



Katherine "Kaye" Jensen

May 5, 1929 - April 29, 2016

Katherine "Kaye" (nee: Pappas) Jensen

RACINE-Katherine "Kaye" Jensen, 86, passed away at her residence on Friday April 29, 2016. She was born on May 5, 1929 in Chicago, Illinois to James and Elizabeth (Wagner) Pappas. On February 2, 1979 she was united in marriage to Russell Jensen at Holy Communion Lutheran Church. Kaye graduated from Washington Park High School, Class of 1947. She was a member of Holy Communion Lutheran Church. Kaye was active with the Racine Kilties, Kiltie Kapers and the Ambassa "Dears". She also was the creator of Schwobble, a TV game show at Wheaton Franciscan Hospital. Kaye loved to paint, crochet and knit and enjoyed her dinners with her Red Hat friends. Music and entertaining was her passion.

Kaye sang with The Merry Muggs quartet for 35 years. Barbershop harmony was her love. She sang with several award winning quartets, most notably the 1951 International Champions, The Quarternotes. Kaye is a lifetime member of Sweet Adeline's International and the Racine Sweet Adeline Chorus, She sang bass with the award winning Melodeers Chorus of Northbrook, Illinois. Kaye worked at WRAC radio, the Shoreline Leader, Blaha-Muth Advertising Agency, and J.I. Case Company - CE division.

She is survived by her children, Scott (Gretchen) Poulsen of DeForest, Sue (Rick) Geiss, Mary (Rick) Mauldin, & Edie (Tim) Hauch, all of Racine.

Grandchildren, Keith (Beth) Poulsen, Julie (Michael) Monahan, Elizabeth Geiss, Ricky (fiancé Krystal Wienke) Geiss, Greg (Melissa) Mauldin, James

(fiancé Stephanie Evans) Mauldin, Ashley (Michael) Licari, Ben (Megan Sluga) Hauch.

She was “Grandma Kaye the Great” to Alyssa and Evan Ludwig, Taylor and Nathan Monahan, Caleb and Jack Poulsen, Grace and Noah Mauldin. Kaye is also survived by a Special Cousin Lucky LaMeer and a host of cousins, dear friends and extended family. She was preceded in death by her husband Russ, her mother Elizabeth Smigun and her father, James Pappas

Funeral services will be held at Holy Communion Lutheran Church 2000 West Sixth Street on Thursday May 5, 2016 with Pastor Mark Doidge officiating. Visitation will be from 3:30 – 6:30 pm until service will time at 6:30 pm. A graveside service will be held at West Lawn Memorial Cemetery on Friday May 6, 2016 at 10:00 am.

Those wishing to remember Kaye in a special way may direct memorials to Holy Communion Lutheran Church, the American Heart Association, Sweet Adeline’s International or one’s favorite charity.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 5. 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Holy Communion Lutheran Church
2000 W. 6th Street
Racine, WI

Funeral Service

MAY 5. 6:30 PM (CT)

Holy Communion Lutheran Church
2000 W. 6th Street
Racine, WI

Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Katherine "Kaye" Jensen*



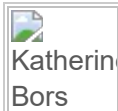
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SM

“ *Kaye was a great lady, and she was every Kiltie's mom. We have many fond memories of her. All our sympathy to her family.*

Shawn and Norah McCue

Shawn and Norah McCue - May 05, 2016 at 03:42 PM



Can you tell me, did she live near or know Stock yard drum major Herb Seaquist?? I found a photo from 1967 I would like a confirmation. Rsgps1@hotmail Katherine Seaquist Bors. I may have been named after her, just finding this out today.

Katherine Bors - June 26, 2017 at 05:32 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Katherine "Kaye" Jensen.*



May 05, 2016 at 09:22 AM

BH

“ It's hard to imagine a world without Kaye in it, especially the Sweet Adeline world. That's where I met Kaye. She showed us all how God wants us to live here on Earth; to the fullest, loving one another with all that is in us and with contagious JOY! If someday we ever meet again, I will smile and stand in line just to sing one song, just one more time, with that old friend (quartet) of mine!

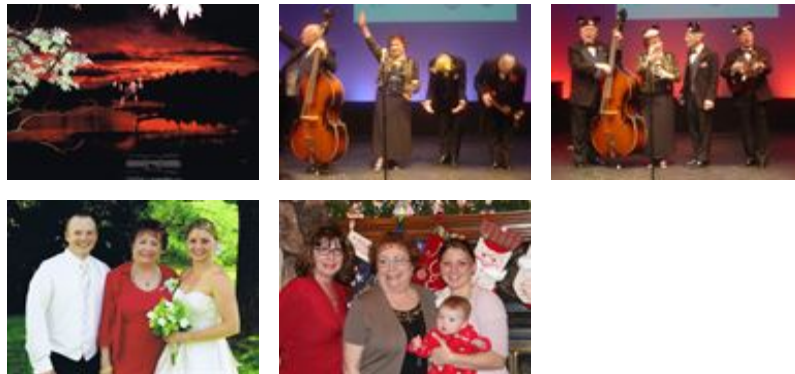
*My deepest sympathies to Kaye's family and all her dear friends.
May God give you comfort and peace.*

Barb and Kirk Hyder

Barb Hyder - May 04, 2016 at 02:29 PM



“ 72 files added to the album Life Tributes



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“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Katherine "Kaye" Jensen.



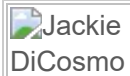
May 03, 2016 at 07:36 AM



“ *Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Katherine "Kaye" Jensen.*



May 02, 2016 at 09:20 PM



“ *No words can describe how sorry I am for your loss. Kaye was a very special person, who was your friend as soon as you met her. A smile like no other. I met Kaye through my friend Athy. Whenever we were either at her house, at Roma, the casino or some other adventure it was always fun. She touched so many. Remember the good times.*

Jackie DiCosmo

Jackie DiCosmo - May 02, 2016 at 03:44 PM



“ *My first night with the Melodeers (last summer), Kaye was the first person to actually talk to me on the risers. She told me to stand by her. When I asked her if the spot might be a members spot, her response was "you're our guest. Let them stand somewhere else." Always quick with a comeback. What a jewel, and I'm so glad I got to know her just a little bit. My life is richer because of that.*

Patti Autenrieth - May 02, 2016 at 12:18 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Katherine "Kaye" Jensen.



May 02, 2016 at 11:59 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Katherine "Kaye" Jensen.



May 02, 2016 at 11:30 AM



“ Blessed Heart was purchased for the family of Katherine "Kaye" Jensen.



May 02, 2016 at 10:48 AM



“ Kaye gave the world so many smiles. She will always be the a great "Queen" of Harmony and of everything else. I will miss seeing her smiles at competition in Appleton this year.

*In Harmony, and my condolences to Kaye's family,
Lesley Mylrea*

Lesley Mylrea - May 01, 2016 at 05:38 PM

DR

“ My deepest condolences to Mary, Sue and Kaye's entire family..I didn't know her long, but I felt like I knew her forever.. Kaye was indeed a treasure to all that knew and loved her. I enjoyed sharing the risers at Melodeers with this Queen.
RIP dear Kaye...
Donna Ramon

Donna Ramon - May 01, 2016 at 05:10 PM

SM

“ Mary and Sue, how much I will miss your Mom, what a woman, so full of life. She was always ready to listen and share her wisdom, and always ready to share a laugh. Kaye, you'll be rockin' the rafters above. Sue Montgomery

Sue Montgomery - May 01, 2016 at 02:02 PM



“ I am saddened to here this. I was Kaye's house cleaner and friend for the last 12 years. I recently moved to Florida. She was always full of laughter and stories. I was impressed that in the 12 years I knew her, I can't remember her ever repeating a story. She loved her children and grand children and great grand children with all her heart. My prayers go out to her family. She is a wonderful lady who will be dearly missed.

Sincerely, Tammie Nelson

Tammie Nelson - April 30, 2016 at 07:47 PM

JZ

Kay, I chose to light a YELLOW candle for you, a symbol for the SUNSHINE you gave to everyone who knew you. Many folks are saddened by your passing, HOWEVER, HEAVEN WILL NEVER BE THE SAME!!! May you now rest in peace. Prayers for your family my friend!!

JULIE ZEHNDER - May 01, 2016 at 05:43 PM

LW

To the Family of Kaye Jensen: Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. You had an amazing mother and know that she will now be looking after you all from Heaven. Our deepest sympathy to all.

Lon and Kris Wienke

Lon and Kris Wienke - May 02, 2016 at 05:18 PM

AP

There are hardly words to describe how Kaye touched our lives. She was such a dear friend of my mom, and has become part of our family. I think she was the only friend of my mom's that mom didn't try to introduce me to every time we got together - she knew we knew Kaye! We will so miss you Kaye.

Ann & Rick Petersen

Ann Petersen - May 03, 2016 at 02:40 PM