



## Mrs. Kayra Bailey Connell

September 3, 1968 - May 1, 2023

Kayra Bailey Connell, 54, of Plant City, born on September 3, 1968, in Lakeland, entered into eternal rest on May 1, 2023. She was a career retirement plan administrator, and enjoyed reading, dogs, game shows, puzzles, shopping, and cross-stitching. She is survived by husband of 20 years, David Connell; parents, Lawrence and Glenda Bailey of Plant City; sister, Heather Holland (Michael) of Plant City; mother-in-law, Teresa Higginbotham of Kissimmee; and a niece, nephew, family, and friends. A funeral service will be held Saturday, May 6 at 4:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 South County Road 39, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 3:00 P.M. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to your local ASPCA. Expressions of condolences at [www.HopewellFuneral.com](http://www.HopewellFuneral.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 6. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

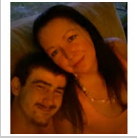
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kayra was my best friend growing up. Church and school. We spent many days after church together.*

*We had tshirts made in highschool. She had my nickname for her, Chomp Chomp put on hers. ❤️*

*I miss you my friend. We will meet again soon.*



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**Tammy Caldorni** - July 06, 2023 at 06:33 PM

HH

“ Kayra was my big sis, my only sis, and for many years my voice due to me not talking right away. The sister picking was always there, but through it the love was too. As much as it would take to get her back for her sneaky way of getting me into trouble. When I finally got her it was a sweet sorrow. Funny neither of us wish to see the other in trouble. Well, dad might say say something else but I choose to call it other wise. One of my favorite ways and oh she hated it was to sing songs to her about how skinny she was. In honor of my sis I will not tell you was song I made up but it was bad. Kayra would run to mom and say she aka me, is at it again make her stop. Well, if you know me that is just not how I work even way back then. My sister lost it on me a few times, but in truth never did not love me as her little doll and then sis. She had asked God for me so I was told. Kayra had such Patience with me and never stop loving God and the gift He gave to her. Being her family, friends, and husband. She had a wild side too and was very competitive. If you had just met her you would have had no idea, but talk about politics, well you would see it then. Kayra was a idea Lifestyle prepper the idea she had to protect her family from whatever the world ended with I think the government could use them. She was very smart and everything she Di have to say I always was a little jealous of that it came so easy I could have asked God for a. Better sister he knew exactly what he was doing when he put the 2 of us together I helped her out of her shadows. In corner walls and she helped ring me in in my wild child ways. Not many people could have withstood being raised with me. She is one of a million and then some. I'll be looking forward to seeing her again one day. Then she will have no way to get away after all at that point it is forever. We laughed about that too. There was love no greater then the secret silence love we had for each other. Thank you for keeping me alive and letting me be your baby doll all this time. For loving my baby's as you own.

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Heather Bailey Holland - May 07, 2023 at 11:52 AM

DV

“ Kayla was the flower girl at our wedding 50 years ago. It was sad to hear the news about her passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends. Please know that when we think our our wedding day, she was always in our memory of such a special moment in our life. May the Lord, Jesus Christ, bless you all at this time.

*Dan and Cindy Vines*

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**Dan and Cindy Vines** - May 06, 2023 at 01:22 PM

AG

“ Kayra had many good traits and one that stands out is her loving and caring attitude, even during her last years as her health became worse. When we would talk in person, on the phone, or via text, no matter how bad she was feeling she would always ask how we and our family were doing.

*We were blessed to have the privilege to be an uncle and aunt to Kayra the past 54+ years and we will surely miss her! Love and prayers for Dave and Kayra's family. Alan and Sue*

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**Alan and Sue Griffin** - May 06, 2023 at 01:04 PM

SC

“ Susan and Michael Cahill purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mrs. Kayra Bailey Connell.

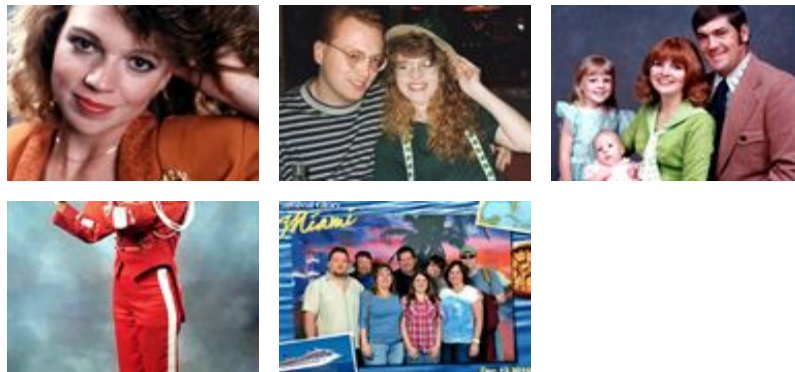


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**Susan and Michael Cahill** - May 05, 2023 at 12:28 PM



“ 45 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - May 05, 2023 at 12:00 PM

JV

“ Thinking of you all during this time. Kayra will be missed by so many. We have made a donation to ASPCA in her honor. Thoughts, prayers and love to you all. Chad, Jami, Avery and Cole

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**Jami Vines** - May 04, 2023 at 01:01 PM

MF

“ Mr. & Mrs. Mike Sellers & Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mrs. Kayra Bailey Connell.



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**Mr. & Mrs. Mike Sellers & Family** - May 04, 2023 at 09:06 AM

DA

“ My thoughts and sympathies are with your family at this difficult time.

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**Daniel** - May 04, 2023 at 08:42 AM

YC

*Our thoughts, memories, love and Prayers are with you during this difficult time. Yuvonne and Jim Cameron*

**Yuvonne Cameron** - May 06, 2023 at 11:11 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Kayra Bailey Connell.*



May 03, 2023 at 01:55 PM