

Obituary

Kathleen A. “Kathy” Dallinger, 71, of Morton, passed away into the loving arms of Jesus on Saturday, December 23, 2023, at her home.

She was born on July 29, 1952, in Peoria, to William and Doris (Kaufman) Dallinger. Surviving are her sister, Barb Dallinger of Normal; aunts, Charlene Kaufman and Phyllis Shepard; cousins, Christine (Darrell) Amerman, Robert (Kathy) Kaufman, Yvonne Cole, David (Laurie) Streeb, Doug Streeb, Daniel Streeb, Jeri Lynn Kaufman, Kelly Jo (Elmer) Brockway, Diana (Darrin) Sparks, Carla (Doug) Dewing, Jodi (Sean) Fernandez, Richard (Edith) Dallinger, John (Judy) Dallinger, and Tom (Donna) Dallinger. Also surviving are all her cousins’ children and grandchildren, whom she loved so much.

She was preceded in death by her parents and infant brother, Eugene.

Kathy graduated Morton Township High School in 1970, and went on to attend ICC and Bradley University. She worked over 40 years at Caterpillar Inc.; retiring in 2013, from the Edwards Demonstration and Training Center. Kathy worked in numerous departments over her time at Caterpillar and was well respected and valued for her mentoring and organization skills. She formed many close friendships over the years. Kathy was the first Certified Meeting Professional (CMP) at Caterpillar paving the way for others to follow her footsteps. During her career, she traveled extensively both domestically and internationally. Kathy enjoyed being a part of the Caterpillar team at CONEXPO and MINExpo events, as well as working at the Tucson Training and Demonstration Area.

Kathy was a lifelong member of Morton Methodist Church. She was a faithful servant of the Lord, and was very involved in many areas of her church. She oversaw the Welcome Desk, lead a Bible study, was a member of Sarah Circle, a member of the Administrative Board and president elect for the Morton Methodist Woman of Faith. Kathy served on the district United Woman in Faith Board for several years with her passion being her service for the Cunningham Children’s Home. Kathy was also a member of the Peoria Historical Society and Peoria Women’s Club.

Kathy’s greatest love was her family and friends, and she cherished the relationship she had with them. Kathy found joy in traveling and working in her yard, especially nurturing her flowers. In her spare time, she attended and taught cooking lessons at Lori’s Kitchen in Washington. Kathy touched so many lives by visiting, sending handwritten cards, and sharing meals and treats. Her presence will be dearly missed by her family, friends, and every organization that in which she was involved.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at Morton Methodist Church in Morton, with Pastor Bill Novak officiating. Visitation will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, January 2, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday, prior to the service, both at the church. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memory Gardens in Morton.

Memorials may be made to Morton Methodist Church.

Knapp-Johnson Funeral Home and Cremation Center in Morton is handling arrangements.

To leave an online condolence for the family visit www.knappjohnson.com.

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP Celebrating the Life of

Kathleen A. Dallinger



July 29th, 1952 – December 23rd, 2023

11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 3rd, 2024

Morton Methodist Church

Morton, Illinois

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." -John 14:3

*Funeral Arrangements: Knapp-Johnson Funeral Home
and Cremation Center, Morton, IL*

A Service of Death and Resurrection

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. -Psalm 23:4

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Prelude

Greeting

Words of Grace

Opening Prayer

Holy, Holy, Holy UMH 67

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,

casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,

though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,

only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,

perfect in power, in love and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 23

Words of Remembrance

Katelyn Cole

Special Music

The Lords Prayer by Heather Berger

Gospel Reading

John 14:1-15

Message

Pastoral Prayer

How Great Thou Art UMH 77

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,

Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;

I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,

Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

[Refrain] Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,

How great Thou art, How great Thou art.

Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,

How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,

And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.

When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur

And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze. [Refrain]

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;

Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;

That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,

He bled and died to take away my sin. [Refrain]

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,

And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.

Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,

And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" [Refrain]

Benediction

Postlude

On Eagles Wings by Heather Berger

Those Leading Worship Today

Pastor

Organist

Piano

Audio/Visual

Rev. Bill Novak

Jane Chapman

Kerry Brenkman

Nick and Marla Graff