



KATHLEEN ANN LAWSON

November 23, 1956 - October 23, 2022

Kathleen Ann Lawson, known as Kathy, age 65, passed away surrounded by the love and affection of her family on October 23rd, 2022 at Gundersen Tweeten Care Center in Spring Grove, MN where she worked to meet her goals of enjoying each precious day she was with us.

Kathy was born on November 23, 1956, in La Crosse, Wisconsin, to Harlan and Louise Gavin. Kathy was raised in La Crosse and was the youngest of three girls. Kathy was a mischievous younger sibling and would often get her older sisters, Barb and Linda, in trouble. It brought them great stories and laughter as adults.

Kathy lived in Caledonia, Minnesota, where she raised her three children Christopher, Andrea, and Anthony. She worked at Standard Lumber, Elmer's Supper Club, Quillin's, Kwik Trip #733, Winnebago Software/Sagebrush Corporation, and Bluff Country Family Resources (BCFR).

Bluff Country Family Resources honored Kathy's work on two separate occasions. She was awarded Woman of the Year and The Road Less Traveled award. While working at BCFR, Kathy facilitated a Chemical Dependency group and fondly remembered the people she worked with when the group's theme song would come on, Mercedes Benz by Janis Joplin. Kathy was also the Children's Program Coordinator. She claimed that to be

the perfect job because she got to hang out with kids all day. She volunteered many hours to her community through her time at the Houston County Fair and created a medallion hunt for kids and families to enjoy. In the winter months she could be seen with her grandkids by her side, ringing the bell for the local Salvation Army. Kathy had a generous heart, gentle soul, and was a genuine good person. Kathy was a tenacious problem solver, advocate, and radiated optimism. Everyone who knew her was lucky for having done so. She improved the lives of many.

Kathy was always on the go, usually found helping someone in need, spending time in nature, cheering on the Packers, with her friends, her mom and sisters, or with her grandchildren. She was so proud of her grandkids and loved every minute she could spend with them, especially hot summer days at the ball field. She worked very hard to make sure she was able to take in the joy of her youngest grandson, Raiden.

Kathy is survived by her three children Christopher (Amy) Lawson, Andrea (Zach) Hauser, and Anthony (Shawny) Lochson; grandchildren Caden, Chase, Aza Hauser, Raiden Lochson; her mother, Louise (Harlan) Gavin; her sisters Barbara (Mike) Wallace and Linda (Rich) Rhode; her aunt and uncle Robert (Rainy) Bechen; and nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews. Kathy is also survived by her lifelong best buddy Rosanne (Joe) Northwood and her children Michael, Kaelyn, Ashley, Nathan, Emily, and grandchildren. Kathy was preceded in death by her father Harlan Gavin, uncle John "Jack" Bechen, brother-in-law Mike Wallace, and cousin John Bechen, who Kathy says, was more like her brother than a cousin.

The family would like to thank Gundersen Tweeten Care Center, you are all incredibly kind and treated Kathy like family; Gundersen Hospice, especially Suzy Kittleson for helping Kathy on her unique journey and being a rock for her family, Kathy's dear friends and family who brought her joy and were by

her side.

Services will be at 11 am, on November 19, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Caledonia. A Celebration of Life and luncheon will follow at St. Mary's Holy family Hall..

Previous Events

Service

NOV 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

A Celebration of Life

NOV 19. 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Holy Family Hall
513 South Pine St.
Caledonia, MN 55921

Tribute Wall

KO

“ So many memories of Kathy as a co-worker at Houston County Women's Resources and as a friend. As stated by others, she was always happy and smiling- looking at the positive side of everything (well, almost!)
I recall a special birthday with her at Myron and Delores's (which I won't talk about here..lol), our many trips to conferences for work, and my jealousy of her when she could sing every word and dance to the song
" Achey Breaky Heart". Only good memories - and that is how I will remember her!
My sympathy to all of her family,who she loved so very much

M

Kris Olson - November 18, 2022 at 07:40 PM

MG

“ *Kathy was a childhood friend and neighbor.
She shared many memorable times with Paula and Marian.
We did our play time at Paula’s back yard in the sand box doing our
favorite thing...making ‘mud pies’..yes, mud pies!*

*Paula and Kathy enjoyed laughing, singing and rock roll dancing in
bell bottom pants to the Beatles and Beach Boys !
Then crunching on potato chips while watching TV....*

*And other the local flavor of the neighborhood in the ‘60’s and
‘70’s’...*

*Many fun neighborhood hikes up Cliffwood bluff behind their house
as well as sledding down the steep, front yard hill at Kathy’s home
with those saucers and sleds!*

*Walking to local Nelson’s grocery store for special candy and
bubble gum...and blowing bubbles with great fun!*

*We ‘car pooled’ to grade school together on many early mornings.
And yes, we had sleep overs ..well, after being scolded for talking
and laughing , we finally would fall asleep.*

*Kathy and her family were so special with beautiful support with
Paula’s challenging heart issues.*

*She loved being the youngest ...she and Paula liked being with their
older sister’s Linda and Marian. She had the most positive nature
and so showed with her giggles and laughter.*

*We so remember those childhood and teen years we all spent
together giving us these special memories!❤️*

Marian G - November 18, 2022 at 05:29 PM

JH

So sad 😞... she is a loss to many. I have not seen Kathy for a few years. The last time at Bluff Country when I dropped off a donation. I met her when I was working at Women's Resources. A beautiful, caring, and giving woman. My condolences to her family and Roseanne. Julie Thompson Hakes

Julie Thompson Hakes - November 20, 2022 at 11:42 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of KATHLEEN ANN LAWSON.



November 14, 2022 at 07:10 PM

LL

“ Louise, Barb, Linda & family ~ we were very sorry to hear of Kathy's passing ~ prayers are going out to your whole family.

Judy & Lori Lonkoski

Lori Lonkoski - November 13, 2022 at 01:14 PM

MG

“ I worked with Kathy at Winnebago Software and she was always fun, smiling person. I do remember one time when she worked at Winnebago Software, she went home for lunch and didn't return, so they called her at her home and here she had fallen asleep, well she came back to work and we all had a good laugh about it, she did not live that one down for awhile. Sympathy to her family, heaven gained a very nice person, and she will always be smiling down at all of us. Good bye Kathy.

Mary Lou Gerard

Mary Lou Gerard - November 02, 2022 at 04:44 PM

LV

“ I ran into Kathy at the Houston County Fair several years ago. It was always a delight to visit with her in the past. We talked of the airplane ride she arranged for her kids. In my flight log book I recorded: "1991 August 30th, C177 N35163, CHU, Kathy Lawson, Chris + Andrea, look at grandparents house by K-mart Lacrosse" As we circled the house, Kathy stared out the window, silent, then was ready to head back to Caledonia. The kids were quiet. This aircraft only had four seats.

Kathy also said that she was present at the HCWR dinner in Hokah when a 'Stacy' was the guest speaker. I brought my daughter to this event so she could do some research work for a school class report. Within seconds, everything went sideways, chaotic. Since Kathy was at this event, I had some question of her and she didn't fail me.

My thoughts and prayers for Kathy's family. She was a very gentle, caring person.
Her memory will live on in the lives of those she touched.

Sorry for your loss.

Leon Vick - October 30, 2022 at 09:02 PM

BY

“ So sorry for your loss. Kathy was a true gem with a heart of gold.

Barbara Yanske - October 25, 2022 at 06:54 PM

LR

“ So sorry to hear of Kathy's passing. I worked with her at Winnebago and she was a blast. She had that warm smile and was so friendly. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. God bless.

Linda Riek - October 25, 2022 at 06:48 PM

DS

“ Linda and Rich and Family, So sorry for your loss. What a wonderful tribute in the obit of your sister. Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time.

Debbie & Dean Seidel - October 25, 2022 at 01:11 PM

TM

“ I am truly sorry for your loss. Kathy was a wonderful and fun lady. She will be dearly missed.



Teresa MacLeod - October 25, 2022 at 12:55 PM

LS

“ Kathy was such a giving person. I don't really think she ever realized the impact of her kindness on this world. There is a special place in Heavin for souls like hers and a hole in the heart of those of us who love her. ❤️

Lisa Anne Schmitz - October 25, 2022 at 10:22 AM

CH

“ 11 files added to the album *Family*



Christopher - October 25, 2022 at 10:17 AM

WS

“ *My sympathy is extended to Kathy's family & friends on the great loss of a great person. I enjoyed working with her at Winnebago Software. Also, we worked together with mutual clients when I was at Ho Co Human Services & she was at BCFR. She truly was a gem & will be missed!*

Wilma Schoh - October 24, 2022 at 09:53 PM