



## Kathy Witthuhn

October 24, 1955 - June 7, 2008

Kathleen Marie Witthuhn was born October 24, 1955 in Perham, MN to parents Arthur and Kathryn (Malcolm) Dunker. She passed away at St. Cloud Hospital on Saturday, June 7, 2008 at the age of 52 years. Kathy was united in marriage with Steven Harold Witthuhn on November 30, 1974 at Union Corners Church in Deer Creek. She was a member of the Hewitt community for 33 years and was employed as a nurse. She enjoyed gardening, crafting beaded bracelets, card stamping, knitting, and spoiling her grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Kathryn and Art; and brother, Larry. She is survived by her husband, Steven; sons, Seth (Kristina) of West Fargo, and Rory of St. Paul; daughters, Sara (Zackery) Weber of Coon Rapids, and Nicole of Fargo; 4 grandchildren; brothers, Keith, Kenny and Arlen , all of Henning; and sister, Linda (Wayne) Bronson of Zimmerman. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, June 12, 2008 at the United Methodist Church in Wadena with Pastor Kathy Huneywell officiating. Interment will be at Oak Valley Cemetery in rural Hewitt. Pallbearers will be Kathy's co-workers at Golden Living Center in Henning.

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ We are so saddened to hear of your loss. This world was a much better place to have had Kathy a part of it. No words can describe how you must all be feeling right now, I'm sure. The void & loss has to be overwhelming to say the least. I(Mary) feel Blessed and so fortunate to have had Kathy a part of my life's journey. From 1990-1992 when we were both in nursing school, we shared many happy, stressful, bonding, etc moments. She was my lifeline during that time. I shall forever cherish the chance to have known her. Steve, I think Joyce may have shared with you the best words I could describe of Kathy, "TO KNOW HER WAS TO LOVE HER".

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**John & Mary Blom** - June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ I believe Kathy has been a complete blessing to all those she has touched. She truly was a woman of virtue. She loved her family supremely, was a good & loving friend and neighbor, a Christian wife and mother, a proud grandmother. There will be a void here without her, but I know her memory will be in our hearts forever. Her loving spirit will continue to bless others in her heavenly place of rest and reward. We want to express our sadness and sympathy to her family.

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**Gary & Marcy Collins** - June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ I was fortunate to get to know Kathy through working with her at GLC - Henning. It was always a pleasure to work with her. She was one of the most friendly and caring people I know. I will always remember her smile, how proud she was of her family and how easy she was to talk to. Kathy will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

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**Jenny Doll** - June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Kathy will be greatly missed, not only by her family, but also anyone that had the wonderful opportunity to know her. Kathy was such a terrific nurse! She was so caring, not only to our residents living at Golden Living Center, but also to the staff she worked with. Kathy was one of the truly wonderful people God gave us. I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to know her and work with her. Kathy you were loved by all. Sheila

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**Sheila Hagen** - June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Kathy was like a second mom to me while we were growing up. She was a great mom and I always loved being at her house with them. I pray God's blessing for all of her family. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort. 2 Corinthians 1:3"

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**Denise (Albright) and Nathan Klicker** - June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SU

“ I am so blessed to have known and worked with Kathy for 13 years at the nursing home. Her compassion showed to the residents and her co-workers was witnessed everyday she worked. I feel I know her 4 kids well, along with her husband Steve, as Kathy told many stories about her family. She was so proud of her children and grandchildren and always had an updated picture to show us. My prayers go to the family for healing of your hearts. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Take care, Susanne

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**SusanneTorgerson** - June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss!! Kathy was such a wonderful person she will be missed by alot of people!! My thoughts and prayers are with all of Kathy's family and friends!!

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**Wendy Irons** - June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ I knew Kathy as a mom, grandmother and worker at the Henning nursing home. In all walks of life she was top notch. She loved her children and was always concerned about their progress. She was so very proud of Victoria, her first grandchild. I also got to know her in her professional manner while I was helping to care for an aunt who spent two terms in the Henning Nursing Home. I'll always remember Kathy as a caring, concerned and wonderful woman. She will be missed by so many people that she touched in her life.  
Jean Rortvedt.

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**Jean Rortvedt** - June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Niki,  
Our thoughts and hearts are with you. We were all deeply saddened to hear of the loss of your Mother. We know how much you loved her and how much she will be missed. We're thinking of you and your family. Nancy Odney and Everyone at Radio Fargo Moorhead.

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**Nancy Odney** - June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ i am so sorry for your loss you are all in my thoughts and prayers.

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**mike carkhuff** - June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ I didn't know Kathy well, but I know when you meet certain people, you immediately know that they are genuinely kind and caring. She was one of those people. Her family meant the world to her. She loved them all dearly and was so proud of them.

*I am so sorry for your loss. You have been, and will continue to be, in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Becky and Jay*

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**Becky & Jay Landis** - June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ET

“ Seth - My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this tough time. May your sorrow be comforted by your family and friends.

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**Eric Thoerner** - June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I knew Kathy somewhat through family gatherings of Kristi and Seth's family and through those few times of interacting with her, know how loving and caring she is to so many people. I cannot begin to imagine the loss that her family is experiencing right now. Someone was telling me recently that when Steve and Kathy first got Dixie, their dog, she would growl at Victoria and Isaac when they came over. Kathy told Steve that they were going to have to get rid of Dixie. No surprise...we all know how important her grandchildren were to her and that she would protect them from all she could. She has touched so many lives and will be missed deeply. My prayers go out to her family and friends. I pray that you feel the comfort of God through this difficult time.

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**Jenny Steinkopf** - June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Steve and family... I am so saddend to hear of your loss. Kathy always had a smile on her face and made you feel so special. I admired her so much for going back to school and what a better profession for to study so she could help and care for people. To Seth, Sara, Nicki, and Rory she loved you very much and was so proud of each and everyone of you. She has left you a incredible legacy of compassion, and how to be wonderful and caring parent. It was always so much fun when she came in the office, sharing her stories and pictures of her grandchildren. Not only was she a patient she was my friend ... May God Bless You...

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**Tami Schwartz** - June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Seth and Kristi and all of the Witthuhn family,

*I am so sorry for your loss. I hope you find comfort in knowing that she is at peace now. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Angie Burke** - June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ *It was Kathy's smile that always hit you first and made everything else easy. She was one of the nurses who took care of Kay's stepfather, Thor's mother, and now Kay's mother at the Henning nursing home with such loving expertise. We felt extremely close to Kathy, as did everyone who met her. Our hearts are truly saddened, and our prayers are with Kathy's whole family.*

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**Kay and Thor Anderson** - June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *I have so many memories growing up with the kids. Kathy was a sweet woman and I will miss her dearly. I wish I could be home to be with you all in this time.*  
*God Bless you all,*  
*Love*  
*Jenny*

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**Jennifer Albright** - June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ *Seth and Family. I'm so sorry for your loss. Though I didn't have the pleasure of knowing Kathy, I worked with Seth at North Ambulance and know she was a special Mom and will be missed deeply by her family and friends.*

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**Todd Nelson** - June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *Sara and Zack-*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. I'm very sorry to hear of your loss.*

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**mary.king** - June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *What a shock!!! I cannot express how much comfort I received from Kathy while she was taking care of my Mom, Dad and Mother-In-Law. She had tears in her eyes when she knew we were hurting, now only tears can come when I think of Kathy. The memory of Kathy for me will be her smile and shaking her head yeah, yeah. She was so caring and loving and I cannot imagine the loss for the family and for all the patients that she took care of. My deepest sympathy to the family.*

*Carleen*

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**Carleen (Wallevand) Markuson** - June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *Seth and family,*

*My prayers are with you during this very hard time. I wish you peace and comfort.*

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**Tina McPherson** - June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ *Seth and Family, We want to offer our sympathies in the death of your Mom. Our prayers are with you and your family. Gayle and Ann*

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**Gayle Bye, Ann Malmberg** - June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ My tribute to Kathy

*No finer lady did I know then she. Her love for family, Steve-Seth and family, Sara and family- Nickie- and Rory. I have met some of you but I feel like I know you all personally.*

*Our talks were the best from new grandchildren-growing grandchildren-kids in collage-Seth's helicopter rides Sara's pregnancies and yes a wonderful husband..From hot flashes to health issuse-aging parents care-we would usually figure it out between the two of us.Sometimes the haircuts took a little longer but we sure enjoyed our visit.*

*Her upbeat personality was contagious. I could go on and on but they are my wonderful memories of a great lady, and I thank her for that.*

*When I heard the radio this morning it took my breath away. Not the Kathy Witthun I know, she is to young, she has to many things to do yet.I will miss her, as you all will, but she will be in our hearts for ever.*

*God Bless you Kathy!!!!!!!!!!!!!!*

*The greatest sweetener of human life is friendship.*

*Women always need other women to come alongside and speak their language.the language of heart and of feelings.*

*The glory of friendship..... is spiritual inspiration that comes to one when he discovers that someone else believes in him.*

*Every friend is like a flower in life that is admired for its exquisite beauty and God-given design.*

*My deepest sympathy to her loving family.....*

*A friend and hairstylist*

*Lorie Baron*

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**Lorie Baron** - June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Kathy was a very special lady to me. To have had the opportunity to have known her, I feel blessed. I have always felt that there is angels that walk among us and I feel that she was one of them. Her smile could brighten up a room and the compassion and love she had for her family was amazing. As I think of her now, as Mary said, to know her was to love her. I know that in each one of her children her legacy continues. Her sense of humor in Seth, her beauty in Sara and Nicki and her protectiveness for her family in Rory. Steve the dedication to your family you shared with Kathy is something I admire greatly. We will always remember her!!

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**Shawn and Shelly Hegarty** - June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ To the Witthuhn Family:

*My deepest sympathys are sent to you. During the time I worked with Seth at NADC, we spent many hours over a cup of coffee and a pie of pie. We had some great and very entertaining conversations. I know how close you all are and I know that the passing of Kathy will be very difficult for you all. Take comfort in the fact she is walking with The Lord!!! Praise be to God!! My prayer are with you.*

*Jodie "Yoder" Baumann*

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**Jodie Baumann** - June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ My heart aches for you all. I think of the relationship each of you had with Kathy: grandma, mom, wife. All easily the greatest and most important people in our lives. No words can offer comfort, just know that I am praying for unspeakable comfort and strength for you right now and in the days to come.

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**Stacey Lillich** - June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Dear Steve,  
I am so sorry for your family's loss. I know that Kathy and your family is everything to you. I never met Kathy but for years I have heard such wonderful things about her from you and Iris. It is touching to read the tributes of her friends and family as I know she was loved and will be missed dearly. Thinking of you Steve and know that Kathy will always be there in spirit with you for I know how close you were to each other, that is the one thing I remember. With Love Debra

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**Debra Alverson** - June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ My deepest condolences to you and your family.

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**Alex Ashmore** - June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Seth and family  
Sorry to hear that about your mother. Our prayers will be with you and your family.

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**Jason & Renee Schultz** - June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ We most recently remember Kathy when we visited Katie in the rest home in Henning. Kathy was a nurse there and was very accommodating to us and took good care of her mother. We felt like she was in good hands.

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**Marlene Pixler** - June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ she was one of the nicest people i have meet and a very good caring nurse

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**lori johnson** - June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Were so sorry for your loss, we are keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers

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**alecia mcall{blom}** - June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Kathy was a warm and caring individual to all. She was a rose of love and a mountain of generosity. She will be missed!

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**Philip Schmitt** - June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ She was a WONDERFUL woman that I greatly admired and looked up to. She was an example to all. She will be greatly missed. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Jeanne, Reuben, and kids** - June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Steve and kids,  
Saying sorry for your loss seems like so little compared to the angel the world lost. My memories of Kathy are so many it is hard to express, our days watching our kids play and grow into such wonderful adults, the endless pots of coffee, laughs and tears over freinds and relatives lost. I do want to say thank you for your donating the gift of life to others, as some one who has been on the recieving end of this gift I cannot say thank you enough. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

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**Steve and Paula Albright** - June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ We want to send you our sincere sympathy. I have fond mememorries of Kathy in high school. Her laugh or I should say giggle is one I won't forget. She will be sadly missed. God's blessings to her family.

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**Nancy Friedrich (Eckhoff)** - June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ I only met Kathy a couple times but heard wonderful things about her all the time. My heart goes out to Kristi and Seth and all their family.

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**Kimberly Blom** - June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ I'm sorry to hear such a remarkable person to pass away. Seth, Kristi, and the rest of the family, you all will be in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Glen and Linda Buchanan** - June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. You are in a our thoughts and prayers.

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**Tanya Gronewold** - June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I am so sorry for your family's loss. Kathy was an incredible person. It seems unfair that a person like Kathy, who gave so much to so many and asked for so little in return, had such a short time on earth with us. That being said, I feel very fortunate to have known her.

As several people have stated, there are no words or remarks that I can offer to help ease your pain and sorrow, but I hope you are able to find some comfort in knowing that she is in heaven now. Knowing the type of person Kathy was...I'm sure she is fitting in perfectly.

Much love and sympathy,  
Jesse

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**Jesse Steinkopf** - June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Victoria and Isaac.. I'm so sorry for your sadness and pray God's comfort and peace in your hearts.

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**Pam Hoffman** - June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ I only remember my aunt Kathy with a smile on her face. She was always the first one with a laugh!!

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**Kathy Belcher** - June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ *The world was truly a brighter place when Kathy was around. As a member of her family I have many fond memories. She is very well known for her work as a nurse and I am grateful that she was able to care for my own mother Edith Rehm. Kathy will certainly be missed.*

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**Kathy Toyer-Belcher** - June 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM