



Kathleen Marie Kruger

August 30, 1953 - February 2, 2025

Kathleen Marie Kruger went to Heaven on the evening of February 2, 2025, surrounded by her family. She lived 71 glorious years.

Kathie was born on August 30, 1953, in Lakeview, Michigan, to Charles & Imogene McNeilly. She graduated from DeWitt high school in 1971 and married Daniel Kruger the same year.

Kathie & Dan moved to Mancelona in 1979, raising their 5 boys on a 30-acre homestead. She loved raising her farm animals, growing her garden and raising her family in the country.

Kathie was also a prolific cook and loved canning her home-grown food. She was passionate about tracing family genealogy, Michigan State Sports and traveling.

An avid book reader who amassed a very large book collection, Kathie was the assistant librarian at the Mancelona library from 1985-1995. She was also active in the local Red Cross and her church.

Rain, snow or sunshine never kept Kathie from attending every home game that her boys participated in, spanning from 1985-1998!

Known for her wonderful laugh, happy demeanor and a 1000 watt smile, Kathie was a great friend to many. She was always willing and ready to lend a helping hand in a moment's notice. She had great advice and was always there to offer a shoulder to cry on when needed.

Kathie is survived by her husband Daniel Kruger, and her sons: Scott Kruger, Jason (Rosie) Kruger, Josh (Jasmine) Kruger, Andy (Anita) Kruger, and Aaron (Amanda) Kruger.

She is also survived by her mother, Imogene McNeilly, brothers Ray (Harriet) McNeilly, Chris (Kathy) McNeilly and sister Sandy (Tim) VanDyke.

Kathie loved her 21 grandchildren and 7 Great grandchildren (soon to be 8 !) with her whole heart !

Preceding her in death was her father, Charles McNeilly.

Funeral services will be held Saturday February 8, 2025 at the Coldsprings Christian Fellowship church, 532 S. Cedar St. Kalkaska. Visitation starts at 1:00 p.m

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery North

9610 M-88
Mancelona, MI 49659

Previous Events

Service

FEB 8. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Coldsprings Christian Fellowship
532
S. Cedar St.
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Tribute Wall

DE

“ I remember aunt Kathy because she was my married to my uncle Danny Kruger and he’s cool so sorry now In heaven good in up love you



DevonScottkruger - March 11, 2025 at 01:28 AM

DE

“ I love you Aunt Katherine Marie Kruger this is your Nephew Devin Scott Kruger gate to heaven

devin - March 11, 2025 at 01:18 AM

DC

“ Laughing with Kathie at all the family gatherings will forever be a cherished memory. How I loved my cousin! She’s making the angels laugh now, I just know it.

Deborah McNeilly Campbell - February 07, 2025 at 03:20 PM

E&

“ Ed &. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen Marie Kruger.

Ed &. - February 06, 2025 at 07:22 PM

DJ

“ no words can be said - Kathie was a mazing friend I will forever cherish her and her family in my memories we may have been miles apart but our hearts made us sisters Matthew 5:4 Sister Always Diana Johnson



dianna johnson - February 06, 2025 at 02:01 PM

MA

“ Marna, Kevin, Caleb and Angus purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Kathleen Marie Kruger.



Marna, Kevin, Caleb and Angus - February 06, 2025 at 01:22 PM

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Marna, Kevin, Caleb and Angus - February 06, 2025 at 01:22 PM