



Kathleen R. Messmer

August 31, 1962 - September 23, 2024

Kathleen “Kathy” Rose (Kern) Messmer peacefully passed away at her Celestine home at 6:45 a.m. on Monday, September 23, 2024.

Kathy was born in Jasper, Indiana on August 31, 1962, to Norbert and Rosetta (Vogler) Kern. Kathy married Alan Ray Messmer in May of 1986. God knew these two needed help, so nine years later He sent them a lifeline, their beloved daughter, Katrina.

Kathy’s work ethic led her to a career in furniture manufacturing. She spent the last twelve years of her life working for Jasper Seating. She looked forward to retiring from her role as a specifications specialist. Kathy was a dedicated Girl Scout leader who touched countless lives through her tireless acts of service, leading with courage and character. Kathy was a member of St. Isidore Catholic Church and a volunteer with the kitchen crew at the Celestine Community Club. She took great joy in volunteering in her community. Kathy was incredibly grateful for her community’s support during her final months, including help from Celestine Volunteer Fire Department, Celestine Park, Celestine Community Club, Jasper VFW, Knights of Columbus, Braised in a Barn Catering, and Jasper Seating.

Those who will hold Kathy in their hearts forever include her husband, Alan and her daughter Katrina (Benjamin) Vonderschmitt of Dubois. She leaves

behind two brothers: Stephen and Gerard, and their families. She also leaves behind her Messmer family members: Joyce and the late Frank Theising, Patricia and the late Don Broeker, William and Roberta Messmer, John and Betty Messmer, Sharon and the late Donald Kluesner, Bonita and Daniel Budde, Fred and Janna Messmer, Mary and Edward Merkley, and Constance and Ron Welp. She is survived by an immeasurable Girl Scout sisterhood, a well-loved herd of cats, and extended family and friends.

During her lifetime, Kathy mourned the loss of her parents: Norbert and Rosetta Kern, and her nephew, Robert Kern. She held the memory of Alan's son Nathan in her heart.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Kathleen "Kathy" Rose Messmer will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 27, 2024, at St Isadore Parish- St Celestine Catholic Church in Celestine, Indiana, with burial to follow at a later date.

A visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 26, 2024, at the Becher Kluesner downtown chapel and one hour before Mass time at the church. A rosary will be prayed at 1:30 p.m. prior to the Thursday visitation at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Kathy's memory to the Honor Flight of Southern Indiana or the Exotic Feline Rescue Center.

Online condolences may be made at www.becherkluesner.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **26**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Becher & Kluesner Funeral Home - Downtown
214 East 7th Street
Jasper, IN 47546
(812) 482-4141
email@becherkluesner.com

Visitation

SEP **27**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Isidore Catholic Church - Celestine Campus
Celestine, IN

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP **27**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Isidore Catholic Church - Celestine Campus
Celestine, IN

Tribute Wall

DM

“ *Kathy became a business associate with Matthew and Donna in Texas. She was so much more than a business associate to us both. She became a friend. We learned so much about her girl scout adventures and love of animals. We obviously did not just discuss business. We respected and cherished her so much. We even sent her a bouquet of flowers and chocolates for going that extra mile for us. We know she made difference in many young lives through the girl scouts and all the other organizations she touched. We offer our heartfelt condolences and prayers. She will truly be missed by both of us.*

DONNA MURRAY - September 26, 2024 at 02:59 PM

KI

“ *Kimber lit a candle in memory of Kathleen R. Messmer*



Kimber - September 26, 2024 at 02:51 PM

GF

“ *Katrina, my thoughts and prayers are you with you and your family. Your mom was a blessing to a lot of people.*



Gretchen Fuelling - September 25, 2024 at 03:52 PM

DH

“ *Mary Ed John Betty So sorry to hear of Kathleen passing. She fought as long as she could*

Dave and Ann Hostetter - September 25, 2024 at 05:14 AM

DL

“ *Diane Hulsman Lindauer lit a candle in memory of Kathleen R. Messmer*



Diane Hulsman Lindauer - September 24, 2024 at 05:05 PM

KA

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Katrina - September 24, 2024 at 04:44 PM

JF

“ *Joe And Mary' Fromme lit a candle in memory of Kathleen R. Messmer*



Joe and Mary' Fromme - September 24, 2024 at 03:30 PM

AK

“ *Ann And Jerry Kern lit a candle in memory of Kathleen R. Messmer*



Ann and Jerry Kern - September 24, 2024 at 12:35 PM

AM

“ *I am grateful for the time I had with Kathy through Girl Scouts, especially hearing all of the stories from individuals she worked with across decades of service. She is such a blessing and a light to the world!*

Alyssa Miller - September 24, 2024 at 10:16 AM

JK

“ *PERFECT GIRL SCOUT SONG FOR YOU
KATHY! FLY HIGH!*



*People don't need to know my name.
If I've done any harm, then I'm to blame.
If I've helped someone, then I've helped me.
And I've opened up my eyes to see.*

*I've tucked away a song or two.
If you're feeling low, there's one for you.
If you need a friend, then I will come.
And there's many more where I come from.*

*Friendship is the strangest thing
if you keep it to yourself, no reward will bring
but you gave it away, you gave it to me
and from now on great friends we'll be*

*Come with me where the fire burns bright,
We can even see better by the candle's light.
And we'll find more meaning in a campfire's glow,
Than we've ever found in a year or so.*

*We've a promise to always keep.
And to pray "Softly Falls" before we sleep.
We are Girl Scouts together and when we're gone,
We'll still be trying and singing this song.*

Joan Eckerle Knies - September 24, 2024 at 09:46 AM

JS

That is Beautiful and Perfect for Kathy!!!

Julia E Schutz - September 25, 2024 at 08:21 PM

HW

“ Heather Woosley lit a candle in memory of Kathleen R. Messmer



Heather Woosley - September 23, 2024 at 10:05 PM

WC

“ Wonda Colman lit a candle in memory of Kathleen R. Messmer



Wonda Colman - September 23, 2024 at 09:23 PM

KE

“ Kenny & Cathy Egler lit a candle in memory of Kathleen R. Messmer



Kenny & Cathy Egler - September 23, 2024 at 08:09 PM

DR

“ Dave And Michele Reuber lit a candle in memory of Kathleen R. Messmer



Dave and Michele Reuber - September 23, 2024 at 08:06 PM

JS

“ Alan, Katrina and Family,
I am so sorry for your loss. Kathy was one of the best, most dedicated volunteers that I have ever known. The countless hours and hours she donated to Girl Scouts was incredible!!! But she also did so much for Veterans and the Honor Flight. She was an Amazing Woman. I even remember her taking care of her Dad before he passed. Our Girl Scout troop would join her for the Bingo that she would host at the Timbers every month. She provided the drinks, snacks and prizes. She gave and gave, not only from herself but also from her personal gifts. I am honored and Blessed for getting to do things with her through Girl Scouts. Words just can't describe everything about her. She touched countless lives. She made a HUGE impact on this world. She will never be forgotten!!! I won't be able to look at a box of Girl Scout cookies without thinking of her!!!
Love and Prayers to All of You!!!!

Julia E Schutz - September 23, 2024 at 07:45 PM

RS

I am so sorry for your loss. I went to grade school with Kathy at schnellville elementary. We we're good friends in school she was always a well-like person. She will be missed by a lot of people.

Rita Schroeder - September 23, 2024 at 07:57 PM