



Katharine Elizabeth Zabel

September 13, 1940 - March 5, 2026

Katharine (Kathy) Elizabeth Zabel

Kathy was born on September 13, 1940. The only child to John and Marguerite Lepa in Decorah, Iowa. Kathy grew up going to the Assemblies of God Church and Sunday school. She spent much of her growing up time with her grandparents Otto and Josephine Anderson.

After graduating from high school Kathy left Decorah and moved north to the Twin Cities. Where she married the "boy" next door - to her aunt's house. Don and Kathy have celebrated over 60 years of marriage and went on to raise two children, Michael and Denise and have been blessed with six grandchildren (Jonathan, Alex, Isabel and Noel Zabel and Luke and Kelsey Fuglestad) and one great grandchild (Isaiah).

Kathy worked for many years at Central Baptist Church Preschool until she retired in 1991 and the couple moved to Roseville, MN. Kathy loved her family, traveling and baking and cooking for family and friends. Up until 2018 Kathy would also travel down to Decorah to visit and take care of her mother who still lived in Decorah, IA.

On March 5, 2026 Kathy was welcomed into heaven. She is preceded in by son-in-law Peter Fuglestad, her parents John and Marguerite Lepa, her aunt and uncle Virginia and Alvin Monson and cousin Janice Haugen.

Funeral service 3pm Sunday. March 22, 2026 at Washburn McReavy Shoreview Chapel (515 Hwy 96 W., Shoreview) with visitation one hour prior. Refreshments following the service.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 22. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Shoreview Chapel
515 Highway 96 West
Shoreview, MN 55126

Memorial Service

MAR 22. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Shoreview Chapel
515 Highway 96 West
Shoreview, MN 55126

Reception

MAR 22. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Shoreview Chapel
515 Highway 96 West
Shoreview, MN 55126

Graveside Service

MAR 23. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Acacia Park Cemetery
2151 Pilot Knob Road
Mendota Heights, MN 55120

Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Memorial Service for Katharine Elizabeth Zabel in memory of Katharine Elizabeth Zabel



Washburn-McReavy - March 13 at 04:09 PM