



Norma Kay Dahlgren

December 31, 1938 - April 16, 2024

Kay Dahlgren, 85, of Bloomington passed away on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at the IU Health Hospice House. [L] [SEP] She was born December 31, 1938 in Mount Clemens, Michigan to Lloyd Frank and Velma (West) Patton. Kay graduated in 1956 from Roseville High School in Roseville, Michigan. She attended Alma College in Alma, Michigan and graduated in 1960 with a BA in Business Administration. A few of Kay's various extracurricular activities in college included ACA Alma Christian Association, Alpha Theta, Kiltie Lassies Highland Dance Company, Panhellenic Council Past President, Pioneer Hall Senate- SCC & ACA. She married Jerry Olson in August of 1960. They were married for fourteen years. While in Bloomington she attended Indiana University, where she graduated in 1982 with a Master of Science in Education.

Kay first worked as a teacher at L'Anse Creuse High School in Michigan. She then taught at Bloomington High School as well as Ivy Tech in Bloomington. She began her career at IU in the School of Music Undergrad office, and then moved to the Office of the Registrar as a Supervisor before becoming the Assistant Registrar at Indiana University for 20 years until her retirement in 2001.

Kay was very involved in the Stonebelt Arc of Bloomington for over 40 years. She was a fierce guardian and advocate for her daughter Jill, and a dedicated and resourceful volunteer involved in a number of projects of the years on behalf of all individuals with disabilities. She helped to launch the Stonebelt

Group Homes in Bloomington, with Jill being one of the first residents. [1][SEP] Kay was a longtime member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church. It was there that she met her second husband, Arthur "Art" Dahlgren. They were married on July 2, 1986. Kay and Art celebrated 30 years of marriage in 2016. Kay was involved in many ministries and groups at the church. [1][SEP] Kay was a kind, loyal, and loving mother and grandmother who always kept everyone smiling and laughing with her mannerisms and quips throughout the day. She enjoyed dancing, music, reading, news and current events, musicals, and traveling with her family as well as a variety of groups of friends that she kept in touch and active with over the years.

Kay is survived by her daughters, Jill Olson of Bloomington; Amy (Chris) Gales of Bloomington; stepdaughters, Christine Ruddick of South Carolina; Bonnie Stinson of Virginia; Diana (Ron) Wiley of Virginia; her grandchildren, Ryan Gales; Evan Gales; step grandchildren Gregory and Trysta Ruddick; Sandra and Brian Wiley; nephew Bobby (Jeri) Cairns; niece Patty (Jeff) Ealy, in Southern Michigan; nephew Donny Cairns in Washington State; great nieces and nephews Tonya, Shannon, Daniel, Matthew and Lisa. [1][SEP] She was preceded in death by her parents, Lloyd and Velma Patton; her husband, Arthur "Art" Dahlgren; her sisters, Margie (Jim) Bennett and Jane (Dr. Don) Cairns; and her nieces, Linda Couchman and Laura Cairns, and nephew Jimmy Bennett. [1][SEP] A funeral service will be held on Monday, April 22, 2024 at 1:00pm, at St. Mark's United Methodist Church with Mary Beth Morgan and Jimmy Moore officiating. Visitation will be held from 11:00 am to time of service also Monday April 22, 2024 the church. A reception will follow. Burial will be held at 4:00pm Monday.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to Stone Belt. Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Cemetery Details

Clear Creek Cemetery

W Church Lane
Bloomington, IN 47403

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 22. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St Marks United Methodist Church
100 State Rd 46
Bloomington, IN 47408

Funeral Service

APR 22. 1:00 PM (ET)

St Marks United Methodist Church
100 State Rd 46
Bloomington, IN 47408

Graveside Service

APR 22. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I had the pleasure of knowing Kay, through her daughter Jill. Kay would come to Jill's home to visit her or pick her up and Jill would get the biggest smile on her face. Kay truly wanted the best for her children! I'm truly sorry for the families loss, may your faith hold you tightly in the coming days.
Shannon McCann

Shannon McCann - April 19, 2024 at 10:50 PM

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“ Kay was one of the first BREGgers I met while serving as a scheduling officer for one of the IU academic departments. It was her kindness, always with a spark of humor in her eyes, that made me wish for a post in the office. Fortune smiled on me, and I was honored to call her my colleague for 20 years in the Registrar family.



Kay was a shining light - always smiling, always positive, always a genuine class act.

Sending love to Amy, Chris, and all of her family.
Lisa Scully

Lisa Scully - April 19, 2024 at 06:42 PM

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“ Kay and I both worked in the Office of the Registrar at Indiana University, in different sections. No one was more surprised than we were when my son asked who a certain young woman was at St. Mark’s United Methodist Church. It was Kay’s beautiful daughter Amy. They went out for coffee, talked for hours, and “the rest is history,” becoming part of Registrar lore. We became family a couple of years later when they were married at St. Mark’s, of course. We became grandmothers together a few years later when Ryan was born. She was such a lovely person and will be dearly missed by many.

Linda Bohall Gales - April 18, 2024 at 03:55 PM