



Kathleen Carmel Herkenhoff

June 27, 1942 - May 8, 2025

Kathleen (Kathy) Carmel Herkenhoff (Schleisman), age 82, passed away peacefully at home on May 8, 2025, surrounded by her family.

Born on June 27, 1942, in Minneapolis, Kathy was the youngest of eight children. She met Arthur Herkenhoff at church, and they were married on April 30, 1966. Together, they raised nine children and built a life centered on faith, family, and service.

Kathy cherished her role as a grandmother to 34 grandchildren, each of whom held a special place in her heart. Her home was filled with joy, where sleepovers, pool time, and a bottomless candy jar created lasting memories. Her kitchen was always open. Whether it was family, friends, or someone doing maintenance work at the house, she was quick to offer a meal no matter the time of day.

A devout Catholic, Kathy's faith guided every part of her life. She was deeply committed to prayer, drew strength from her relationship with God during difficult times, and regularly attended Eucharistic Adoration, often bringing her grandchildren along. She gave generously of her time and talents. Kathy volunteered at church, supported families by preparing meals for funerals, counseled mothers through Birthright, made rosaries for military members, and contributed to Canadian Days, political campaigns, and religious

education classes.

Kathy was known for her feisty spirit, compassionate heart, and deep love for her family. She loved to dance, whether in the kitchen or at weddings, and was full of wisdom and advice. Kathy loved Christmas and her nativity set was a cherished part of the season, taking over the dining room.

Kathy's legacy of faith, love, and service lives on in all who were blessed to know her.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Arthur Herkenhoff, and her daughter, Meghan Habisch. She is survived by her children: Anne Olund (Todd), Mary Mattheisen (Matt), Bridget Thauwald (Jim), Laureen Cornelius (Jason), Joseph Herkenhoff, Katie Wrobel (Ryan), Marty Habisch, Phillip Herkenhoff, and Elizabeth Rustad (Bob); daughters by choice Lorraine Alexander and Jenny Guzick; 34 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; siblings Elizabeth Larson and Owen Schleisman (Linda); and sister-in-law Zaiga Schleisman.

Cemetery Details

Saint John's Cemetery (Little Canada)

380 Little Canada Road E
Little Canada, MN 55117

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 14. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Shoreview Chapel
515 Highway 96 West
Shoreview, MN 55126

Visitation

MAY 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
380 Little Canada Road
Little Canada, MN 55126

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 15. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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380 Little Canada Road
Little Canada, MN 55126

Tribute Wall

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“ Siobhan, Marlena, & Hala purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Kathleen Carmel Herkenhoff.



Siobhan, Marlena, & Hala - May 13, 2025 at 09:48 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Kathleen Carmel Herkenhoff.



May 13, 2025 at 09:39 PM



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May 13, 2025 at 09:01 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kathleen Carmel Herkenhoff.

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“ Love Aunt Liz, and Larson family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Kathleen Carmel Herkenhoff.



Love Aunt Liz, and Larson family - May 13, 2025 at 06:21 PM

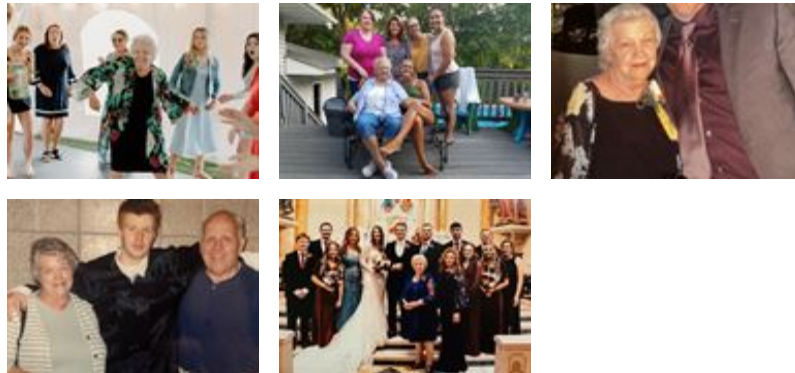
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Washburn-McReavy
FUNERAL CHAPEL, CONFERENCE AND
CREMATION SERVICES

“ 29 files added to the album Life Tributes



Washburn-McReavy - May 13, 2025 at 11:52 AM

MJ

“ *Melanie Jacobs purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Kathleen Carmel Herkenhoff.*



Melanie Jacobs - May 13, 2025 at 09:36 AM

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