



Kathryn "Kaye" Mickus

March 7, 1943 - April 25, 2019

Kathryn "Kaye" Ellen Mickus, 76-year-old resident of Onamia, MN passed away on Thursday, April 25, 2019, in Edina MN after a courageous 23 year battle with cancer. A Memorial Service will be held at 11 A.M. on Friday, May 17, 2019, at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Onamia with Pastor John Lundberg of Bethany Lutheran Church officiating. Visitation with family and friends will be held from 10 A.M. to 11 A.M. on Friday, May 17, 2019 at Holy Cross Catholic Church. A private interment at Fort Snelling will be held at a later date. A special thank you to Holy Cross Catholic Church for the use of their spacious facilities. Arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel of Onamia.

Kathryn "Kaye" Ellen Mickus was born in New Ulm, MN on March 3, 1943, to Dorothy and Edward Schreiner. The family resided in Winthrop, MN. Kaye attended school in Winthrop, graduating as class salutatorian in 1961. After high school Kaye attended Abbott Hospital School of Nursing-Macalester College where she received her RN in nursing. She started her nursing career at Hennepin County Medical Center where she helped develop the first intensive care and coronary care unit. Kaye married Robert "Bob" Mickus on September 9, 1967. The newlywed couple resided in Minneapolis while Kaye worked in neonatal intensive care at HCMC and Bob finished his internship at the same location. They moved to Onamia in 1970, both of them employed at Mille Lacs Health System. Kaye worked as a medical/surgical RN, the director of the nursing home and finally as support services director. Kaye worked for

the health system for over 25 years. Kaye was an active member of Bethany Lutheran Church where she loved to help entertain and decorate. She was also a member of the Onamia Civic Association. Kaye was an avid reader. She loved to garden and could often be found in her perennials pulling weeds or planting new bulbs. The North Shore was her favorite travel destination and Fenstad's Resort was her "home away from home" where she would spend hours out fishing with her son Andrew. She loved shopping, especially with her daughter Sarah. In her role as "Nana Kaye" she found joy in teaching her grandkids to cook and bake and making lefsa became a family tradition around the holidays. Kaye's fresh baked pies were also a family favorite. Kaye is survived by her son, Andrew Mickus and wife, Lisa of South Range, WI; daughter, Sarah Mickus Lehnert and husband, Mark of Shakopee, MN; grandchildren, Emma, Lily and Jack Mickus and Audrey, Evelyn and Corinne Lehnert; sister-in-law, Carol Panos of Minneapolis, MN; aunts, uncles, cousins and numerous friends.

Kaye was preceded in death by her parents and her husband of 50 years, Bob Mickus.

Cemetery Details

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN

Tribute Wall



“ Kathryn "Kaye" Mickus

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ Kaye's gracious kindness will be remembered always. Her gift to me of my first bandage scissor brought home the reality of our profession. My prayers for Andy & Sarah & all the grandkids.

Barb Eller - May 16, 2019 at 09:59 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathryn "Kaye" Mickus.



May 12, 2019 at 06:06 AM



“ We have fond memories of the Mickus family from our years in Onamia, especially the time Brandon and Barrett spent with Andy. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. Darwin and Marlene Nelson

Darwin and Marlene Nelson - April 30, 2019 at 01:53 PM



“ Kaye was a very classy lady and the number one nurse in my book...I looked up to her as I became an LPN to an RN. She was my mentor. RIP Kaye.

Mary Hawes, RN - April 29, 2019 at 03:56 PM