



Katherine Alane Kittinger

May 10, 1960 - October 1, 2021

Kittinger, Katherine (Leonard) age 61 of Edina, passed away on 10/1/2021. Kathy was born in Minneapolis, and spent most of her life in Minnesota (Except for a brief time when she was dragged by her parents to Iowa in elementary school - but we don't talk about that). She worked for many years as a print buyer in advertising, but her true passions were crafting and collecting (she likely has more Wizard of Oz memorabilia than any museum). When she was fifty years old, she realized she did not have to endure another long Minnesota winter and bought a house with her husband in Arizona. She took to life in the desert quickly - decorating her home with cactus-themed knickknacks and spending every possible moment swimming in her pool. She celebrated at every opportunity, throwing parties for everyone and every holiday. She will be remembered most by her laugh (loud, compelling), smile (larger than life), and uncontainable joy. She is survived by her parents, Richard and Margaret Leonard; husband, Craig Kittinger; children, Justin and Alissa Berdahl; loyal four-legged companion, Mr. Dubbs; 3 brothers, 3 sisters-in-law, 6 nieces and nephews, and many friends. Visitation will be held from 5 to 7PM on Wednesday, October 6th at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel. Funeral service will be held on Thursday, October 7th at 11AM at Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church, 5025 Knox Ave S, Minneapolis.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436
(952) 920-3996
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Church Service

OCT 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church (So. Mpls)
5025 Knox Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55419

Tribute Wall

KL

“ Sending sympathy and love to Kathy’s family and wishing you comfort in your many wonderful memories with her. I count myself lucky to have had her as a friend. She possessed incredible strength and happiness. I hope to live my life with such grace.

Kirsten Love - October 12, 2021 at 08:57 PM

PR

“ I can't think of Kathy without seeing her bright smile and hearing joyful laugh. May the angels lead her into paradise and may her laugh bring joy to heaven.
Phil Rose



Phil Rose - October 06, 2021 at 06:27 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Katherine Alane Kittinger.



October 06, 2021 at 02:08 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Katherine Alane Kittinger.



October 06, 2021 at 10:12 AM

DJ

“ *Kathy was a beautiful soul and will be dearly missed by so many who loved her. I will always remember her lovely smile and admire her courageous spirit. Thank you for the happy memories Kathy, may you rest in peace.*

Donna Judd-Padilla

Donna Judd-Padilla - October 05, 2021 at 09:45 PM

SC

“ *Kathy always had a smile and her laugh was contagious, and she was just the nicest person. I'm so glad I met her in exercise class and book club. She'll be missed.*

Sharon Carlin

Sharon Carlin - October 05, 2021 at 08:00 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Katherine Alane Kittinger.*



October 05, 2021 at 03:17 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Katherine Alane Kittinger.*



October 05, 2021 at 01:32 PM

VK

“ *Kathy was a bundle of sparkling joy. Though we will dearly miss her, she will always be a part of us.* ”

Val Kruse - October 05, 2021 at 11:15 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Katherine Alane Kittinger.* ”



October 05, 2021 at 11:02 AM

SP

“ Our thanks and love to Kathy's family for sharing their special gift with us. This poem seems to capture a part of her beautiful essence.

AFTER GLOW

*I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one
I'd like to leave an afterglow
of Smiles when my life is done.*

*I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways,
(OK, reverberating!)
Of happy times and laughing times
and bright and sunny days.*

*I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
to dry before the sun
of Happy Memories that I leave
when my life on earth is done*

Until we meet again.....Sharon and Jim Pashayan

Sharon Pashayan - October 05, 2021 at 10:14 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Katherine Alane Kittinger.



October 04, 2021 at 01:53 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Lisa Rietveld - October 04, 2021 at 12:03 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Lisa Rietveld - October 04, 2021 at 11:38 AM

JF

“ *Kathy was always the smiling face in our Arizona book club. She was a great personal friend, we bonded over dogs , exercise and crafts and books. She truly was a big ray of sunshine in my life. My condolences to her family and friends.*



Julie Fox - October 04, 2021 at 02:24 AM

LR

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Lisa Rietveld - October 03, 2021 at 08:51 PM

JG

“ Our deepest condolences to Craig, and the family. I'm so saddened to loose a wonderful PEO sister and friend. Your smile and laugh was infectous. I will be able to hear it always in my mind and my heart. You and Craig were so very funny when we first met you at a halloween party. I wish I had more time with you when I was in Arizona. Love you so very much sister/friend, will miss your smile and laugh. See you in Sister Eternal!
Much love from Jean and Garry Gruninger.

Jean Gruninger - October 03, 2021 at 08:46 PM

WE

“ Our sincere condolences. Kathy had the most infectious laugh and unbridled joy of things. We will really miss you, Kathy.
Walter and Jan Eisner

Walter Eisner - October 03, 2021 at 06:09 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Katherine Alane Kittinger.



October 03, 2021 at 02:37 PM



“ *Rylie Riggio purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Katherine Alane Kittinger.*



Rylie Riggio - October 02, 2021 at 10:08 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Katherine Alane Kittinger.*



October 02, 2021 at 01:55 PM