



Kathleen Elizabeth Schulien

May 13, 1946 - January 13, 2026

Kathleen Elizabeth Schulien, 79, of Chanhassen, MN, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 13th, 2026.

Born on May 13th, 1946, in Detroit, MI, and raised in Minneapolis, MN, Kathi grew up surrounded by family, loyal friends, and the Midwestern values she carried throughout her life. She lived with a spirit marked by her open heart, her nurturing nature, and her gift for making others feel seen. Her family and friends were her greatest joy, and she leaves behind memories of her unwavering warmth, her generous spirit, and the infectious smile that lit up every room she entered.

Kathi built a meaningful career wherever life took her. During her young adult years, she worked as a Flight Attendant for Northwest Airlines based out of the Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport. It was on one of those flights that she met the love of her life, Robert "Bob" Schulien, a Special Agent with the United States Secret Service. They quickly fell in love and married on September 5th, 1970.

Early in their marriage, they lived in Detroit, where they welcomed two children, Lisa Marie and Jeffrey Robert. A few years later, they moved to Northern Virginia, where they built their home, welcomed their third child, Laura Anne, and raised their family-creating lifelong memories for more than

40 years.

Over the years, Kathi held several roles while raising their three children, but it was her long-lived career in Office Management at George Mason University where her talents truly shined. She approached her work with quiet determination, a strong work ethic, and a deep sense of integrity. Those who worked with her admired her reliability, her honesty, and the pride she took in doing things the right way.

In the spring of 2021, Bob and Kathi, joined by their daughter Laura, moved back to Minneapolis. It was Bob's long-held promise to bring Kathi home for her retirement—a promise he honored with deep love and devotion.

Beyond her career, Kathi embraced the simple joys that made life beautiful. She found happiness in cooking meals that brought people together, thoughtfully decorating the homes she lived in, nurturing her gardens, and traveling with Bob, their children, and close friends. These pursuits reflected her vibrant personality and her love for creating meaningful moments.

Kathi will be remembered for her genuine spirit, her unwavering strength, and her remarkable ability to make everyone feel special. Her legacy lives on in the hearts of her husband, her children, and all who loved her.

She is survived by her husband, Robert; her children, Lisa, Jeffrey (Wendy), and Laura; her grandchildren, Ethan and Bear; her sister, Debra; her in-laws, Bonnie (Gary) and Christina; her nieces, Andrea (Aaron) and Ashley; and her nephew, Chris (Kim). She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Ruth Stauber, and her sister, Sharon Hannan.

A Memorial Service will be held on Monday, January 19th, 2026, at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, located at 5025 Knox Avenue South in Minneapolis.

Visitation will begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by a church service at 10:30 a.m. A burial ceremony will take place immediately afterward at Lakewood Cemetery, 3600 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55408.

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Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 19. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

JAN 19. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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

Graveside Service

JAN 19. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Lakewood Cemetery (Minneapolis)
3600 Hennepin Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Tribute Wall

SB

“ *Kathi and I have been friends since 1956! We have shared many fun times together thru elementary, Junior High, High School and beyond!! We had a fun vacation in Acapulco while Kathi was a stewardess and were able to fly “first class!” What a thrill for me! Kathi was a dear, sweet, kind friend for all these years! What fun for all of us to have her back in MN. Kathi, I will miss you, rest in peace 😊.* Susan Boyles

Susan Boyles - January 16 at 11:51 AM

LS

*Susie,
Thank you so much for sharing these beautiful memories. It is so special to hear about your 70-year friendship with my Mom, and that glamorous trip to Acapulco! My Mom cherished her lifelong friends, and we are so grateful she had you by her side for so many years. She loved being back in MN and being near all of you Armatage girls. ❤️*
Laura Schulien

Laura Schulien - January 17 at 08:03 AM

DA

“ *Deb, Andrea and Ashley purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Kathleen Elizabeth Schulien.*



Deb, Andrea and Ashley - January 15 at 04:51 PM