



Kathryn Anne Metcalf

May 3, 1944 - July 29, 2022

Kathryn A. Metcalf, age 78, formerly of Topeka, died Friday, July 29, 2022, at Marquis Place in Concordia, Kansas. She was born May 3, 1944, in Kansas City, Kansas, the oldest of seven children born to Lupe “Lou” and Esperanza (Rangel) Amayo.

Kathy graduated from Argentine High School in 1962 and attended Park College in Parkville, Missouri, where she earned a bachelor’s degree in English and Spanish in 1966. There she met the love of her life, William “Bill” Metcalf. Together they moved to Iowa City, Iowa, where Kathy pursued a master’s degree in Spanish from the University of Iowa (1968). The couple married on September 12, 1970, in Kansas City, Kansas, and briefly lived in Pittsburg, Kansas, before settling down in Topeka to raise their beloved son, William “Will.” Kathy was an attentive and loving mother who ate young Will’s invented “grape sandwiches” with a smile, recording the recipe in careful handwriting.

Kathy taught languages in public schools for a time, but it was with the state of Kansas that she built a 39-year career. She retired in 2015 as the human resources director for the state Department of Revenue. The YWCA of Northwest Kansas celebrated her leadership as a 2007 Women of Excellence nominee. A lifelong student, Kathy enrolled in courses at multiple higher-ed institutions, at times for credit and at others for fun.

Kathy enjoyed walking, practicing tai chi, reading mysteries, watching sci-fi and Hallmark movies, keeping up with news and politics, taking pictures on film, chatting on the phone with friends and family, bargain-hunting, reading to grade-schoolers, and volunteering as a docent at the Topeka Zoo. During retirement she treasured Caribbean cruises and trips to see relatives and friends. She was a collector of practical things: notebooks, paperclips, thrifted tchotkes, and seashells from her travels. She relished every moment with her grandchildren, greeting sunrises with the words "Hello new day," writing stories, and indulging their imaginations.

Kathy was preceded in death by her husband of 41 years, Bill; and by her parents, Lou and Esperanza Amayo.

She is survived by her son, Will Metcalf (Lindsay), of Concordia, Kansas; sisters Linda Green (David) and Susan Marron (David), both of Kansas City, Kansas, and Rita Amayo, of Los Angeles; brothers David Amayo (Cindy), of Joplin, Missouri, Michael Amayo, of Kansas City, Kansas, and Louis Amayo, of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; grandchildren Quinn and Bennett; and numerous extended family members and friends.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at Maple Hill Funeral Home in Kansas City, Kansas. Burial will follow at Maple Hill Cemetery. Family will greet friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, August 9 at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Meadowlark Hospice, sent in care of the funeral home. A reception will be held at The Moose Lodge immediately following services at 6621 Turner Dr, Kansas City, KS 66111.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

2301 S 34th St
Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 262-6610
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 9. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Maple Hill Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

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Burial

AUG **10** (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Kathryn Anne Metcalf*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - August 02, 2022 at 04:40 PM

JJ

It wouldn't let me push the "like" button. I wanted to "love" on it. Kathy was such a beautiful person. I didn't know when Kathy passed. Had I known, I would have tried to attend her services, and I would have sent something, even though I'm sure the venue was packed and there were plenty of flowers. I miss both Kathy and Bill. I miss all of the family, actually. After I found out about Kathy's illness, I prayed for her almost daily. I feel for Lindsay and Will and their families! They are all exceptional people. Love you all so much!

Jo Lynne Justus

Jo Lynne Justus - July 08, 2024 at 10:06 AM



“ *Kathryn Anne Metcalf*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Kathryn Anne Metcalf*

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Kathryn Anne Metcalf.*



August 08, 2022 at 11:00 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kathryn Anne Metcalf.*



August 08, 2022 at 02:58 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Kathryn Anne Metcalf.*



August 08, 2022 at 12:08 PM



“ *We had so much fun and laughed a lot in high school. Kathy said her mom told her to not laugh so much or she would have wrinkles when she was older. I guess she didn't care, because we just couldn't stop!!!*
Sending my love to all of the family and friends who cherished her beautiful life.
Carolyn Lovelace Wyrick

Carolyn Lovelace Wyrick - August 08, 2022 at 07:40 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Kathryn Anne Metcalf.*



August 06, 2022 at 09:09 PM



“ *Nancy Lee Shiffer purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Kathryn Anne Metcalf.*



Nancy Lee Shiffer - August 06, 2022 at 10:19 AM



“ *I met Kathryn at Shepherd's Center of Topeka where we both attended classes. I enjoyed visiting and getting to know her and her life in Kansas City as some of the places she referred to I did know also. Our friendship was just getting started and not long enough. A truly lovely lady. Prayers and God's love sent to family and friends for strength and peace.*
Rita Starr

Rita Starr - August 05, 2022 at 04:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kathryn Anne Metcalf.*



August 04, 2022 at 02:46 PM

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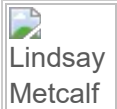
“ I was blessed with the opportunity to work with Kathryn during Kansas’ Information Technology position reclassification project. Kathryn greatly enriched the lives of all those fortunate enough to have crossed her path. My deepest sympathy on your loss. Rest In Peace my friend.

John Oliver - August 04, 2022 at 07:25 AM

KC

“ It is so hard to lose a good friend. Especially one who adds so much to your life. Kathy was smart and strong. She had the most delicious laugh. She loved her family and they loved her. I am hanging on to this thought: People may die, but love never dies.

Kathy Combs - August 03, 2022 at 01:51 PM



Such a beautiful tribute, Kathy.

Lindsay Metcalf - August 04, 2022 at 02:08 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kathryn Anne Metcalf.



August 02, 2022 at 10:04 PM



“ 51 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - August 02, 2022 at 04:38 PM

LV

“ *Will and family. May your faith and fond memories comfort you in the loss of your beloved, sweet, kind, thoughtful mother. We send out heartfelt sympathy.*



Leo and Bev Vogel - August 02, 2022 at 03:11 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kathryn Anne Metcalf.*



August 02, 2022 at 02:24 PM