



## Kathryn Jeanette Heide

July 12, 1931 - November 1, 2019

Kathryn Hinderer Heide

SOMERS - Kathryn Jeanette Hinderer Heide was born into eternal life on November 1, 2019. She was born on July 12, 1931 in Steele, North Dakota to Rev. Eugene G. Hinderer and Melva C. (Woodwick) Hinderer. She began her education in Tappen, North Dakota and moved with her family to Bristol, Wisconsin in 1938 and continued her schooling in Bristol and Kenosha. In 1947 her family moved to Hartland, Wisconsin where she graduated from Hartland High school in 1949 as class valedictorian. After completing teacher training at Dr. Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota, in 1952 she received a call to establish a parochial school at Grace Lutheran Church in Yakima, Washington where she taught for two years.

Following the death of her father, Kathryn moved to Kenosha in 1954 and taught at Southport Elementary School for one year. On December 20, 1955 she was united in marriage to Charles H. Heide at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hartland, Wisconsin. They were blessed with over sixty-three years of marriage and four children.

From 1955 through 1965, Kathryn taught music in the schools of Kenosha County, enthusiastically sharing with her students music of all genres from classical to rock and helping to establish the annual Kenosha County Musical Festival.

She received her education degree from Dominican College of Racine, Wisconsin in 1961 and returned to the elementary classroom, teaching at

Berryville School from 1965 to 1980, followed by Bose School until her retirement in 1993. Kathryn was a master teacher, serving on many curriculum committees and mentoring student teachers. Her students were motivated to pursue excellence in the classroom with her favorite motto, "Good, better, best! Never let it rest 'til your good is better and your better, best!" She was a member of the teaching sorority Delta Kappa Gamma, the Racine/Kenosha Reading Teacher Council, and the Schubert Music Club. Kathryn received her Masters of Arts in Education degree from Carthage College in 1982. After her retirement in 1993, she continued inspiring students as a Battle of the Books coach at Bethany Lutheran School. During her "retirement" she was able to enjoy many years of travel with her husband Charles and "snow-birding" in Apache Junction, Arizona.

Kathryn is survived by her husband Charles; children Kathryn (Timothy) Thompson, Krista (Lloyd) Reck, Charles, Jr. (Ann) Heide, Paula (Louis) Heide-Poggenburg; grandchildren Emma Jung, Marra (Gregory) Dietsche, Petra Jung (Tony Travanty), Kristen (Joel) Diestler, Loren (Maggie) Thompson, Adam Reck (Anna Johnston), Steven Thompson (Exie Lambert), Madeleine Heide and William Heide; great-grandchildren Jackson, Owen and Clayton. Kathryn is further survived by her sister-in-law Raeola Walker; nephew Danna (Donna) Hinderer and niece Jeana (Darryl) Sturino; great-nephew Daryle Sturino (Amy Vanderheyden) and all other members of her extended family. She is also survived by her dear friend Janet Hermann and her many other beloved colleagues in the Kenosha schools. She was preceded in death by her father Eugene and mother Melva, brother Daryle, niece Christine, and her dear friend Iris Helman.

Kathryn was a faithful member of Bethany Lutheran Church for many years. She will be missed for the joyful and faithful way she lived her life. Kathryn Heide never failed to put the needs of others ahead of her own. God's Word informed and guided her in every moment of each day. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct thy paths." (Prov. 3:5-6) KJV

Funeral services for Kathryn will be held at 3:00 P.M. on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at Bethany Somers Lutheran Church, 1520 Green Bay Road with interment to follow at Oakwood Cemetery. A visitation with the family will be held at the church on Wednesday from 1:00 P.M. until the time of service.

Memorials may be directed to the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod Mission fund (WELS-Missions) or the Martin Luther College Building Fund. The family of Kathryn would like to acknowledge the loving and faithful care of her "Dream Team Caregivers"; Nancy, Ginger, Wendy, Sandy, Lisa, and Danni, and the staff of Allay Hospice.

# Cemetery Details

## **Oakwood Cemetery**

Somers - Kenosha County, WI 53144

# Tribute Wall

CB

“ Kathryn was a cherished friend, and a beautiful person. She will be missed and always remembered. We are grateful for the memories we shared with her, and the happy times we enjoyed together. God Bless her memory. All our love to Charles, Charles Jr., Kathryn and Paula. Sincerely, Chuck and Luann Boie

Charles Boie - November 21, 2019 at 01:23 PM

JN

“ I was a Berryville student in the late 1950's/early 1960's and Mrs. Heide was my teacher in addition to music teacher. Even as a young student, I recognized she had passion for her profession and her students. She was tough letting us know there was time for fun and singing but also no nonsense learning. Always kind. I had a chance to visit with her several years ago while attending a Berryville reunion. She had a big impact on so many students - a beautiful legacy indeed.  
My sympathy to all family members.

Jackie Klapproth Nelson  
Village of Somers Trustee

Jackie Nelson - November 08, 2019 at 06:03 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kathryn Jeanette Heide.



November 05, 2019 at 08:19 PM

BW

“ *Betty Werner purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Kathryn Jeanette Heide.*



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**Betty Werner** - November 04, 2019 at 10:40 AM

PH

“ *I was truly sorry to hear of Mrs. Heide's passing. She was my 4th grade teacher at Berryville many years ago, my very favorite teacher. She inspired me to take piano lessons, which I did for many, many years and still play today. I had several conversations with her as an adult and thoroughly enjoyed those. My sincere sympathy to her family.*

*Peggy Wind Haskin*

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**Peggy Wind Haskin** - November 04, 2019 at 08:13 AM

PM

“ *Dear Chuck and Will, and Family*

*My condolences to you and your entire family. A life well lived*

*With Sympathy*

*Paul Minneti*

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**Paul Minneti** - November 03, 2019 at 09:03 PM

GM

*Mrs. Heide was my absolute favorite teacher. She taught me in third grade in 1969-70. I spent a lot of time in her home as well -- taking piano lessons and hanging out with her family. I adored her. Thank you for everything, Mrs. Heide.*

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**Graham Murphy** - August 16, 2022 at 12:37 PM

CS

“ My sympathies to the family especially the 2 oldest girls whom I knew. I was a student at Berryville the first year Mrs Heide taught and memories of music class flood my mind. Not only did I become a Christian at age 20 but she also inspired me to love singing and music. I took up the flute in 6th grade and went on to study music at UWM. I still love to sing! She would remember me as Christine Roedema

Christine Shiley - November 03, 2019 at 03:32 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kathryn Jeanette Heide.



November 03, 2019 at 01:03 PM

VM

“ Emma, Krista and Family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. I am sorry I missed the service. Love Always, Vicky



Vicky Melander - November 03, 2019 at 03:00 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kathryn Jeanette Heide.



November 02, 2019 at 11:52 PM

BT

“ The Berryville teachers have been getting together for breakfast for almost 40 years since Berryville Elementary School was closed in 1980. Kathryn wrote the words to a song we all sang, "There once was a county school, a grand old county school, it stood by the lake, great students did make and taught the golden rule!" She set it to the tune of "Red Wing". The "Berryville gals" had the chance to have cyclops donuts and breakfast with Kathryn and Charles recently and we enjoyed the stories, the laughs and memories of the many students Kathryn loved, cared for and taught over her many years as a wonderful teacher. She will be missed my many whom she has mentored, taught and loved. With love and respect from all the "Berryville gals". We were honored to know her and to work with her and to be considered one of her many friends.

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**Berryville Teachers** - November 02, 2019 at 06:28 PM

KL

“ To a great mentor, wonderful teacher, kind hearted friend and dear person whom we had the honor to know for so long. You will be missed so much by so many. Love, Kris and Larry

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**Kris and Larry** - November 02, 2019 at 06:22 PM

TO

“ My Aunt Kathryn was a most beautiful and caring person. I remember visiting when I was 17. I worked during the day mowing or running a tractor. Due to the heat and humidity I had the worst heat rash on my back. Every night she would rub my back with witch hazel to ease the itching. Other than my own mother she was the most influential woman in my life. I will miss her but have enough great memories to remember her always. My prayers and love are sent to her family.

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**Toby** - November 02, 2019 at 02:36 PM



“ *I will be FOREVER GRATEFUL for the LOVE she gave me when she was my teacher at Berryville Elementary!!! She is the reason I became a teacher!! She touched my life in so many ways! She took me in when I needed her most and made me feel a part of her family! Thanks to all of her family for making me feel so loved!!!*



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**Cara Gorr** - November 02, 2019 at 01:09 PM