



Kathryn M. Nikkel

October 16, 1938 - April 27, 2017

Kathryn Marie Hilty Nikkel, 78, died Thursday, April 27, 2017 at Diversicare of Hutchinson, Kansas where she resided the last two months of her life. She was born October 16, 1938 near Donnellson, Iowa, the daughter of Carl and Viola Hilty.

She graduated from Versailles High School and attended Bethel College in North Newton, Kansas and graduated from the Bethel Deaconess School of Nursing in May of 1960. She married Abraham J. Nikkel at Fortuna, Missouri that same year.

Kathryn was a professional registered nurse most of her adult life. Early in her career she worked in clinical settings. The last 20 years of her career, she served as a geriatric nurse and later as the Director of Nursing at the Good Shepherd Care Center in Versailles, Missouri.

Kathryn was a member of the Bethel Mennonite Church community where she was involved with the Women in Mission. After the death of Abe in 2003, she faced declining eyesight and other health challenges. In 2004, she was lovingly embraced into the household of her sister, Twila and brother-in-law, Homer Garber. She loved serving cookies to the little grands that visited their home, watering the flowers at the mailbox, folding church bulletins, or washing up the last dishes from the meal with her sister and brother-in-law.

Kathryn is survived by a daughter, Julie Goering and her husband, Russell, Hutchinson, Kansas; a son, James P. Nikkel, Newton, Kansas; two granddaughters and their husbands, Anna and Jamar Crable and Maggie and Adam Pounds; great grandsons, Jalen and Javion Crable, and Arlo Abraham Pounds; siblings and in-laws, Twila and Homer Garber, Versailles, Missouri, Doris Hilty, Versailles, Missouri, Chester and Mary Hilty, Dixon, Illinois; her husband's sisters and brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews, and many other relatives and friends in various states. Her husband, Abe, her daughter, Rebecca, and her parents, Carl and Viola, preceded her in death.

Funeral service will be 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 3, 2017, at Bethel Mennonite Church, Fortuna, Missouri with Pastor Dave Zapf officiating. Burial will follow. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home, Versailles, Missouri. Memorial gifts may be made to Bethel Mennonite Church - Women In Mission, Fortuna, Missouri.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Cemetery Details

Bethel Cemetery

37830 Bethel Church Road
Fortuna, MO 65034

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Versailles Chapel
207 North Monroe St.
Versailles, MO 65084
(573) 378-4655

Service

MAY 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

Bethel Mennonite Church
37830 Bethel Church Rd.
Fortuna, MO 65034

Tribute Wall

MD

“ *Mary Ellen Dunnaway lit a candle in memory of Kathryn M. Nikkel*



Mary Ellen Dunnaway - May 09, 2017 at 07:16 PM



“ *Your mom was a very sweet ,kind lady.
Prayers for yall of you .sorry for your loss .the
Bill Patton Family and Penny And David Haile*



Penny Patton - May 05, 2017 at 05:02 PM

CS

“ *Cindy Hall Smith lit a candle in memory of Kathryn M. Nikkel*



Cindy Hall Smith - May 04, 2017 at 10:47 PM

DE

“ So sad to hear about cousin, Kathy. My name is Debbie and my mother, Louise was Kathy's first cousin. I remember what a sweet, loving and understanding woman she was. I have very, good memories of a visit that I made in 1984. God comfort, bless and keep you. Sending you much love and prayers. Take care.

Debbie - May 04, 2017 at 04:44 PM

DM

“ Prayers and thoughts to the families .



David and Debbie McCollom - May 04, 2017 at 12:33 PM

SO

“ I so wish we could be there this morning as you pay tribute and remember the special person Kathy was. I have such wonderful memories of her sweetness, acceptance and caring when visiting my aunt and uncle as the city girl coming to stay on the farm. Our love and prayers are with you all today. With virtual hugs to all - Suzanne Opp and family

Suzanne Opp - May 03, 2017 at 10:12 AM

GA

“ Ginger Arment lit a candle in memory of Kathryn M. Nikkel



Ginger Arment - May 03, 2017 at 07:36 AM

DL

“ Dawn Lehman lit a candle in memory of
Kathryn M. Nikkel



Dawn Lehman - May 02, 2017 at 06:18 PM

MT

“ Margaret Tellman lit a candle in memory of
Kathryn M. Nikkel



Margaret Tellman - May 02, 2017 at 11:05 AM

MT

*Kathryn was such a beautiful, gracious, kind lady. My Mother, Wini
McBroom and I so treasured her support and friendship.*

Margaret Tellman - May 02, 2017 at 11:10 AM

VG

“ Velma Goertzen lit a candle in memory of
Kathryn M. Nikkel



Velma Goertzen - May 02, 2017 at 10:52 AM

VG

*Thoughts and prayers are with you Julie and James as well as the
whole family.*

Velma Goertzen - May 02, 2017 at 10:52 AM

VG

“ *Such a shock to hear that Kathy has died. I had just been thinking of her and Abe this week because I am writing my life story and they both were part of our dating fun. Lots of double dates. So sorry I didn't realize that she was in Hutchinson. Would so have loved to see her. She was a beautiful loving caring friend and will be missed. Especially when the Round Robin comes around.*

Love, Velma Goertzen

Velma Goertzen - May 02, 2017 at 10:50 AM

BH

“ *Barbara Lehman Homan lit a candle in memory of Kathryn M. Nikkel*



Barbara Lehman Homan - May 01, 2017 at 07:57 AM

DH

“ *DeeDee Hutchison lit a candle in memory of Kathryn M. Nikkel*



DeeDee Hutchison - May 01, 2017 at 07:52 AM

MG

“ *Marleen Gerber-baker lit a candle in memory of Kathryn M. Nikkel*



marleen gerber-baker - April 30, 2017 at 10:12 PM

DM

“ *The family is in our thoughts and prayers*

David and Debbie Mccollom - April 29, 2017 at 11:56 PM

DM

“ *David And Debbie Mccollom lit a candle in memory of Kathryn M. Nikkel*



David and Debbie Mccollom - April 29, 2017 at 11:55 PM

JG

“ *Jerry Garber lit a candle in memory of Kathryn M. Nikkel*



Jerry Garber - April 28, 2017 at 11:51 PM

DM

In our thoughts and prayers

David and Debbie Mccollom - April 29, 2017 at 11:54 PM