



KATHLEEN "KATHY" MARY COCHRAN

March 7, 1942 - April 11, 2026

Kathleen "Kathy" (McCauley) Cochran, 84, of Proctor, Minnesota, passed away on April 11, 2026.

Born on March 7, 1942, in Caledonia, MN, Kathy lived a life defined by warmth, laughter, and deep devotion to her family. She found her greatest joy in the simple pleasure of being surrounded by the people she loved.

Childhood sweethearts, Kathy and Delmar Cochran were married on February 11, 1961, and recently celebrated 65 years of devoted marriage.

Kathy was preceded in death by two beloved children, Kelly and Jimmy. She is survived by her devoted husband, Delmar, and her children Dan (Teresa Helm) Cochran, Colleen, Maureen (Bart) Olek, and Patrick (Crystal Paulson) as well as seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

For 30 years, Kathy worked at The Pickwick in Duluth, where she formed lasting friendships with coworkers and customers alike.

Kathy enjoyed playing cards, visits to the casino, the music of Neil Diamond, and finding a bargain at a clearance sale. She was wonderful with children and could chat for hours with her kids, grandkids, and their friends, always making them feel heard and valued.

Family gatherings were never complete without Kathy. Alongside her siblings Paul, Alan, and Tom, and especially her sister Jeanette, she was often the life of the party, filling the room with laughter and stories. Above all else, Kathy loved spending time with her family, creating memories that will be cherished forever.

Her kindness, humor, and generous spirit will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

A visitation will take place at St Rose of Lima, 3 N. 6th Ave in Proctor, MN on May 13 from 5 to 7 pm.

A funeral mass will at the Church of St. Mary in Caledonia, MN on May 15 at 11 am, with visitation one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery, Caledonia

Those wishing to honor Kathy's memory may consider a memorial gift to St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, by mail to 5779 Seville Road, Duluth, MN 55811 or online at engage.suran.com/strose/s/give/new-gift

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Rose of Lima
3 N. 6th Ave
Proctor, MN 55810

Visitation

MAY 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
513 S Pine St
Caledonia, MN 55921
(507) 725-3804

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

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513 S Pine St
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(507) 725-3804

Tribute Wall

EB

“ We extend our sincere sympathy to the Cochran family during this difficult time. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers today. Ecolab North America Benefits team.



Ecolab North America Benefits - May 15 at 09:01 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of KATHLEEN "KATHY" MARY COCHRAN.

May 03 at 06:47 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of KATHLEEN "KATHY" MARY COCHRAN.



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“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of KATHLEEN "KATHY" MARY COCHRAN.



April 24 at 11:23 AM

LP

“ Kathy was such a sweet neighbor. Always a smile and a hi no matter how far away she was. You could just see by being with Dell and Kathy the love they had for each other. Oh and Kathy and her flowers. She loved working on her flowers. Every time I see their flowers I will be thinking of Kathy . She will truly be missed in our neighbor hood.

Lynn peterson - April 18 at 10:39 AM

LI

“ If you don't know me, I used to be a caregiver at New Prespective Senior Living, Where Kathy spent the end of her life. She called me her “Lillie of the valley” Because my name is Lily. Kathy and i became very close. Kathy was a beautiful kind soul. I've never felt the same bond with any other resident my whole life of being a caregiver. Kathy and I would bond together over everything. She was extremely funny and would tell me stories, or even tell me how i'd be a great nurse. When i stopped working there my heart never stopped thinking about her. I visited her once by sneaking onto the property, only to see her. Kathy was so excited to see me and i told her “I'm not sure if I'll ever be allowed to see you again, but always remember i love and miss you.” Kathy told me “thats not true, come whenever you want and I'll let you in through my window” 😂. We hugged and laughed. My condolences to the family and friends of such an amazing woman. I'm blessed that i got to meet you Kathy, I hope there's infinite pepsi in heaven ❤️

lily - April 17 at 10:25 PM

MZ

Lily, this is Kathy's niece Mary, my dog Calë and I met you when visiting her. She told me you were her favorite. Thank you for being her friend and being so good to my Auntie. You're right, she was special, and life won't be the same without her. I'm glad I got to meet you. Hopefully there's Pepsi and carmel corn in heaven! ❤️

Mary Zirbes - April 29 at 11:58 AM

DB

“ So sorry for your loss. We never met Kathy but reading the comments and talking to Teresa she sounds like she had a fun filled life. She is at peace now with the Lord. God’s blessings and love today and in the days ahead.. Larry and Dawn Best(Teresa’s sister)

Dawn Best - April 17 at 08:51 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of KATHLEEN "KATHY" MARY COCHRAN.

April 17 at 10:37 AM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of KATHLEEN "KATHY" MARY COCHRAN.



April 17 at 10:37 AM

JC

“ Kathy was a wonderful person.shell be deeply missed. Neal & her shared birthday together well miss our anual Sammy's date.💕💕 I loved her Christmas gathering she had for us it was always so beautiful decorated. I have lots of memories. Thoughts & prayers 🙏 to the whole family 🙏🙏 Love Neal,&JoAnn

JoAnn Campbell - April 16 at 09:30 AM