



Kathy A. Ottenstroer

January 26, 1967 - November 14, 2025

Mrs. Kathy Ann Ottenstroer (nee Poppier), age 58, of Little Falls, Minnesota, passed away peacefully on November 14, 2025, in Little Falls. Services will be held at a later date. Caring for Kathy and her family is the LeMieur Funeral Home in Little Falls, MN.

Kathy was born on January 26, 1967, in Waconia, Minnesota, to Curtis and Joanne (Gerardy) Poppier. She grew up surrounded by the love of her family and was raised with strong values that would guide her throughout her life. Kathy graduated from Buffalo High School in Buffalo, MN in 1985 and later attended Ridgewater College in Hutchinson, MN, where she earned her certificate as a Nursing Assistant/Registered (NA/R). On January 23, 1988, Kathy married the love of her life, Brian Ottenstroer. Together, they built a life rooted in love and devotion. Their union was blessed with two daughters, Tonia and Tiffany, who brought immense joy to Kathy's life. Her role as a mother—and later as a grandmother—was one she cherished deeply. Kathy dedicated much of her professional life to caring for others. She worked both as a daycare provider and as a nursing assistant, roles that reflected her nurturing spirit and deep compassion for those around her. Whether tending to young children or supporting patients in need, Kathy gave of herself wholeheartedly. Family was the heart of Kathy's world. She found her greatest happiness in spending time with those she loved most—especially her granddaughters, Jaidyn and Norah. Her home was often filled with the warmth

of shared meals and laughter; cooking for her family was one of her favorite ways to show love. Kathy's faith was an important part of her life. She was baptized and received all her sacraments at St. Mary's Church in Waverly, MN—a foundation that nurtured the kindness and grace she extended to others throughout her life.

She is lovingly remembered by her husband of nearly 38 years, Brian Ottenstroer; daughters, Tonia Ottenstroer and Tiffany Ottenstroer; granddaughters, Jaidyn Ottenstroer and Norah Ottenstroer; mother, Joanne Poppier; sisters, Karen Erickson (Clifford), Kristine Cates (Dale), Kimberly Peterson (Luke), and Kelly Larsen (David); many nieces and nephews; a great-niece and great-nephew; as well as numerous aunts and uncles.

Kathy was preceded in death by her father, Curtis Poppier; grandparents, Roger and Maryann Gerardy; and Walter and Marcella. Poppier.

Tribute Wall

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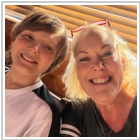
“ I have many fond memories of Kathy. She was married to my brother Brian. But my fondness memories of Kathy was her laughter and her smiles. Whenever we would get together as a family Kathy was always laughing and smiling.

Sheila Rossetti - November 20, 2025 at 02:41 PM

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“ I am so sorry Brian and the girls for your loss. We're all going to miss Kathy so much with her big heart. I love you Kathy.

Krystal - November 19, 2025 at 11:00 PM



“ Kathy, I loved and looked up to you all my life, now you can be a guardian angel to us all.



Karen Poppler Erickson - November 19, 2025 at 09:15 PM

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Very nice picture of Kathy. I sure do think about her alot.

Sheila Rossetti - November 20, 2025 at 11:25 PM

DF

Finally I get the time to comment.

My sweet dear friend Kathy who I have known since kindergarten and have been close thru out the years.

I am beyond heartbroken. I remember us riding the school bus together when we first entered kindergarten we didn't get a long at first on the bus but then one day I found her crying on the steps in front of the kindergarten building and I asked her what was wrong I don't remember her response but we were best of friends ever since.

She was so funny and had this giggle one time when we were I think 4th or 5th grade we were in gym Mr Schultz had set up some type of race well, she won! She was so excited she giggled with her hand over her mouth and she plopped on her butt at the same time it was the cutest thing I had seen I giggled with her and told she looked so cute! She loved babies! We were in 4th grade and in the library looking at books and she told me " I can't wait to get married and have babies, Arnt you Donna?"

I emphatically said " NO!

She was always excited when she found out her mom was pregnant. We also got in a little mischievous behavior our infamousness days when we were in 7 grade when we skip school (I won't go there) for now. 😞

We corn detassald together, we rode the bus together and she would often pour her heart out to me we shared a lot heart talks. We didn't have a lot of classes together except for one and it was when we were seniors it was Mr Erickson class not sure what class it was but we had to do a project so we did " Name That Tune" she brought the tape player and the music and we split the class rooms in teams and I kept score on the blackboard the class really got into it then I brought a pan of brownies.

We also went to prom there were 3 of us gals Kathy had a car she did the driving and we went to Wessex and DQ it was the first year that Blizzards came out.

We ran for Roylties for Montrose Days.

We always kept in touch and when I told her my daughter in law had her 4th child last spring and send her pictures she was estatic and called me " Grandma Donna".!

I can't believe she is gone as I write/ type this tears are coming I thought it would be a little easier considering it's January but it's not.

She was such a precious friend and I miss her dearly.

Prayers to Kathy's family.

Donna Fredin - January 02 at 09:42 AM

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“ So truly sorry for your loss. Kathy was a great friend . She will be missed dearly. Sending Hugs to all
Amy Fouquette an old High school friend

Amy E Fouquette - November 17, 2025 at 05:42 PM