



Kathryn Joyce Colby

May 24, 1955 - May 20, 2026

Kathryn (Petracek) Colby, Age 70, of Minnetonka, passed away May 20, 2026.

Born May 24, 1955 to Clarence and Lucille Petracek and raised in Belview, MN as a farmer's daughter, she learned early on the value of hard work, grit, and perseverance that she carried throughout her life. She later attended The College of St. Scholastica in Duluth and then had a wide-ranging career including roles as a 1st-grade teacher, administrative professional, and business project manager.

Kathy was energetic, full-of-life, extremely outgoing, and a devoted friend to so many throughout her life. She was generous, kind and caring, always looking for ways to support those around her.

Kathy and Ron enjoyed 20 vivacious years of marriage, whether it was travelling the world exploring Europe, enjoying African safaris, or hiking Mt. Kilimanjaro. They enjoyed concerts, theater, and countless sporting events. In recent years, they spent their winters in Estero, FL and enjoyed many rounds of golf and new-found friends. At the end of most days, she loved being surrounded by friends and family enjoying a delicious meal and good wine.

Kathy's greatest love was her family. She was a loving wife, an extremely proud mom, and an adoring nana. Her love of life, her joyful smile, and her

laugh lifted her family up, and all those that knew her, every day.

She is survived by her husband of 20 years, Ron; son, Chris (Heather) High; daughter, Jenny (Drew) Teigland; stepdaughters, Bryanne and Casey Colby; grandchildren, Chelsea, Brooklyn, Maeve, Finn, and Sloane; brother, Tom Petracek; sisters, Mary Larpenteur and Barb (Dave) Palma; many more relatives and so many special friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 4-8 pm, Tuesday, June 30 at Minnesota Valley Country Club, 6300 Auto Club Rd, Bloomington. Memorials via charitable donations preferred to St Stephens Episcopal Church, Edina, MN or St. Matthews House, Naples, FL.

Tribute Wall

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“ Our deepest sympathy to Ron and family. We were fortunate to golf with Ron and Kathy for many years. She was a lovely person with so much energy and positivity. Kathy would always say that if we had a hole-in-one while golfing with her, she would reward us with a new pair of golf shoes. Knowing Kathy, she would do as she said. We valued her friendship and mourn and loss. Our thoughts and prayers to Ron and family. Mike and Fifi Stevens

Fifi Stevens - Yesterday at 05:21 PM

MM

My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family.
MaryJo Mahowald

MaryJo Mahowald - Yesterday at 10:59 PM

FP

“ From Frank and Kimberly Petracek purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kathryn Joyce Colby.



From Frank and Kimberly Petracek - Yesterday at 05:17 PM

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“ From Frank and Kimberly Petracek planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathryn Joyce Colby.

From Frank and Kimberly Petracek - Yesterday at 05:17 PM

KD

“ I was fortunate to help Mrs. Colby with her golf game. She was an extremely kind person and worked hard to improve her swing. Through hurricane damage and other obstacles in her life, her strong faith in Christ and joy was evident. She spoke with so much love for her family and always took time to ask how mine was doing too. She had a reputation among the West Bay staff for being upbeat and generous. I will miss her smile and presence at the golf course. Praying for Mr. Colby, her children, grandchildren and others as you grieve the loss of such an amazing woman.

Katie Dahl - Yesterday at 04:51 PM

NH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Sending my deepest sympathy to the family.
Nancy Harris. Friend from WBC

Nancy Harris - Yesterday at 04:29 PM