



Mathilda Katherine "Katie" Kendall

June 28, 1935 - April 13, 2024

Katie was born on a farm outside Exira, Iowa in 1935. She graduated from the Broadlawns Nursing School in Des Moines in 1956. She married Ray Kendall on December 28, 1957, and they had three children: Katherine, Julie, and Mark. She lost Ray in 1979 and Mark in 2021, she never stopped grieving their passing.

She worked as a nurse for decades and volunteered at a clinic in Des Moines for many years after retiring. Her volunteer activities extended far beyond nursing: she was once voted volunteer of the year for Iowa Public Television. The past few years found her frequently at Holy Trinity Lutheran helping with the Food Pantry and other activities. It was in her DNA to find ways to help others every day.

Katie has five grandchildren: Andy, Marcus, Claire, Kevin, and Eric. She has one great-granddaughter, Rory, who recently turned one. She loved spending time with all of them and was always eager to hear about their lives. She wasn't a fancy cook, but her meatloaf and cowboy coffee cake were required repasts when the grand-kids were young.

Katie gave in to her wanderlust after her kids left home: cruises to Alaska and Norway, safaris in Africa, travels in Europe, and most recently road trips through the western U.S. She visited Disney parks on both coasts with Kathy

and Claire.

She loved to laugh, was constantly reading at least one romance novel, and passed plenty of peaceful hours in her garden. She will be missed by many.

A Celebration of Life will be 10AM Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 517 SW Des Moines Street, Ankeny, Iowa. Visitation will be from 4PM-6PM Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at the church. Burial will be at Highland Memory Gardens Cemetery at Noon on Wednesday, April 24, 2024.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Food Pantry in her memory. <https://www.holytrinityankeny.org/food-pantry.html>

Please follow the link below to watch the live stream of Katie's service.

<https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbit.ly%2Fhtlc-funeral&data=05%7C02%7C%7C6398c950adaa47af055408dc63327c87%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638494315704257916%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoIMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=m9QupM5unN8wQaJ%2FDgRtkDT72ig8EmFSGy65VFWjv6I%3D&reserved=0>

all floral deliveries may be delivered to the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 517 SW Des Moines Street in Ankeny.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **23**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
517 SW Des Moines St
Ankeny, IA 50023
(515) 964-4348

Celebration of Life Service

APR **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
517 SW Des Moines St
Ankeny, IA 50023
(515) 964-4348

Burial

APR **24**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Highland Memory Gardens Cemetery
1 NE 60th ave
des moines, IA

Tribute Wall

SD

“ *Mathilda was a neighbor growing up on a farm east of Exira. She was a lot like her Mom who was full of helpfulness and happiness. Am thinking of you with sincere sympathy.*
Sheryl Dolan

Sheryl Dolan - April 22, 2024 at 05:43 PM

VA

“ *Victor Anderson purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mathilda Katherine "Katie" Kendall.*



Victor Anderson - April 19, 2024 at 09:29 AM

VA

“ *Victor Anderson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mathilda Katherine "Katie" Kendall.*

Victor Anderson - April 19, 2024 at 09:29 AM

JK

“ *I always enjoyed being around Katie. She was always full of joy and life. Never knew what was going to come out of her mouth. Such a pleasure working with her at Holy Trinity. I will always remember that beautiful smile a wonderful personality. Rest in peace my dear and now you are with Ray and family dancing with the angels*

Jimmy Kelly - April 17, 2024 at 04:27 PM

RJ

“ Roy Cheryl Russ Liz Vicky Rod Mary Jeff purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mathilda Katherine "Katie" Kendall.



Roy Cheryl Russ Liz Vicky Rod Mary Jeff - April 16, 2024 at 08:27 PM

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Roy Cheryl Russ Liz Vicky Rod Mary Jeff - April 16, 2024 at 08:27 PM

MD

“ It was such a fun tradition to have Aunt Katie join us for the Carlisle Fourth of July parade.



Mary Dunlap - April 16, 2024 at 02:58 PM