



Kathleen Annette Keller

January 5, 1951 - January 13, 2015

Kathleen Annette Keller was called to her eternal rest on January 13, 2015, at the age of 64, after a brief illness. She was born January 5, 1951, to Kenneth and Mary Lucille (Burke) Joyce.

She married her soul mate and best friend, Bruce Keller, on May 25, 1973.

Kathleen was preceded in death by her parents and 2 sisters.

She leaves behind her husband of Dixon; 3 children whose loss is immeasurable Mary Kathryn "Cassie" (Kevin) Winchell, Elliott Francis Keller, and Kristin Brigitte (Mike) Petrov; 3 grandchildren who she was so proud of and who brought so much joy and laughter to her world, Benjamin, David, and Griffin; 2 sisters who will feel a void in their hearts forever, Tish (Ron) Emmole, and Mary Eileen (Mike) Rostkowski; brothers Tim and Kevin Joyce; and special sister Kathy Buntrock.

She graduated from Dixon High School in 1969, and St. Anthony's School of Nursing in 1973. She worked as a Registered Nurse at KSB Hospital, where she spent the majority of her career sharing her expertise with the next generation of nurses. She retired from KSB's Emergency Department on January 10, 2015.

A woman of few words, she was Kathleen to family, and Kathy to friends and co-workers. Her heart was larger than the ocean and she will be missed but forever remembered by everyone whose life she touched.

Visitation will be on Friday, January 16, 2015, from 4:00 to 8:00 PM in Jones Funeral Home with a Memorial Service at 7:30 PM. Cremation rites have been

accorded. A memorial has been established. Condolences may be sent online at www.thejonesfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Jones Funeral Home, Dixon
204 South Ottawa
Dixon, IL 61021
Ph: 815-288-2241
info@thejonesfh.com
<https://www.thejonesfh.com>

Service

JAN 16. 7:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kathleen Annette Keller*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Kathleen Annette Keller*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to Elliot, Bruce and the rest of the family. She was an amazing person. Thoughts, prayers and blessings to each one of you. Wayne and Tia Richards*

Tia Richards - January 19, 2015 at 09:33 AM



“ *Mary and David Sills purchased the With Our Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket for the family of Kathleen Annette Keller.*



Mary and David Sills - January 17, 2015 at 12:24 PM



“ *May God bless and keep you and yours. We are so sorry for your loss and will keep you in our prayers. Please let us know if there is anything we can do. Warmest regards, Mary and David Sills*



Mary & David Sills - January 17, 2015 at 12:04 PM

BT

“ We are thinking of your family and send our deepest condolences. Lyman greatly appreciated working with Kathy on the night shift for many years. She touched so many lives and will be greatly missed. Sincerely, Barbara and Lyman Tieman

Barbara E Tieman - January 17, 2015 at 06:26 AM

JS

“ jeffrey Shoaf purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Kathleen Annette Keller.



jeffrey Shoaf - January 16, 2015 at 10:43 AM

RB

“ So sorry for your loss. From your cousins, Ron & Carol Biester



Ron & Carol Biester - January 16, 2015 at 10:14 AM



“ Bruce and family, My deep condolences . I knew Kathy when working at KSB for many years. I always will remember the kindness she gave to patients and excellent skills in the ICU . I not only enjoyed working with Kathy, but she also helped care for my brother during his final days at the hospital from having cancer..she was so supportive and caring to all her patients..and I personally know how much that means to a family. she will be greatly missed and always know , that she made a big difference to the lives of many. May she rest in peace.

Cindy Boyenga - January 16, 2015 at 09:26 AM

NN

“ Bruce & Family,

So sorry to hear about Kathy. Will keep you & your family in our thoughts & prayers.

Nancy Nelson

Nancy Nelson - January 16, 2015 at 09:19 AM

SS

“ Social Studies teachers at DeKalb High School purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Kathleen Annette Keller.



Social Studies teachers at DeKalb High School - January 15, 2015 at 02:36 PM

PS

“ *PATTI & TOLLE SWANSON purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Kathleen Annette Keller.*



PATTI & TOLLE SWANSON - January 15, 2015 at 01:45 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Kathleen Annette Keller.*



January 15, 2015 at 01:24 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathleen Annette Keller.*



January 15, 2015 at 11:30 AM

YD

“ *Your friends in the math department purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Kathleen Annette Keller.*



Your friends in the math department - January 15, 2015 at 06:36 AM

YD

“ Your friends in the math department purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Kathleen Annette Keller.



Your friends in the math department - January 15, 2015 at 06:32 AM

CK

“ I worked with Kathy in ICU for several years and found her to be a great mentor and nurse as well as a wonderful friend. She will be greatly missed by family, friends and patients, for whom she cared. Rest in peace Kathy. Carol Koehler

Carol Koehler - January 14, 2015 at 10:40 PM

SF

“ Bruce and family, My deepest condolences! Kathy was an amazing lady and excellent nurse!! She was also a mentor as she hired me to work under her in Intensive Care back in 1986. She taught me so much ... I will always remember her. She was incredible!! My thoughts and prayers are with you all. May you rest in peace Kathy!!!

sherrie faley - January 14, 2015 at 07:52 PM

JB

“ To Bruce Keller and family and friends, please accept my sincere sympathy in your loss of Kathleen. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you. May God bless you, comfort you during this difficult time, and in the days ahead, and be with you, always.



Janet E. Barlow - January 14, 2015 at 07:36 PM

AJ

“ To the entire family, I was shocked and saddened to hear the news, My thoughts and prayers to the entire family as I will be out of town, Kathleen is a cousin on the Joyce side and also a fellow nurse.
Anita Wolber Johnson

Anita Wolber Johnson - January 14, 2015 at 04:53 PM



“ Kathy was our cousin from my dad's side of the family. Clara Joyce Heinzerth was our grandmother. I remember many fun days with her and her brothers and sisters. My sister Chris and I are sad to hear of her passing and will keep you and your family in our prayers.

Sandy Rountree

Sandra Rountree - January 14, 2015 at 04:30 PM

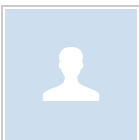
JA

“ Bruce, I am so sorry to hear of this bad news. My thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Jan Atilano



Jan Atilano - January 14, 2015 at 12:34 PM



“ Let It Snow was purchased for the family of Kathleen Annette Keller.



January 14, 2015 at 10:26 AM



“ Bruce & family, I am so sorry for your loss.

Carolee J. James

Carolee James - January 14, 2015 at 10:17 AM

SH

“ Kathy was a great mentor to many nurses. Very early in my career, she asked me if I had started an IV yet. With my negative answer, she laid out the supplies and offered me her arm. Though unsuccessful with that first attempt, she taught me many things to improve this and many more nursing skills. Sue Helms RN

Susan Helms - January 14, 2015 at 09:09 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kathleen Annette Keller.



January 14, 2015 at 08:51 AM

WS

“ Bruce, Cassie, Elliot and Kristin, I am so very sorry for your loss. Cherish the memories. I am thinking of you all during this difficult time! Wendi Schafer

Wendi Schafer - January 14, 2015 at 08:17 AM



Michelle Cuevas

“ I remember a night in the old ER with a combative patient. While 5 people held him down, Kathy asked if she could restrain him. She answered for him, saying "sure what ever you need to do. Then she tied the restraints so tight that in her words were "quick release (with scissors)". Her ability to hold down a patient always amazed me. Seeing a short and thin woman grab a muscular mans arm and hold it tight was a sight to see. I will miss Kathy so much.

Michelle Cuevas - January 14, 2015 at 02:43 AM

AM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Kathy was a great person and she will be truly missed.

Alison Kreger Masters - January 13, 2015 at 10:14 PM

AN

“ She was one of the best! Kathy you were like a mom to me. You were one of the first ones to the rescue when we welcomed Lexton into our lives. I'll NEVER forget the comfort and peace you brought to Ken and I that scary morning! You were not only one of the best nurses but the best of everything. I'll NEVER forget your smile and I can still hear your voice! YOU'LL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED. Thank you for blessing our lives with yours! Gone But Never Forgotten. Rest In Paradise Ma

Ann - January 13, 2015 at 10:13 PM

LW

“ So sorry for your loss. Kathy was an amazing woman with a lot of expertise in her job! She taught me so much when I did my clinicals for EMT training at ksb so sad to be seeing this right now and my heart goes out to family and friends of Kathy.

Lori ward - January 13, 2015 at 10:10 PM


Jennifer
Wilson

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to Kathy's family and staff at ksb. She touched so many lives in her time at ksb. She taught me alot thru emt and medic classes and working in the ER. She was a great nurse and a wonderful person. I am at a loss for words. May she rest in peace. God bless.* ”

Jennifer Wilson - January 13, 2015 at 10:04 PM

DW

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss, Kathy was a very special lady and a great nurse. She will be greatly missed.* ”

Deb White



Debbie White - January 13, 2015 at 09:34 PM

SL

“ *What a sad day! We will miss your smiling happy face in the post office! Rest in peace!* ”

Sylvia Latta - January 13, 2015 at 09:17 PM

KD

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. She was a great nurse and a wonderful person. Prayers to all of you.* ”

Kim Duffy - January 13, 2015 at 08:31 PM

BM

“ *Bruce and family, Cindy and I are thinking of you, Kathy was a special person, take care my friend, Bob Meany* ”

Bob Meany - January 13, 2015 at 06:33 PM