



Kay Marie Jasper

November 28, 1938 - March 25, 2023

Kay Marie (Kippes) Jasper, age 84, of Excelsior, MN, passed away on March 25, 2023. She found joy in many things, but she especially cherished her ever-expanding family and her circle of friends. She will be greatly missed. Kay grew up surrounded by many siblings on a family-run melon farm in Mitchell, South Dakota, home of the world-famous Corn Palace. She graduated from Notre Dame High School and the Presentation School of Nursing. She became a Registered Nurse (RN) in 1959. Recently she loved to say she was now an 'RON' - a Really Old Nurse. Kay met her future husband, Jack, while she was in nursing school. The two corresponded by mail when Kay embarked on her first big adventure - working as an RN in Long Beach, California. Kay decided to return to Sioux Falls and married the love of her life, Jack, on June 3, 1961.

Together Kay and Jack moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1962 due to Jack's new job with Arthur Andersen. Kay initially worked as a nurse but as their family began to grow, she set aside her nurse's cap to launch into her favorite job ever - being a mom. Her four children enjoyed an active and exciting childhood growing up in Bloomington. Life was chock-full of neighborhood friendships, bridge clubs, sporting and school events, downhill ski adventures and many RV road trips, oftentimes to see extended family. To her 64 nieces and nephews plus their spouses and children, she was fun-loving and ever-supportive 'Aunt Kay'.

Kay was truly an extrovert. She loved connecting with others while playing cards, golf, and tennis. Pheasant hunting in South Dakota with lots of friends and family was a cherished tradition, and Kay was an excellent shot! She volunteered with Loaves & Fishes, St. Edward's Stephen Ministries and the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. Kay was quick to offer a helping hand to anyone in need. She loved the family dog Brandy and her two litters of puppies. She rooted for the Minnesota Twins and the Golden Gopher Men's Basketball Team and of course her children's teams.

The next chapter of Kay's life included a lot of travel, family weddings and grandchildren - and she embraced the role of Grandma wholeheartedly. Kay and Jack have lived in Excelsior on Lake Minnetonka for the past 30 years; Kay loved helping her grandchildren fish for sunnies off their dock and learn how to water ski. She enjoyed nature - the change of seasons, flowers, birds and more. Lake life suited Kay, she and Jack hosted many gatherings including fish fries and family reunions at their home.

Kay's sense of humor and love of family and friends will be greatly missed! We look forward to celebrating her life and sharing memories.

Kay was preceded in death by her parents, Leona and Hubert Kippes; stepmother, Millie; two brothers, Fred and Joe (Donna); two sisters, Mary (Nick Kaiser and Norm Oleson), Lou Ann (Ed Trabing); two brother-in-laws, Dennis Comp and Ted Machner; nieces, Melissa Leber and Michelle Jameson; nephews, Sam Comp, Bradley Trabing, David Kippes and Mike Kippes.

Kay is survived by her husband, Jack; four children, Bob (Jackie), Anne (Todd Hinrichs), Tom, and John (Tracy); ten grandchildren, Sydney (Mason), Preston (Caroline), Ben, Raegan, Noelle, Sadie, Lauren, Raymond, Lola and Alice;

great-grandson, Owen Uvodich; and many very special nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her three sisters, Ruth (Dale Thomas), Nancy Comp, Linda Machner; brother, John (Rita) Kippes; and sister-in-law, Betty Kippes.

Visitation will be held on Monday, April 3 from 4-7 PM at Washburn-McReavy Eden Prairie Chapel, 7625 Mitchell Road, Eden Prairie, MN 55344.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 AM, with visitation one hour prior, on Tuesday, April 4, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish, 680 Mill Street, Excelsior, MN 55331. Luncheon immediately following the funeral service at the Lafayette Club, 2800 Northview Road, Minnetonka Beach, MN 55361. Private interment will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to the charity of your choice or to the Courage Kenny Foundation, 3915 Golden Valley Road, Minneapolis, MN 55422. Please specify the Arthur Andersen Alumni Grant Fund.

For those unable to attend in person, a livestream of Kay's service can be accessed here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8KKAPm_HTbA

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Eden Prairie Chapel
7625 Mitchell Road
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Visitation

APR 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish
680 Mill Street
Excelsior, MN 55331

Memorial Service

APR 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish
680 Mill Street
Excelsior, MN 55331

Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Funeral Mass Webcast in memory of Kay Marie Jasper



Washburn-McReavy - March 30, 2023 at 05:55 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kay Marie Jasper.



April 03, 2023 at 12:16 PM



“ Love Cindy & Larry Shea & Carol Japer purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kay Marie Jasper.



Love Cindy & Larry Shea & Carol Japer - April 03, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kay Marie Jasper.*



April 01, 2023 at 09:13 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kay Marie Jasper.*



April 01, 2023 at 09:05 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Kay Marie Jasper.*



April 01, 2023 at 02:12 PM



“ *Love for Kay and grateful for her and Jack's love and friendship.Fr. Bill with much love and gratitude.*

Fr.Bill - March 31, 2023 at 07:05 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kay Marie Jasper.



March 31, 2023 at 05:43 PM



“ Dear Jack and Jasper Family,
Words cannot describe how much Kay's friendship meant to me.
We go way back . Such good times over the years. I will miss her snorting laugh, her great sense of humor, her generosity , her family stories, and many other things we shared !
Prayers to you all at this sad time.



Don and Judy Day

Judy Day - March 31, 2023 at 01:28 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Kay Marie Jasper.



March 31, 2023 at 10:06 AM