



## Kathlyn "Kathy" Marie Vilendrer

January 26, 1955 - May 2, 2025

Kathlyn Marie Vilendrer (Kremer), lovingly known as Kathy, passed away peacefully at home on May 2, 2025, at the age of 70, surrounded by her family and prayer. Kathy's life was cut short after a courageous and prolonged battle with cancer. Her boundless generosity, steadfast dedication to truth, and visionary spirit continue to inspire all who had the privilege of knowing her. Kathy was born on January 26, 1955, in Princeton, Minnesota, to Art and Marge Kremer (Halley). She graduated from Robbinsdale High School and earned a Bachelor's degree in Education with a Minor in Theater from the University of Minnesota, where she also met the love of her life, Kent Vilendrer. The two were married for 46 years and raised three beloved children: Steven, Stacie, and Stephanie.

A woman of many talents and deep dedication, Kathy began her career as an elementary and gifted education school teacher before co-founding a successful medical device testing company with Kent. A passionate lifelong learner, she earned three Master's degrees-in Education from Minnesota State University, Mankato, Business Administration from the University of St. Thomas, and Holistic Health from St. Catherine University. She accomplished all this while raising her family, running a business, and giving generously of her time to her children's many activities, with a special devotion to her first love-the theater.

Kathy devoted her life to serving others. Her passion for holistic health led her to spend her retirement years learning and sharing knowledge with her

friends, family, and anyone in need. Kathy's dream was to create a health retreat in Grand Rapids, MN, where she and Kent spent much of their retirement enjoying motorcycle rides and boating on Lake Pokegama. Her playful, adventurous spirit was evident in every chapter of her life.

Kathy is survived by her husband Kent; her children and their spouses-Steven and Ellie Vilendrer, Stacie and Nick Benavides, and Stephanie and Ryan Deppe; her six grandchildren-Leila, Shayda, Atlas, Cyrus, Maeve, and Keira; and her siblings-Fritz (David) Kremer, Margie Dahl (Kremer), and Nancy Kremer Lopez.

A funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, May 14th, at Pax Christi Catholic Church, 12100 Pioneer Trail in Eden Prairie. Visitation begins at 10:00 a.m. with Mass following at 11:00 a.m. Internment will take place at Dawn Valley Cemetery.

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Pax Christi Catholic Church  
12100 Pioneer Trail  
Eden Prairie, MN 55347

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Pax Christi Catholic Church  
12100 Pioneer Trail  
Eden Prairie, MN 55347

## Graveside Service

MAY 14. 1:45 PM - 2:15 PM (CT)

Dawn Valley Memorial Park (Bloomington)  
9940 Bush Lake Road  
Bloomington, MN 55438

# Tribute Wall

DC

“ I was blessed to know Kathy and her mom. I was the dog walker/ pet sitter for Rocky and Ginger, Deb Cross. When I met with Kathy, she had a great sense of humor and apparent love for the dogs. It was a pleasure dealing with her. As her mom aged, she asked if I would be interested visiting with her. Of course, I said! Marge was lovely! Very funny and very proud of her family. She talked about all of them constantly and we would go through photos and she would tell me who everyone was and what they accomplished. It was amazing to hear how proud she was of her kids! I can't imagine the loss everyone must feel. I am deeply sorry for what you are all going through. She was a wonderful person.

Debra Cross - July 03, 2025 at 12:39 PM

DB

“ Deb & Rick Karulf, Suzie Sime, Carol & Ken Bomben purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Kathlyn "Kathy" Marie Vilendrer.



Deb & Rick Karulf, Suzie Sime, Carol & Ken Bomben - May 13, 2025 at 09:37 AM

RF

“ Robin Campbell & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathlyn "Kathy" Marie Vilendrer.

Robin Campbell & family - May 12, 2025 at 09:11 PM

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“ Robin Campbell & family purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Kathlyn "Kathy" Marie Vilendrer.



Robin Campbell & family - May 12, 2025 at 09:11 PM

LD

“ Loving all of you ! LuAnn and Dale planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathlyn "Kathy" Marie Vilendrer.

Loving all of you ! LuAnn and Dale - May 12, 2025 at 09:05 PM

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“ Loving all of you ! LuAnn and Dale purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Kathlyn "Kathy" Marie Vilendrer.



Loving all of you ! LuAnn and Dale - May 12, 2025 at 09:05 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Kathlyn "Kathy" Marie Vilendrer.



May 12, 2025 at 12:16 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kathlyn "Kathy" Marie Vilendrer.

May 12, 2025 at 12:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Kathlyn "Kathy" Marie Vilendrer.



May 12, 2025 at 12:15 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Kathlyn "Kathy" Marie Vilendrer.



May 10, 2025 at 03:52 PM



“ We are saddened to hear of the passing of Kent's wife, Kathy. Kent, our prayers are for you & your family to find peace within your memories.

*The Class of 1973  
White Bear High School.*



**The Class of 1973** - May 09, 2025 at 01:57 PM