



Kathryn Tonder Jongewaard

June 12, 1931 - December 31, 2019

Kathryn L. Tonder Jongewaard, 88 year old resident of Little Falls, MN passed away Tuesday, December 31, 2019 at St. Gabriel's Hospital in Little Falls, MN. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, January 4, 2020 at the Little Falls Alliance Church in Little Falls, MN with Rev. Ryan Olson officiating. Burial will take place in Pine Tree Cemetery east of Pierz, MN. A visitation will be held from 9-11 A.M. on Saturday at Little Falls Alliance Church. Funeral arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN.

Kathryn was born on June 12, 1931, in the St. Charles, MN area to Vernon and Jessie (Taylor) Waby. Katie played trombone in the high school band and was voted homecoming queen before graduating in 1949. As a child, she moved with her family for a short time to Florida as well as California before returning to Minnesota. After high school, she worked at the telephone office in Rochester. It was during this time she met Art. Art and Katie were married on May 31, 1953. Together they lived in numerous places including the White Water refuge in southeast MN, Mille Lacs Lake game reserve, Pierz, and Little Falls. Katie worked various jobs after getting married starting with the Pierz Journal, Lampert Lumber, Ben Franklin, and the Lindbergh Interpretive Center. Following Art's death, Kathryn married Russ Jongewaard in 2004.

Katie always enjoyed traveling both close to home and around the world. She

spent hours doing craft projects including sewing clothes for her grandkids in their early years and making new cards from old ones at the hospital. Katie loved to bird watch, do puzzles, play games, swim, go on outings with her friends, and cheer on all MN sports teams. However, her top love was her family. She was always up for being included in any family event no matter how big or small. Grandma Katie lived for the times everyone could be together at holidays, birthdays, deer hunting seasons, weeks at the lake cabin...basically anything she could spend time with and dote on her beloved grandchildren and now great-grandchildren.

Katie is survived by sons, Mike (Jody) Tonder of Duluth, Dan (Elene) Tonder of Little Falls; daughter, Julie (Bruce) Jarvi of Sauk Centre; grandchildren, Allysa Barnes, Leah Jarvi, Jessica Tonder, Rebecca (Brian) Seidel, Josiah (Emily) Tonder, Anna (Joshua) Young; GG's great-grandchildren, Adelyn Barnes, Reuben, Arvid, and Junia Tonder, Graham Young; brother, Dick (Stell) Waby of Crosby, MN. Kathryn is also survived by Russ's children, Martha, Steve (Candy), Peter, and Joel (Jenny) Jongewaard; 7 grandsons, and 8 great-grandchildren.

Katie was preceded in death by Arthur E. Tonder (2002), Russell V. Jongewaard (2017), her parents; grandson, Aaron Freij Tonder; step-grandson, Reuben Jongewaard, and great-granddaughters, Riley and Finley Young.

Cemetery Details

Pine Tree Cemetery

Daggett Brook Township

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Little Falls Alliance Church
903 13th Avenue NE
Little Falls, MN

Funeral Service

JAN 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

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903 13th Avenue NE
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Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Kathryn Tonder Jongewaard*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - January 03, 2020 at 02:59 PM



“ *Kathryn Tonder Jongewaard*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *We are so sorry to hear about Katie's passing. Several years ago we met her when she was in Holland. She and Russell stayed at our home for several days. A few years later, when we travelled through the United States, we visited them in Little Falls. It was such a nice stay. We will miss her.*

Ursula and Cor de Weerd, Haarlem, Holland

Ursula en Cor de Weerd - January 04, 2020 at 11:41 AM

BH

“ I thought this day would never come. To me she was always so young. Every time I went to Minnesota I wanted to see her, and every time I said “next time”. I wish I could just say hi Katie one more time. My favorite generation is now gone. Love always,
Debbie and Bill Hoffmann, Gresham, Oregon

Bill & Debbie Hoffmann - January 04, 2020 at 12:00 AM

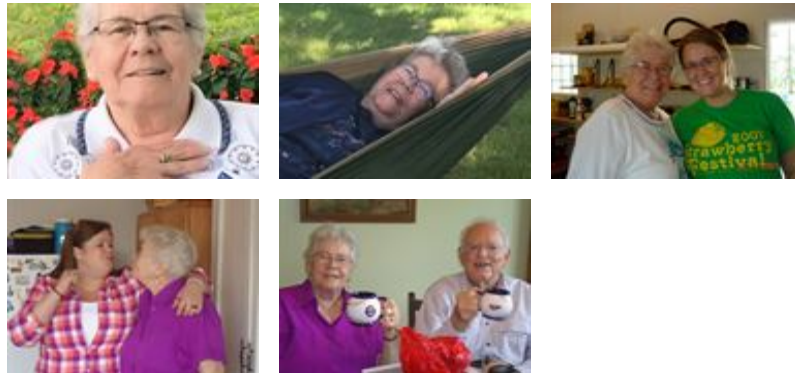
RS

“ I am sorry about the passing of your Grandmother Jess (two s Jess as Ms. Stangle and I called you). Please accept my sympathy. I enjoyed the photo tribute and seeing that smile of your when you were with her.

Radl Sharon - January 03, 2020 at 07:36 PM



“ 63 files added to the album Life Tributes



Lemieur Funeral Homes - January 03, 2020 at 03:00 PM

DS

“ So sorry to hear about Katie's passing. I remember her laugh and great smile. God bless you all, Diane (Harstad) Smith

Diane Smith - January 03, 2020 at 06:16 AM

AH

“Katie was one of few positive adult role models in my childhood. I spent many hours sewing, playing skip-bo and garage sales. You will forever be missed

Amber haus - January 02, 2020 at 11:50 PM



“Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kathryn Tonder Jongewaard.



January 02, 2020 at 08:56 PM

TB

“Sorry for your loss! She was a great person to visit with and always had a smile! Mike and Theresa Barnes



Theresa Barnes - January 02, 2020 at 08:11 PM

CM

“Claudette Moran lit a candle in memory of Kathryn Tonder Jongewaard



Claudette Moran - January 02, 2020 at 06:07 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathryn Tonder Jongewaard.*



January 02, 2020 at 04:32 PM



“ *Love Paul and Sharleyne Jarvi purchased the En charnted Cottage for the family of Kathryn Tonder Jongewaard.*



Love Paul and Sharleyne Jarvi - January 02, 2020 at 01:35 PM

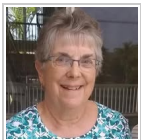


“ *Dan & Elene,*

Will join our hearts in prayer with others that are seeking peace, hope, and comfort during this season of loss.

*Rest in His hope,
Your neighbors, the Olson's*

Becky O. - January 02, 2020 at 09:59 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to her family. Katie was a generous loving person who always had a kind word for everyone. Will miss seeing her at the pool and Ruby,s Pantry.*



Karen Haaland - January 02, 2020 at 09:14 AM

GZ

“ *Dan and Elene, thinking of your and your family.* ”



Greg and Wendy Zylka - January 02, 2020 at 08:12 AM

SW

“ *Sandy Wright-Olson sent a virtual gift in memory of Kathryn Tonder Jongewaard* ”



Sandy Wright-Olson - January 01, 2020 at 11:47 PM

NS

“ *Katie was always very sweet and inviting. Always smiling and never complained about anything life through at her. She was an inspiration and encourager. She will be missed.* ”

Nancy Schultz - January 01, 2020 at 11:23 PM

JB

“ *Judy R Berger lit a candle in memory of Kathryn Tonder Jongewaard* ”



Judy R Berger - January 01, 2020 at 09:21 PM

DH

“ *My thoughts and prayers to Katie's family. I have many fond memories of Katie when she lived across the road. She was such a fun neighbor.* ”

Denise Harstad - January 01, 2020 at 08:10 PM



“ *Touching Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Kathryn Tonder Jongewaard.* ”



January 01, 2020 at 07:02 PM

TS

“ *Tina Saehr lit a candle in memory of Kathryn Tonder Jongewaard* ”



Tina Saehr - January 01, 2020 at 06:07 PM

WW

“ *Wendy Waltman lit a candle in memory of Kathryn Tonder Jongewaard* ”



Wendy Waltman - January 01, 2020 at 04:30 PM