Kay Nelson

December 25, 1940 - March 3, 2020

Kay Nelson, 79, of Oskaloosa died Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at the Mahaska Health Hospice Serenity House in Oskaloosa.

Katherine “Kay” Ann Nelson, daughter of Donald and Millicent (Jones) Miller, was born on Christmas Day, December 25, 1940, in Britton, South Dakota. Kay was raised on a farm near Claremont, S.D., where she attended school and graduated in 1958. She then attended Augustana College in Sioux Falls and eventually dental assistant school in Minneapolis, MN. After completing that course of study, she moved to Rapid City, SD, to work for a dental practice. It was there that she met her future husband, David Nelson, who was serving in the National Guard. They married September 5, 1964, and lived briefly in Rapid City before moving to Brookings, SD., where Dave could attend the South Dakota State University. Upon Dave’s graduation in 1967, the couple moved to Des Moines, where they lived for eight years. In 1975, Dave’s job with Garden and Associates brought the couple to Oskaloosa. After Kay’s children were in school, Kay partnered with a friend establishing Brooms, Inc., a cleaning service. They operated the business for approximately ten years. Running a cleaning service was natural for Kay – she was an excellent homemaker and a great cook.

Kay was a member of St. Paul Congregational United Church of Christ; she was active on numerous committees and helped with the yearly bazaar. Dave introduced Kay to fishing when they were first married, it was a skill and activity that Kay took to, and they enjoyed many hours of the sport throughout

their life together. Kay and Dave loved to travel: over the years, they took many trips with their good friends Gary and Carolyn Snell. Europe, the Caribbean, the Virgin Islands, and Mexico were among their favorites. Florida was a preferred winter destination for the couple for several years, and it was there they met special friends, Joe and Connie Galewski. Kay's family was of foremost importance to her; it is fair to say she and Dave were best friends, and her love for him extended to his family as well as her own.

Kay's family includes her husband, Dave of Oskaloosa; a son, Eric (Heidi) Nelson of Eldridge, Iowa; a daughter, Anne Erwin of Oskaloosa; grandchildren: Anthony and Alicia Sanders of Davenport, Erika Nelson of Eldridge, and Tucker Erwin of Oskaloosa; a brother, Don (Lyla) Miller of Houghton, SD; sisters; Barbara (Dave) Buchholtz of Peterson, MN and Patricia Awad of Kansas City, KS; several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Kay was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral service for Kay will be held at 5 p.m., Saturday, March 7, 2020, at the Langkamp Funeral Chapel with Rev. Molly Goodrich of the First Christian Church officiating. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m., Saturday at the funeral chapel; the family will greet visitors until 7:30 p.m., Saturday evening following the funeral service. Burial will be Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at the De Smet Cemetery in De Smet, South Dakota following an 11 a.m., service at the American Lutheran Church in De Smet. Memorial contributions can be made to the Mahaska Health Foundation for the Hospice Serenity House contributions can be mailed to P.O. Box 357 Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577.

Cemetery Details

De Smet Cemetery

De Smet, SD 57231

Previous Events

Open Visitation

MAR **7**. 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory
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Funeral Service

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Family Visitation

MAR **7**. 5:45 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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Burial

MAR **10** (CT)

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Tribute Wall

Kay Nelson

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM

CW

I was so very sorry to see this....I moved from Oskaloosa in 94 but prior to that I had done Kay's hair. I always enjoyed our talks, laughter and support in my dining room while I made my way through Nursing school, admired her unwavering love and devotion to her family. Such an amazing and beautiful soul,I will always remember. May God be with you Dave, Anne and Eric to comfort you in this difficult time.

Colleen (Lawson) Warner - March 14, 2020 at 12:17 PM

Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kay Nelson.

March 09, 2020 at 05:07 PM

WS

With deepest sympathy purchased the Loving Gr ace for the family of Kay Nelson.

With deepest sympathy - March 07, 2020 at 10:26 AM

RM

Richard & Cindy Mott-Brown lit a candle in memory of Kay Nelson

Richard & Cindy Mott-Brown - March 06, 2020 at 03:38 PM

MB

Dave Anne and Eric I am so sorry to hear of Your loss. I always loved Kay! She was so funny and sweet.

mescha bunnell - March 06, 2020 at 02:02 PM

D1

DeSmet High School Class of 1961 purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Kay Nelson.

DeSmet High School Class of 1961 - March 06, 2020 at 10:04 AM

FF

from Gary and Carolyn Snell Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Kay Nelson.

from Gary and Carolyn Snell Family - March 06, 2020 at 09:50 AM

Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kay Nelson.

March 05, 2020 at 03:24 PM

DA

Dave and family. Don and I are so very saddened to hear of Kaye's passing. She was a beautiful sweet soul. Our sympathy to you and your family.
Don and Donna Arendt

Donna Arendt - March 05, 2020 at 11:41 AM

CH

I got to know Kay when I was working for her. Loved her as a friend and boss she was great. Prayers to the family. Charlotte Holdsworth

Charlotte Holdsworth - March 05, 2020 at 11:07 AM

Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kay Nelson.

March 05, 2020 at 10:46 AM

SL

Kay was a beautiful soul...inside and out!
I have fond memories of her At St. Paul First Congregational United Church of Christ.
She was a moral compass to me. My sincere and heartfelt sympathy for all of you.

Susan Grafke Leedom - March 05, 2020 at 09:09 AM

TB

Kay was a one of a kind lady, with a contagious smile. She will be greatly missed. Sending prayers and hugs to the family ❤️

Tiffany Beal - March 05, 2020 at 08:53 AM

Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kay Nelson.

March 05, 2020 at 12:27 AM

Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Kay Nelson.

March 04, 2020 at 09:21 PM

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kay Nelson.

March 04, 2020 at 08:18 PM

Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kay Nelson.

March 04, 2020 at 07:49 PM

November 16th 2019 we went to see a Vikings game and had such a great time! Myself, Mom and Dad were able to stay with my Aunt Barb and Uncle Dave in Minnesota and had such a nice visit with them!

Eric Nelson - March 04, 2020 at 07:36 PM