



Kathryn Burns

February 13, 1952 - February 11, 2021

Kathryn (Butler) Burns, age 68, of Greenfield, Indiana passed away Thursday, February 11, 2021 after a hard-fought battle with ALS. Kathy was born in New Castle, Indiana on February 13, 1952 to Carl Robert Butler Jr. and Martha Lou (Gauker) Butler. She was raised surrounded by family in Dublin, Indiana and was always proud to share the fact that she had 61 first cousins. She graduated from Lincoln High School in Cambridge City, Indiana in 1970. She went on to attend Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. Kathy was married to her husband, Tom, for over 40 years. Together they raised four wonderful children who blessed them both with four Grandchildren.

As Kathy grew up, she enjoyed riding horses and working on her family farm, which is what led her to be involved in her local 4-H where she was the 4-H Queen runner up. She was very involved in her high school music program and sang in the choir. She played several instruments, including the piano and ukulele.

Kathy was a top Real Estate Agent in the State of Indiana. She worked for both Century 21 and ReMax over the years until she retired in 2009. In her free time, she volunteered at Park Chapel Christian Church along with Edelweiss Horse Therapy Farm. Throughout her years, Kathy was a Girl Scout troop leader and member of the Rotary Club of Greenfield, IN. Kathy enjoyed quilting, reading, gardening, and traveling with her Husband Tom; and she loved cooking for her family and friends. After being diagnosed with ALS in 2017, in true "Kathy" spirit, she helped raise money and became involved in the ALS Association, Indiana Chapter. Most of all, she loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren, who lovingly referred to her as Nana.

She is survived by her loving husband, Tom Burns of Greenfield, IN; daughter Alison (Drew) Carlson of Indianapolis, IN; sons, Ben Bailey of Indianapolis, IN, Brian (Jackie) Burns of Fishers, IN and Kevin Burns of Los Angeles, CA; sister Jane (Rodney) Lunsford of Westfield, IN; brother, Robert (Marlies) Butler of Urbana, OH; 4 grandchildren, Kathryn Carlson, Jack Burns, William Carlson and Brooklyn Burns; many nieces and nephews, and her devoted caregivers or "Her Angels" as she often referred to them, Colletta Bumgarner, Dee Crawford and Earlene Chew. She was preceded in death by her parents. Visitation will be held on Thursday, February 18, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Park Chapel Christian Church in Greenfield, IN. A funeral service will follow the visitation

at 12:00 p.m. Pastor David Woods and Jud Weece will be officiating. The burial will immediately follow the Funeral Service at Park Cemetery in Greenfield, IN.

As a reminder, the State Mandate requires guests to wear masks when inside the Church and please practice Social Distancing.

In lieu of flowers, the Burns Family is asking for Donations to be made to The ALS Association, Indiana Chapter. Donations may be mailed directly The ALS Association, Indiana Chapter (7202 E. 87th Street, Suite 102, Indianapolis, IN 46256) or made online at webin.alsa.org

Arrangements are being handled by Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory of Greenfield, Indiana.

Cemetery

Park Cemetery

621 South State Street
Greenfield, IN, 46140

Events

FEB **Visitation** 10:00AM - 12:00PM

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Park Chapel Christian Church
1176 E. McKenzie Rd., Greenfield, IN, US, 46140

FEB **Service** 12:00PM

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Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory - February 17 at 11:29 AM



“ Tom, I am so very sorry to learn of Kathy's passing. I was praying for her every day for several years. What strength she had to deal with her illness. I know you were her champion and I will continue to pray for you and your beautiful family. God Bless you all.
Love cousin Margot Burns Mann

Margot Mann - February 17 at 08:24 PM



“ Beautiful. It reflects the true Kathryn Burns. Will miss her and love her dearly. From cousin Karen.

Karen (Close) Curle - February 17 at 10:47 PM



“ Her love shines like a diamond in this video with her family surrounding her. It isn't hard to figure out what brought her happiness; her children and her grandchildren. Tom you fit in there too, thanks for being so good to Kathy. Three years was long enough for anyone to go through what she did with that dreaded disease. I am so glad you shared this video. It is definitely a keepsake. My sympathy to all the family. Holding you all close in my prayers as you go through this final goodbye and funeral. Sending love from Georgia; Just "1" of Kathy's many cousins. Paula Monger Clements.

Paula Monger Clements - February 18 at 12:11 AM



“ Kathy was such a special person who always made me feel good just being around her. My heart goes out to you and your family during this most difficult time. Sue, Chris' mom

Sue - February 18 at 02:25 PM



“ Loved this video, it captured a lot of who Kathy was. Praying for the family who lost a great lady too soon.

Anne Elsbury - February 19 at 01:10 PM



“ My deepest condolences to Mr Burns and to the entire Burns Family. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time. Jeff Freehill, Numotion.

Jeff Freehill - April 01 at 07:54 AM



“ You are in our thoughts and prayers.

With deepest sympathy and love,
Steve and Diane Loomis
Richard and Amy Wanjema



Amy Loomis-Wanjema - February 18 at 05:44 PM



“ Kathy kept me fed when I lived alone, and her and Tom became very close friends as well as neighbors over the last 10 years. Kathy always joked that she would call me to tell me she had made supper and had enough to go around, and I would be knocking on the back door before she hung the phone up!

I've watched Tom and her battle ALS with bravery, ingenuity, humor and aplomb for several years now, and if I could state a profile that represents courage, it would be the two of them.

She made me laugh on my last visit with just her eyes and her mind, and that computer. What a gift she was!

Kurt Vettters - February 18 at 10:56 AM



“ When Steve and I owned a couple of horses, Kathy had to go riding, We went out one beautiful fall day and had a great time. She had to ride the big, old, lazy paint that was Steve's horse. I told her that he didn't like to run. Well....that wasn't an option for Kathy. She got after that horse and he ran like I had never seen him go! He looked like a young, well trained horse, minding his manners with an experienced rider aboard!

She said it was a bit like driving a semi truck but she was having a great time anyway!

I am so glad we had that afternoon together. I hope she has a beautiful horse to ride everyday in heaven.

Thank you for your friendship.

Debbie Wilkerson - February 17 at 07:51 PM



“ Kathy was a wonderful daughter, sister, wife, mother and grandmother. She and Tom raised four great children. She will be missed!

Bill Bailey - February 16 at 05:41 PM



“ Tom, sending heartfelt condolences and prayers to you and your family as you live through the loss of your beautiful Kathy. Even when you know it's inevitable, there's no way to prepare. I am so sorry.

Cyndy Sanford - February 16 at 11:39 AM



“ Kathy lived three houses down from us in Dublin and the thing I will always remember about her was seeing her ride her unicycle all over town. She was very good at it and I always envied her for being so talented at it. I also remember the big draft horses they had and how she loved horses. So sorry to hear of her passing and your loss. Prayer for the family. Linda Wampler Poindexter

Linda - February 16 at 07:36 AM