



Kathy J. Schepers

October 22, 1945 - June 14, 2013

Kathryn J. Schepers Obituary

Kathy J. Schepers, who touched countless lives of all generations with her incredible passion for life, went to the Lord peacefully on Friday, June 14, 2013, in her home after a long, brave battle with cancer. She was 67.

Kathy is survived by husband, Larry; and children Michael Schepers and wife Jen of Johnson City, TN; Chris and husband Steve Cichon of Bozeman, MT; and Eric Schepers and Carole Erickson of Adel, IA. Grandchildren include Haley, Samantha, Geneva and Estella Schepers; Michael, Alexis, and Nicholas Cichon; Valerie (Dave) Edwards, Brooke Schlieger as well as three great grandchildren. Sister Judy and husband Mark Appelhanz of Topeka, KS and brother Bob and Mary MaCoy of Waverly, MO.

Kathy was born October 22, 1945, to Marion and Irene MaCoy. She grew up in rural York, NE, where graduated from York High School in 1963.

Kathy married her high school sweetheart Larry Schepers on April 10, 1965. They enjoyed 48 years of marriage (nearly half a century as husband and wife) while raising their family, farming in Fairmont and surrounding Nebraska. Possessing a sharp wit and adventurous spirit, Kathy partnered and formed Geneva and Columbus Tour and Travel Agency. She would go on to help countless others realize their vacation dreams and continue her travels for many years to remote islands and many other destinations across five continents.

Kathy enjoyed life to the fullest with her family and large circle of friends over

a lifetime filled with laughter, a listening ear, and a tender embrace to those in need. She has touched many lives and refused to let her courageous battle with cancer slow her bridge play, golf game, or social time.

Kathy had a deep, residing faith in God. She encouraged that we all enjoy every day to the fullest. She will be missed.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to F.B.O. cancer research in care of Suzi Bettger at 816 N St. Geneva, NE 68361 or Fairmont Catholic Cemetery in care of John Smith at 215 E Pst McCool Junction 68401.

A Funeral Mass for Kathy was held on Wednesday, June 19, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Exeter, Nebraska. Father Kuffel Tom officiated the service. Greg Rehm accompanied the congregation in the singing of "On Eagles' Wings" and "Song Of Farewell." He also accompanied John Jasnowski in the singing of "Take My Life." The recorded selection "Ave Maria," recorded by Jen Schepers, was played during the Offertory.

Pallbearers for the service included Michael Schepers, Alexis Cichon, Haley Schepers, Samantha Schepers, Valerie Edwards, Nicholas Cichon, Brooke Schlieger, Geneva Schepers, and Estella Schepers. Interment was held in the Fairmont Catholic Cemetery. Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

RN

“ *SORRY to HEAR of your LOSS r.i.p. kathy randy nun*

Randy S. Nun - June 22, 2013 at 07:00 PM

DW

“ *We are sorry for the loss of Kathy. She was a great friend and co-worker right after high school. She was always a lot of fun to be with. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Time and memories will lessen the pain.*

Dennis & Marianne Wagner - June 21, 2013 at 02:57 PM

LB

“ *Larry and family, We were so sad to hear that Kathy has left our world. She did enjoy life and although we didn't see you to much I will never forget her laugh. She always had a smile and a giggle. Kathy will be so missed by all of her friends also. Our prayers are sent to each and everyone of you. Nan and Larry Becwar*

Larry and Nancy Becwar - June 20, 2013 at 07:07 PM

VD

“ *I have great memories of your mom and your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Vicky (Johnson) Davis*

Vicky Davis - June 19, 2013 at 09:20 PM

JA

“ Dear Larry and family, Sure thinking about all of you at this very difficult time. Cheryl let me know about Kathy, and I'm so sorry. As I remember her, she had lots of fun, and cherished her family, and friends. She'll certainly be missed. You have my sincere sympathy.
Jane Aalborg

Jane Aalborg - June 19, 2013 at 09:16 PM

RB

“ Robert Bettenhausen has sent this Expressions of Sympathy card.

Robert Bettenhausen - June 19, 2013 at 07:16 PM

BR

“ We are so sorry for the loss of your dear wife and mother, Kathy. She was a dear friend, and we will all miss her smile and wit. She no longer suffers and is in the arms of her Lord and Savior. May she rest in Peace. Our condolences to all of you.

Bart and Carol Rath - June 19, 2013 at 12:56 AM

LD

“ Our deepest sympathy to all of you. Our memories extend over many years ... from the harvest crew to Fairmont High School activities to nights at the Tiger's Den. All memories become priceless treasures.
Rest in peace, Kathy. And our prayers & thoughts are with the family. Jim & Lana Daws

Lana daws - June 18, 2013 at 06:43 PM

CK

“ Eric and Family, So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Cheri Knoell - June 18, 2013 at 03:23 PM

JB

“ God Bless all of you at this very difficult time. Kathy is in all of our hearts forever. Our thoughts are prayers are with you always.

Julie (Jennett) Book - June 17, 2013 at 06:05 PM

DD

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Larry, and all of your family. It is such a difficult time dealing with the loss of a loved one. God bless you now and the difficult days ahead.

Diane Weber Dailey - June 17, 2013 at 10:26 AM

LK

“ For as long as I can remember, the Schepers and Finney families were a source of mutual support in good times and difficult times. My prayers are with you during this time of such a sad loss. God Bless

Linda Finney Kokoszki - June 16, 2013 at 09:39 PM

BH

“ Our deepest sympathies for your loss. She was a special lady and a great friend.

Bill&Joann Hansen - June 16, 2013 at 12:29 PM

C(

“ Kathy & Larry were so nice to me over the years, but Duncan Lakes were the best. Larry would come driving by every night with their pontoon boat and Kathy always looked good in her swimsuit. They were great fun all the time. She will be entertaining everyone on her boat in heaven.

Christine Shank (Reins) - June 16, 2013 at 11:12 AM

CB

“ Oh, I wish I could be with you, Chris and family. What a beautiful expression of family love you have shown! Know we are here waiting to be with you. Xoxoxo Christy

Christy berg - June 16, 2013 at 10:46 AM

CT

“ Kathy was the light of so many of our lives. Her spirit and zest for living were infectious to all. My children all have many fun and fond memories made with her, as she always made each of them feel very special. We are all deeply saddened by her passing, but know that God has her in the palm of his hand now. May angels be with all of you now. I was so privileged to have her be a part of my life.

Cheryl Thomas-Miller - June 16, 2013 at 09:55 AM

VA

“ I am so sorry to hear this news. Kathy will be missed as she is loved by so many. RIP, Kathy! And my thoughts and prayers to Larry, Mike, Chris, Eric and families.

Vicki Allgood - June 15, 2013 at 09:20 PM

CP

“ So many memories. Name the sport and we were there cheering on one of our kids. My favorite memory of Kathy was a 2:00 A.M. phone call on a cold and snowy nite. She and Larry had just returned home. "Is Eric at your place? He isn't home!" Not at our house. 15 minutes later she called laughing uncontrollably. "Never mind. The darn kid is on the sofa downstairs."

Connie Pieper - June 15, 2013 at 06:45 PM

KS

“ *There are no words I can come up with to express my feelings today except to say how lucky I feel to have had Kathy as a friend. My heart hurts along with many other friends. My love to all of you.*

Karen Senften - June 15, 2013 at 09:33 AM