at Ft. Monroe. Her mother was a teacher. Today I thought of her, as I've done for years, as my birthday is July 9 and her's was July 19. I knew when I saw her picture it was Kay. Then I read her obituary and it included Ft. Monroe. RIP dear friend, I never forgot you.

Sue C Froeschle - July 19, 2025 at 09:31 AM



Thank you for the letter.

Dawn Traxler - July 29, 2025 at 12:51 PM

ED

“ Momma Kay was my hero. She taught me how to take Blood Pressures at the mall when she held clinics. She had an influence on me going to Nursing School. She loved Dawn so much and I loved the many times spent with them. Wonderful memories of Kay, may she rest in peace.



Eve Pennington Derstine - May 09, 2025 at 09:39 PM



“ Alice Hunnicutt lit a candle in memory of Kay Lucia



Alice Hunnicutt - April 30, 2025 at 08:33 PM

HB

“ Harold Brown lit a candle in memory of Kay Lucia



Harold Brown - April 28, 2025 at 10:48 PM

HM

“ Peter and Dawn,

I thought so much of Kay. As an "outside" defense attorney for the hospital system, I worked closely with her and also developed a meaningful friendship.

On the work front, she was extremely organized, always a clean desk, prompt and efficient. I worked with many risk managers over 30 years, and without being critical of others, she clearly was the best. And she didn't mind when I called her at odd hours with a thought or question about a case.

Personally, she was such a warm, positive person. Her smile and laughter always cheered those around her. We talked about a world of things, including you two and her late mother. She always laughed at my jokes, making me like her even more. When we last talked, she was realistic about her prognosis, but still positive. We had retired at about the same time. I regret she didn't have many retirement years to spend with Peter.

My sympathy to you both.

Hal Meeks

Hal Meeks - April 28, 2025 at 12:43 PM

BG

“ *Betty F Governale lit a candle in memory of Kay Lucia*



Betty F Governale - April 26, 2025 at 07:41 AM

EM

“ *Kay was a high school friend. My condolences to the family.*



Ellen Mayers - April 24, 2025 at 10:47 AM

SD

“ *I worked with Kay for a short period of time. I admired her dedication and compassion. She will be missed! Condolences and prayers to the family. May you find comfort in Rev 21:4 “And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away.” A promise we all look forward to.*

Shan Davison - April 24, 2025 at 10:24 AM

KC

“ *I met Kay while she was our nurse at Grumman,,our paths crossed again these last few years. To know Kay was such a Blessing! My thoughts and prayers for Peter, Dawn , Ken and family!*

Karen Classen - April 23, 2025 at 09:17 PM

DB

“ My condolences to Kay's family. *Debbi Proctor Batchelor.*

Debbi Batchelor - April 23, 2025 at 05:05 PM

LM

“ *Peter & Dawn & Family,
Thank y'all for being loyal customers.
We always enjoyed seeing Ms Audrey; and
when she could not come Peter came for her.
This for all your Friends at Johnnie McDade
Grocery.*

*We met Kay in 8th grade at BHS Class of 1969. We had four fun
years together.*

We appreciate all her Nursing and Administration.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

With love from Luther and Berta Minor.

All your Friends at Johnnie McDade Grocery.



Luther Minor - April 22, 2025 at 04:31 PM

JF

*I admired Kay for the love and care she always had for her mom
especially. Audrey was never neglected by her family.
My sympathy to them all. Janet*

janet P Ferguson - April 23, 2025 at 03:41 PM

SU

“ I first met Kay at Baldwin High School when she, with her family, settled in Milledgeville. We quickly became fast friends and had a few adventures together. One that stands out is the day at my home (around age 16) when we decided to bleach my hair. All went well until time to shampoo and we discovered the water wasn't working. We jumped in the car and drove to her home in Carrington Woods to shampoo my hair. Needless to say I was a platinum blonde for a while. I'll always remember Kay as a kind and respected nurse aside from our friendship. I haven't seen her in years but her death really saddens me. Rest in peace, Friend.



Sue - April 22, 2025 at 02:30 PM

AM

“ A. Miller lit a candle in memory of Kay Lucia



A. Miller - April 22, 2025 at 01:12 PM

WM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time. Graduated with Kay great person and at Grumman

waylogene meyer - April 22, 2025 at 12:39 PM

EO

I am so sorry for your loss.
Emily Owens

Emily Owens - April 23, 2025 at 10:07 AM

WH

Kay was always such a great friend!!! We met at Baldwin County Hospital many years ago when Kay was just beginning her nursing career. We became pals right away and had so many good times. Kay was my Matron of Honor in June of 1979—almost 46 years ago. As the years passed, we went different ways and lost contact until 1997 when I started my job at The Medical Center of Central Georgia. I was so thrilled to learn that Kay worked there, too. It was so nice to be able to see her almost every day again. When I left MCCG in 2011, we became old friends once again. Kay was definitely one of a kind—so smart and driven to be the best at whatever she endeavored to do in life!!!! I will never forget her dry quick wit and her ability to handle anything that happened on and off the job. Nothing ever seemed to phase Kay. She was always in control and gave me a lot of sound advice that I remember and value to this day. I was so shocked and saddened earlier today to learn of her passing. My deepest condolences go out to her family, especially her daughter, Dawn. May God be with all of you now and in the days to come.

Wanda Hearn - April 23, 2025 at 09:15 PM