



Kathy Larson

January 4, 1959 - October 18, 2025

The funeral service celebrating the life of Kathy M. Larson of Verndale, will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, October 27, at the Thomastown Covenant Church in rural Staples with Pastor Scott Jorgenson presiding.

Visitation will be held at the church on Monday, from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service. Burial will be in the church cemetery in Thomastown Township, MN.

Kathy, 66, passed away unexpectedly of natural causes on Saturday, October 18, 2025, at her home in Verndale, MN.

Kathy Hanlon was born to James and Shirlee (Johnston) Hanlon on January 4, 1959, in Shakopee, MN. She graduated from Wadena High School with the Class of 1977 and studied Culinary Art at the Vocational School in Staples. Over the years she worked in food service for Bell Hill Recovery Center and for 40 years at Tri-County Hospital, both in Wadena. She took pride in her work and enjoyed helping people

Kathy met Wayne C. Larson through a mutual friend, and they were married in 1985, at the Thomastown Covenant Church in rural Staples. They were kindred spirits and shared a special life together for 40 years. Away from work, Kathy loved all her dogs and cats. She always enjoyed working on word finds and jigsaw puzzles. Kathy was especially fond of spending time with family,

celebrating the addition of each new baby, and sending cards for birthdays or special occasions. "Birthdays won't be the same without her."

Preceding Kathy in death were her parents, Jim and Shirlee Hanlon; stepmother, Shirley Priebe; and nephew, Daniel Rogenes.

Kathy is survived by her husband, Wayne; Wayne's sister, Melody (Kurt) Goodenough; siblings: Debbie Pilgrim, Cindy (David) Rogenes, Jim (Shelly) Hanlon, Kevin Hanlon and Bill Hanlon; 12 nieces and nephews, and 26 great nieces and nephews.

Serving as casket bearers will be Terry Perius, Lance Perius, Wayne Perius, Kevin Hanlon, Bill Hanlon and Jim Hanlon.

Cemetery Details

Thomastown Covenant Cemetery

15940 251st Avenue
Staples, MN 56479

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 27. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Thomastown Covenant Church
15940 251st Ave. (N. of Staples off Co Rd 5)
Staples, MN 56479

Service

OCT 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Burial

OCT 27. 12:00 PM (CT)

Thomastown Covenant Cemetery
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Tribute Wall



“ Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Kathy Larson



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - October 23, 2025 at 06:33 PM

NA

I literally was in tears watching this

Nadine - October 23, 2025 at 09:39 PM

LM

“ Linda McIntire lit a candle in memory of Kathy Larson



Linda McIntire - November 01, 2025 at 06:11 PM

NZ

“ I knew Kathy from working at the hospital. She was a fun-loving person and I was saddened to hear of her passing. My sympathy to her family.

Nancy Zondlo - October 25, 2025 at 06:42 PM

TF

“ *The Chambers Family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Kathy Larson.*



The Chambers Family - October 24, 2025 at 01:16 PM

TF

“ *The Chambers Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathy Larson.*

The Chambers Family - October 24, 2025 at 01:16 PM

SS

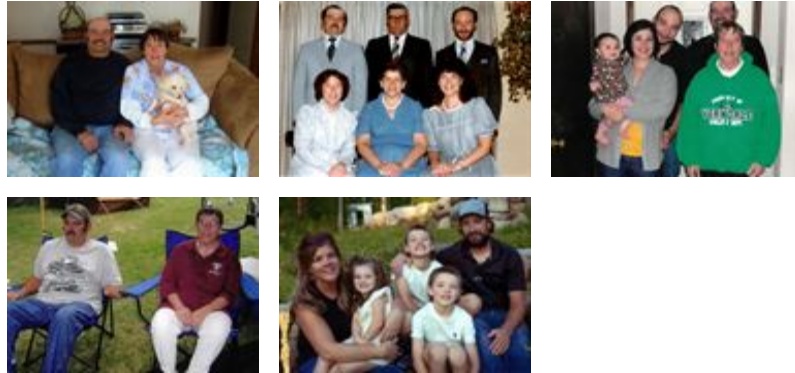
“ *Wayne, Kathy was a joy to know. We all had our struggles and bad days and Kathy saw only the good in all of us. Kathy made a difference in this world with her good thoughts and kind deeds. Wayne...my heart shares in your sorrow. Be gentle on yourself as grieving takes time. May the love you shared with Kathy forever fill your heart. She is the angel up there wearing the Pirates sweatshirt.*



Sally Siegler - October 23, 2025 at 11:02 PM



“ 46 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - October 23, 2025 at 06:30 PM

TF

“ *Tews Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Kathy Larson.*



Tews Family - October 23, 2025 at 07:36 AM

RR

“ *Roland and Donna Roth lit a candle in memory of Kathy Larson*



Roland and Donna Roth - October 22, 2025 at 08:19 PM

SR

“ Steve and Kathy Richter lit a candle in memory of Kathy Larson



Steve and Kathy Richter - October 22, 2025 at 07:04 PM

WS

“ Kathy always greeted you with the biggest beautiful radiant smile! So kind to everyone and always a great visit! I always enjoyed hearing about her family and the little ones too, she loved you each dearly❤️ Will sure miss her! So grateful by God's Salvation gift we can be reunited in heaven...what a glorious day that will be!! Our sincere sympathy, love n prayers to Wayne and all her family.



Wayne and Sheila Stave - October 22, 2025 at 02:36 PM

DR

“ Debi, Dustin & Daytin Rohr purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kathy Larson.



Debi, Dustin & Daytin Rohr - October 22, 2025 at 10:12 AM

JP

“ Wayne and families. So sad to hear of Kathy's passing. We never know when our LORD will call us home. Kathy always said hello and cared about everybody. She will be missed. Prayers for peace and comfort as you go forward. Keep the memories in your heart and know we will be together again as HE has promised. Deepest Sympathys. Jackie and family.



Jackie Perius - October 22, 2025 at 01:53 AM

KM

“ Hugs to you Wayne and family...I worked with Kathy in Dietary at TCHC for 10 years, she babysat my children when they were young! So sad to hear, Kathy was a gem! Always a smile, loved to visit, she will definitely be missed! With Love, Loren & Kathy Meyer

Kathy Meyer - October 21, 2025 at 09:29 PM

JR

“ Kathy was a joy to be around ... always a giggle and a laugh. I worked at the hospital in Wadena in nursing and Kathy worked in dietary. She always had a smile no matter how the day was going. God bless her memory. JoAnn Reineke

JoAnn Reineke - October 21, 2025 at 08:30 PM

LH

“ Leo Haisman lit a candle in memory of Kathy Larson



Leo Haisman - October 21, 2025 at 02:37 PM

BM

“ *Barb Masog lit a candle in memory of Kathy Larson*



Barb Masog - October 21, 2025 at 01:56 PM

TS

“ *The Sundy's/Madsens purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Kathy Larson.*



The Sundy's/Madsens - October 21, 2025 at 12:43 PM

TS

“ *The Sundy's/Madsens planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathy Larson.*

The Sundy's/Madsens - October 21, 2025 at 12:43 PM

JC

“ *Jason Carpenter & family*



Jason Carpenter - October 21, 2025 at 09:36 AM

SD

“ Rest easy Kathy 🙏



Shelly Dukowitz - October 20, 2025 at 10:42 PM

JL

“ Deepest Sympathy to Wayne. I always enjoyed seeing the two of you. Kathy was always anxious to learn new things and please people. Had a smile and friendliness that could fill the room.

Joanne C Lynk - October 20, 2025 at 05:11 PM

JB

“ Judy Beaver lit a candle in memory of Kathy Larson



Judy Beaver - October 20, 2025 at 04:33 PM

LM

“ Sympathies to Kathy's family.

Lois Miller - October 20, 2025 at 04:12 PM

PD

“ My sympathies to Kathy's family. She was a wonderful person who always had a smile on her face. She was a joy to have a conversation with. She will truly be missed.

Patty Desrocher - October 20, 2025 at 09:16 AM

WJ

“ I am so sorry to hear this. I was fortunate to know Kathy r/t our employment at TCHC. She was always so happy and pleasant. Sparking up a conversation instantly. Many hugs and prayers to her family.
I am sure Kathy will be sparking up many conversations in Heaven.

Wendy Jessop - October 20, 2025 at 07:10 AM

JC

“ Our deepest condolences to Wayne and Kathy's family. 🙏 We are very saddened to hear of her passing. 💔 She was always such a hard worker, so positive to visit with and had a smile and laugh so contagious you couldn't help but feel better after being with her. ♡Rest in peace Kathy. Heaven gained a good one ♡



Jim and Janell Carr - October 19, 2025 at 10:35 PM