



Kathryn "Kay" Nelson

November 17, 1919 - July 14, 2021

The memorial service celebrating the life of Kathryn "Kay" Nelson will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 11, 2022 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Eagle Bend with Pastor Justin Hesterman presiding.

Family and friends may gather one hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday.

A private graveside service was held for Kathryn "Kay" Nelson, age 101, of Eagle Bend on Friday, July 16, 2021. Per Kay's request, the burial was performed at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Eagle Bend, shortly after her death.

Kathryn "Kay" Dorothy Martens was born to Henry and Caroline (Sudler) Martens on November 17, 1919 near Beardsley, MN at the family farm where she was raised. After completing high school, Kay continued her education to attain a teacher's degree in education. Kay began her teaching career in 1939. On June 7, 1946, Kay was united in marriage with Robert "Bob" Raymond Nelson in Vergas. A break from her teaching career was made to stay at home and raise their three children before returning to work in the Eagle Bend School from 1966-1984. Away from work Kay was active in her church, belonged to numerous study and hobby clubs, and spearheaded "Art in the Park" on her 90th birthday! She remained an organizer of events for her community and church throughout her lifetime. Kay will be fondly

remembered as a loving mother, lifelong teacher, devoted Christian, and one who loved her “village”.

Preceding Kay in death were her husband Robert (8-1-1998), parents Henry and Caroline; daughter Kleda Kuehne; and brothers Karl, Ray, and Kenneth Martens.

Memories of Kay will be held dear by her children Kurt (Barbara) Nelson of Irvine, CA, and Keri (Darrell) Krabbenhoft of Vergas, MN; son-in-law Dennis Kuehne of Valley City, ND; along with six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be directed to Immanuel Lutheran or Knute Nelson Hospice.

Previous Events

Gathering of Family & Friends

AUG 11. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Eagle Bend
308 South St. W.
Eagle Bend, MN 56446

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Kathryn "Kay" Nelson*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - July 30, 2021 at 04:14 PM

LR

Very nice. What a great tribute.

Larry Refsland - July 30, 2021 at 09:03 PM

JE

Beautiful tribute to a great lady!

Judy Fransen Erdahl - July 31, 2021 at 12:10 AM

LJ

Such a lovely video. So many wonderful memories. Rest In Peace Mrs. Nelson.

Lida (Smith) Jones - July 31, 2021 at 12:26 AM

LH

A beautiful life!

Linda Hanson - July 31, 2021 at 02:09 PM

JP

wonderful, lots of great memories!

Julia Peery - August 03, 2021 at 06:44 AM

RG

What a Wonderful Tribute to your Mom a Truly Amazing Woman.. Will be missed by many. God Be With You Kay.

Roberta Grewe - August 03, 2021 at 10:00 PM

NT

Beautiful lady, beautiful soul, most loving heart for everyone no matter what. Will miss her! Can't wait to see her again!!!❤️

Nancy Tuorila - August 03, 2021 at 10:33 PM

FA

Wonderful tribute for a very special lady!

Faye Arntson - August 04, 2021 at 02:30 AM

JH

“ *My favorite fourth grade teacher. She will always be remembered fondly by me. Always smiling and of good nature, an inspiration for sure.*

Jeanette Hansen



Jeanette Hansen - August 17, 2022 at 04:26 PM

WM

“ *I am thinking of the goodness of Kay and the important role she played in my life, from the day I arrived in Eagle Bend as a 7 week old baby and for 66 years of my life, she was a constant. Always so supportive of me, interested in what I was doing and where I had been and was going. I love her and miss her presence in this world. Peace be with her, and all those who love her.*

There must be a wonderful picnic going on in heaven, the old gang is all there!

Wendy Martinson - August 11, 2022 at 12:53 AM

RA

“ Kay Nelson was very special to us from our first day in Eagle Bend, until the end of her life. I remember her pressing curtains to help us get settled in the Parsonage. Bob was also a blessing, doing things like keeping our lawnmower blade sharpened. We shared foods back and forth, recipes, books, etc. and together started a Ladies Bible & Craft Class at Immanuel. When Kay wanted company, she would call and say, "Janie, let's go for coffee, to Parker's, Alex," etc., and off we would go. We also took her with us to Browns Valley, where she would visit with relatives while we spent time with friends, Pastor Don & Kathy Gesterling.

After retiring to AZ, Kay came to visit us with Bev (Guse). When we said "Goodbye," we knew we wouldn't meet again until heaven! From then on, we kept in touch by phone, letters and later, by email. She became an "adopted mother" to us, and signed her messages, "Momma Kay."

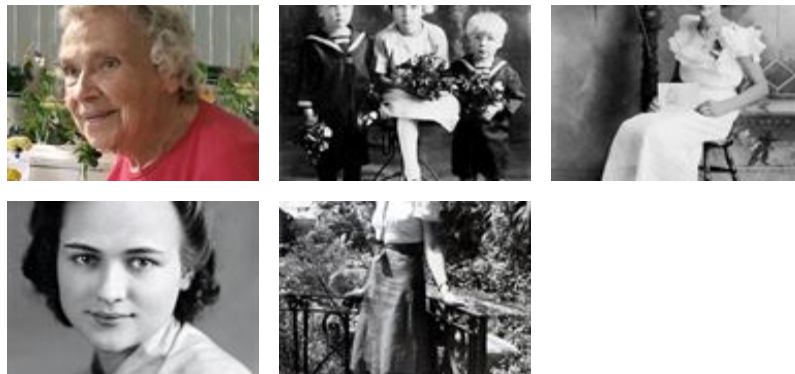
She was a bright light in many lives! We miss her and were privileged to have been her friends!

Pastor Horst & Jane Augustin

Rev Horst & Jane Augustin - August 10, 2022 at 09:08 PM



“ 55 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - July 30, 2021 at 04:11 PM

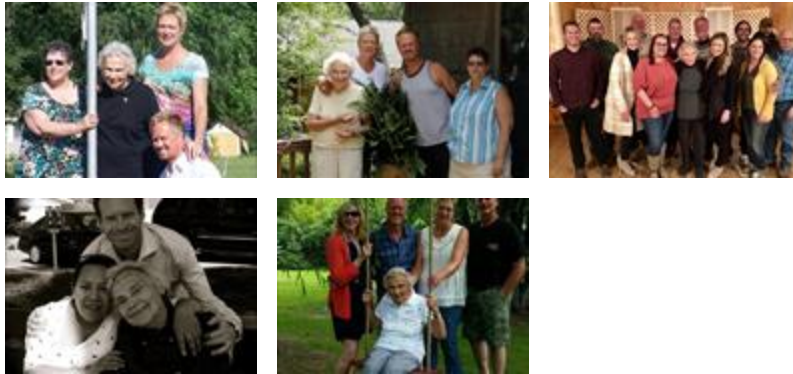
SN

“ *Kay's kindness, compassion and generosity touched our hearts. Like a guardian angel she kept a loving watch over the neighborhood kids.*
My condolences to the Nelson family. By God's grace, till we meet again in Heaven. Love, Steven Nordstrom

Steven Nordstrom - July 25, 2021 at 11:26 PM



“ *9 files added to the album Tribute Wall Album*



Kurt Nelson - July 21, 2021 at 03:55 PM

JP

“ *So sorry for your loss, Glad Kurt was here in MN to see her the last few weeks. Had lots of memories at our place, The later years ... how she enjoyed pancakes, going to all the different church fund raisers in the area.*

Julia I Peery - July 16, 2021 at 05:32 AM

KT

“Karen Treangen lit a candle in memory of Kathryn "Kay" Nelson



Karen Treangen - July 15, 2021 at 11:21 AM

BJ

What a treasure Kay was to Eagle Bend and everyone who knew her.

Becky Jackson - July 17, 2021 at 08:11 PM