



Candace Marie Kauffman

May 3, 1950 - January 23, 2024

Services for Candace Marie Kauffman, of Bloomington, will be held Saturday, February 3, 2024, at 3 p.m. at St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Bloomington. Visitation will take place Friday, February 2, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Washburn-McReavy Dawn Valley Chapel in Bloomington. Candace Marie Flemmer Kauffman died January 23, 2024, at home in Bloomington, MN from complications related to glioblastoma.

She was born in Aberdeen, SD on May 3, 1950 to Gordon and Amy (Somers) Flemmer. Candace was baptized and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church in Andover, SD. Raised on the prairie, her parents and grandparents instilled in her a strong sense of curiosity which developed into a lifelong love of travel. The first child of Gordon and Amy, Candace was the proud sister of 3 brothers - Kim, Jon, and her baby brother Ross. She was raised in Andover, attending grade school there and later middle and high school in nearby Groton. She excelled in school and music, playing both the French horn and piano as well as singing in All State Choir. She was also a member of the debate team, a skill set that served her well throughout her life. Upon high school graduation, Candace attended South Dakota State University and majored in English, graduating in 1972. While living in Lincoln, Nebraska she met Daniel Kauffman whom she married May 25, 1974.

After the marriage she and Daniel spent one year in Waterloo, IA for work

before moving to Hays, Kansas where Candace taught high school English and journalism in Victoria, KS and Daniel accepted a position as an economics professor at Fort Hays State University. While living there they made lifelong friends and welcomed their first child, a son - Christopher. In 1983 they relocated to Winona, MN as Daniel accepted a teaching position at Winona State University. Shortly thereafter, they had the surprise of a lifetime as they welcomed identical twin girls - Amy and Beth - a shock to all, including the medical staff. Candace spent her early years in Winona raising her children before returning to school to earn a degree in accounting and becoming a CPA. Her perseverance in attending classes while caring for her family taught her children the importance of resiliency. Candace appreciated the scenery of bluff country and would remind her family to take in the beauty of the river valley, especially the barges.

Family was the center of Candace's life. She was a devoted mother and grandmother, always willing to provide guidance, and was an excellent proofreader. She served as the family historian, and could often be observed taking photographs at holidays and celebrations. Candace shared her love of travel with her family and coordinated annual vacations, a tradition she was able to maintain throughout her life. She and Daniel were able to visit many places in Europe, the U.S., and Canada. Frequently, her children would be lucky enough to join them during their travels. A doting grandmother, Candace cherished spending time with her granddaughter, Madeline.

Candace is survived by her husband of nearly 50 years, Daniel; her children: Chris (Juae Son) Kauffman, Silver Spring, MD; Amy (Robert) Kinyua, Eagan, MN; and Beth (Kevin) DeRonne, Edina, MN; her beloved granddaughter Madeline DeRonne; her brother Ross (Cristy) Flemmer; and her nephews Lucas and Jacob Flemmer. She was preceded in death by her parents, and her brothers Jon and Kim.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to organizations Candace cared for deeply and supported generously: Second Harvest Heartland, Books for Africa, and St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Bloomington, MN.

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Dawn Valley 952-941-7686

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Dawn Valley Chapel
9940 Bush Lake Road
Bloomington, MN 55438

Church Service

FEB 3. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

St. Stephen Lutheran Church
8400 France Avenue South
Bloomington, MN 55431

Tribute Wall

JM

“ Dan and Family, so sorry to learn of your loss of Candy. We know that words cannot bring her back to you and yours. We hope strength and perseverance will help you through this difficult time. If you feel inclined to give us your phone number, I would like to call and visit with. We considered you and Candy close friends. Our new address is: 2225 Canterbury, Apt. 108, Hys, Ks. 67601. Phone still 785-628-8475. Jack and Peggy

Jack and Peggy McCullick - February 04, 2024 at 10:55 AM

JW

“ Candy and I were friends in high-school at Groton and after graduation we were lifeguards together in Groton. She also was at the guest table at my wedding. I'm was so sorry to hear of her passing. Sending my sincere condolences to you all.
Jeanne Wegner Wanous

Jeanne Wanous - February 02, 2024 at 06:00 PM

SZ

“ My deepest condolences on the passing of Candace. She was a friend of mine when we were growing up in the Andover area and were classmates in Andover Elementary before going our separate ways to Groton and Bristol. She was very smart and outgoing. Used to play school in her porch and she was always the teacher! Shirley (May) Zipf.

Shirley Zipf - February 02, 2024 at 10:59 AM

PK

“ Paul and Kelly planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Candace Marie Kauffman.

Paul and Kelly - January 31, 2024 at 02:57 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Candace Marie Kauffman.



January 31, 2024 at 02:57 PM

BC

“ Beth's VA Colleagues purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Candace Marie Kauffman.



Beth's VA Colleagues - January 31, 2024 at 11:47 AM

SF

“ Susan DeRonne and family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Candace Marie Kauffman.



Susan DeRonne and family - January 30, 2024 at 05:28 PM

AW

“ *Candace was my teacher at Victoria High School in Victoria, Kansas. She was one of the best teachers I had. Deepest sympathy to the family.* ”



Adam Windholz - January 30, 2024 at 03:33 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Candace Marie Kauffman.* ”



January 30, 2024 at 03:26 PM

VF

“ *Candy and I were in debate together at Groton High School. She was a great speaker and fun partner. I will always cherish her memory.* ”

Valerie Rix Flihs - January 30, 2024 at 12:36 PM

BG

“ *Bob and Nancy Rohla, Jen and Scott Choquette and Girls purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Candace Marie Kauffman.* ”



Bob and Nancy Rohla, Jen and Scott Choquette and Girls -
January 29, 2024 at 09:33 AM

LJ

“ Love, Ross, Cristy, Lucas and Jacob purchased the *Strength & Solace Spray* for the family of Candace Marie Kauffman.



Love, Ross, Cristy, Lucas and Jacob - January 28, 2024 at 06:58 PM

LV

“ Love, Josh Irish & Vallen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Candace Marie Kauffman.

Love, Josh Irish & Vallen - January 28, 2024 at 04:40 PM

LV

“ Love, Josh Irish & Vallen purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Candace Marie Kauffman.



Love, Josh Irish & Vallen - January 28, 2024 at 04:40 PM