



Dorothy Pauline Kass

January 23, 1925 - January 23, 2021

Kass, Dorothy Pauline (Bromberg)

Age 96, of Bloomington, died January 23, 2021, on her birthday. Survived by children Barb (Mike), Susan (Sandy), Michael (Kathy) and Mary (Mike); 11 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, sister in law Mary Ann(Ray), close nieces and nephews, and many friends. Dorothy worked as a RN, enjoyed traveling, and married James W Kass in 1953. Her commitment to faith and family defined her life. She was a Stephen Minister for 40 years, active volunteer for Cornerstone, and a dedicated member of St Edwards Catholic Community. Mass of Christian burial will be announced at a later date.

Memorials preferred to St Edward's, Cornerstone, The King's House retreat center or donor's choice.

MCB Friday June 18th at 11:00 am at St Edwards Catholic Church 9401 Nesbitt Ave South, Bloomington with Visitation 1 hour prior

Cemetery Details

St. Edward's Memorial Garden

Bloomington, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Edward's Catholic Church
9401 Nesbitt Avenue South
Bloomington, MN 55437

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Edward's Catholic Church
9401 Nesbitt Avenue South
Bloomington, MN 55437

Tribute Wall



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Dorothy Pauline Kass.*



June 13, 2021 at 07:33 PM



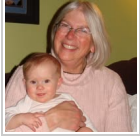
“ *Dorothy was a long-time and dedicated volunteer at Cornerstone. Her work on our crisis line and as a group facilitator touched so many lives in a truly positive way. On behalf of Cornerstone's staff and volunteers, we send our condolences.*

Courtney Poja - February 04, 2021 at 09:52 PM



“ *We have set a tentative date for of June 18th for Mom's mass of Christian burial at St Edwards Catholic Church in Bloomington. She will be interned in the St Edwards memorial garden, next to our dad.*

Barb Kass - January 31, 2021 at 11:56 PM



“ A week ago, my only words were hard and beautiful after my siblings and I accompanied our mom Dorothy Kass in her last days. We were able to have her home, at the farm, with us and tend her round the clock. Thank you Liz Dodge for saying: you can do this! And to others who encouraged us to bring her home, it was absolutely the right choice. Mom died on her 96th birthday! Mom had been saying for the last few months how lucky she was to have no regrets. She achieved her 3rd grade goal of a college education- a degree in nursing, was able to travel throughout her life, had a great marriage and kids, and was able to live out her faith in every aspect of her life. Her passions were life long learning: attending classes and workshops as often as possible in religious studies and world events. She combined her faith with her nursing background, was a Stephen Minister for 40 years, and coordinated the hospital ministry for St Edward's parish into her 90's. Mom volunteered tirelessly for Cornerstone Domestic abuse agency. Most importantly, she cared for our dad as he walked the journey of Alzheimer's, creating the supportive, caring space he needed to keep his life active as long as possible. (They were still downhill skiing at 80.) He died in 2009. They had 55 years together. Shortly after Dad died, mom lost her vision. We attended "blind school" for 6 weeks which gave her the independent living skills she needed to stay in her own home. Thank you to so many dedicated friends who provided transportation to meetings and church and so many other events over the years! And thanks to an incredible neighborhood who mowed, shoveled, raked, brought in mail in the winter, and generally kept a caring eye on Mom, she was able to live independently until 2019. Mom's time in independent senior housing was great until Covid 19 hit. As with so many, the isolation needed to keep Brookdale safe for all, also diminished the quality of life for so many of the residents. We moved Mom to Traditions of Frederic in September, hoping to reconnect her with a community of people she could share meals with and spend time with. Thank you to the many caregivers who cared for mom in the last 4 months! She felt safe even in the unsettling decline, and was grateful for each of you!

Mom's greatest gift to our family was the way she connected with each of us almost daily. Phone calls, birthday and holiday cards were just part of her. She knew every birthday of all of her nieces and nephews as well as her 4 children, their spouses, 11 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. She asked questions about our lives because she wanted to be involved, be apart of our lives even when living far away. She also embraced so many adopted family members- Maria from Colombia who lived with our family in 1971-72, Jafra from Syria, Julie from Brazil, Dren from Kosovo, Sami from Iraq. Beyond family, Mom had so many friends from her whole life: childhood, nursing school, hospital work, old neighborhood, new neighborhood, church family. Many have gone before her, and so many left to celebrate her presence in their life. So a week later, while the words hard and beautiful are still here, gratitude has pushed them to 2nd and 3rd place. Gratitude for a mom who lived life so completely, confidently and with such integrity. Gratitude for siblings who were here immediately when the decision was made to bring mom home, and who had all come for visits in December. For Dick and Emma who did the airport runs. Gratitude for extended family and friends who called, prayed, lit candles to light the way for her last journey. Gratitude for neighbors who brought food everyday. For Jim and Linda who did mounds of laundry, checked in, and visited Mom. For Fr Joseph and Pastor Linda for prayers of anointing and assurance of God's waiting arms. Most of all gratitude for Mike Miles who tended us while we tended Mom: giving us the space we needed to figure out how to let our mom go.

Barb Kass - January 31, 2021 at 11:47 PM