



## Kathryn Longley

January 4, 1929 - November 1, 2014

Kathryn “Kay” Ann Longley, 85 year old resident of Little Falls, MN, died peacefully on Saturday, November 1, 2014 at Highland Senior Living in Little Falls. A Memorial Service will be held at 4 PM on Saturday, November 8th at First United Church in Little Falls, with Pastor Eric Shin officiating. Friends and family may call from 3 PM to 4 PM on Saturday at the church. Arrangements are with Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls.

Kay was born on January 4, 1929 in Madison, MN to J. Kenneth and Alpha (Jacobson) Chalmers. She graduated from the Madison High School in 1947 and received a BS in Education from Macalester College in St. Paul, MN. She taught at Miss Woods Elementary school in St. Paul, MN. Kay was united in marriage to John Haliburton Longley from Little Falls, MN on June 23, 1951 in Madison, MN. They lived in Benson, MN until 1960 when they moved to Richfield, MN. In 1975, they relocated to Hutchinson, MN where they lived until John retired in 1989. For the next 22 years, they lived happily at Lake Alexander.

Kay loved reading, singing, gardening and traveling. She sang in the church choirs and was a member of a singing group in Hutchinson called the Hillbilly Honey’s. Kay and John loved camping with their family and extended family lovingly known as the Clampetts. They traveled to England, Norway, the Holy Lands and a Caribbean cruise. For many years they built homes for Habitat

Humanity in Coahoma, Mississippi. Kay co-owned a retail business in Hutchinson called The Back Door.

Kay is survived by her loving husband, John Longley; 4 children: Susan (Scott) Wieker of New Hope; Joan (David) Hansen of Brooklyn Park; Paul Longley of Coon Rapids; and Mary (John) Betker of Stewart, MN. She is also survived by 8 grandchildren: Katie (Jeremy) Hughes; Joelynn (Darren) Vollmer; Christopher Wieker; Cory Betker; Carson Wieker; Kelsey Hansen; Elizabeth Hansen; Rachel Hansen; and 4 great grandchildren: Blayke Vollmer; Clara Hughes; Jesse Vollmer; and Harper Hughes. She was preceded in death by her parents, J. Kenneth Chalmers and Alpha (Jacobson) Chalmers.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 8. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

First United Church  
1000 SE 1st Street  
Little Falls, MN

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Kathryn Longley



Lemieur Funeral Homes - November 06, 2014 at 03:30 PM

JL

*It was lovely...and brought tears to my eyes. I loved the picture of Alpha, Ken & Kay Chalmers. Kathryn Chalmers and Kathryn Thiele..were born three months apart--their Mothers being very close friends--named both of their daughters...Kathryn (same spelling)..and Kay Chalmers & Kit Thiele (my only sibling) grew up together..and remained friends through the many years--as did their Mothers. Later on in years, I was so honored to get to re-know Kay & her wonderful husband, John....and after Kit passed away in 2000...we continued our "family tie" with Kay & John & Kit & Kay's classmate, wonderful Elsa Johnson Ditty. kay Chalmers Longely was a special unique lady..I cherished her. Jayne Thiele Lindholm*

Jayne Thiele Lindholm - November 08, 2014 at 12:50 AM

KM

*What a wonderful tribut to a wonderful woman! I am so very blessed to have known her and grown up under her loving care. Love you Aunt Kay!*

Kristi McNamara - November 08, 2014 at 05:58 AM



“ Kathryn Longley

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM

SM

“ I would like to share a remembrance with the family. Your parents and I go way back to the beginning of their ministry. I would like you to know how much I appreciate them. Together, they fed faith into my life as a young girl and started me down a faith walk which will last as long as I live. God bless them both! Sharon Ricke Martinson

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**Sharon Martinson** - November 11, 2014 at 07:26 AM

FL

“ From the entire crew at Talberg Lawn & Landscape purchased the A Full Life for the family of Kathryn Longley.



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**From the entire crew at Talberg Lawn & Landscape** -  
November 07, 2014 at 07:51 AM

KH

“ Mary & John, your Dad and entire family,  
Remembering all of you in our thoughts and prayers. May you find strength, peace and comfort from your faith, each other, and from the many wonderful memories you have. She will live on in your hearts and minds forever. God Bless all of you.  
Karen & Larry Hoffmann (Litchfield, MN.--friends of Mary & John)

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**Karen Hoffmann** - November 04, 2014 at 03:35 PM

SB

“ We were saddened to hear about Kay. We so appreciated working with Kay and John in the beginning development of Habitat for Humanity of Morrison County. Kay and John were very dedicated and Kay brought such joy to all of us who worked with her. Our prayers for John and all of Kay's family and friends. Dennis and Sheri Bengtson

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**Sheri and Dennis Bengtson** - November 04, 2014 at 03:15 PM

FT

We are so sorry for the loss of Kay. We have such fond memories of your time at Emerson. We always looked forward to visiting with you at our annual Christmas brunch. She will be missed.

Bruce and Fern Tenpas

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**Fern Tenpas** - November 05, 2014 at 10:20 AM

RL

Dear John and family--  
I am sorry to hear of Kay's death and know that you will miss her keenly. I still remember going to your wedding -- one of the first I got to attend. I also remember Dad stopping to greet you every time we went through where you were. You both were so gracious. I also remember John's kindness to me when Dad brought me to Rice Lake to hunt. I was probably in the way but you and your Dad told that my Dad needed me along. :-) You were definitely a favorite family of the Dave Larsons. I am sorry I am not in MN to come to the celebration of Kay's life. Please know you are in my prayers. I hope to be in MN for Christmas but probably will be in the Mpls. area and won't make it to LF.

Love and prayers, Rachel C. Larson, Greenville, SC

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**Rachel C. Larson** - November 05, 2014 at 04:25 PM