



## Kathleen Joy Wagner

July 10, 1949 - August 20, 2016

Kathleen Joy Keily Wagner,

age 67, of Park Falls, died Saturday August 20, 2016, at home, surrounded by her family.

Kathy was born on July 10, 1949, the second child of George and Marion (Smart) Keily. She was raised on her parents' dairy farm in the Town of Agenda, along with her older brother Larry "Bud" and younger sister Wendy. She attended Butternut school and graduated in 1967. Kathy attended Viterbo and Northland Colleges.

In 1971, she married Louie Wagner and became a loving bonus mom to his three daughters, Sally, Peggy, and Stephanie. Together, she and Louie had three more daughters, Wendee, Barb, and Becky.

Kathy worked as the parts manager at Wagner Ford in Butternut, at Pamida, and at Fuhrman Insurance. Throughout her life, she drove school bus, she sewed projects for various charitable organizations, and she spent hours outdoors working on the yard. She loved to read and she always made sure the neighborhood squirrels had their fill of peanuts. She spent many hours caring for others throughout her life, and in a volunteer capacity for people she would never meet. She was the church organist at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Butternut, and worked with the ladies' quilting guild at St.

Paul's Lutheran Church in Butternut. She was a member of the Flambeau Hospital Auxiliary and worked at the Auxiliary thrift shop in Park Falls. She donated time, energy, goods, and services selflessly wherever and whenever she saw a need. Countless people have been touched by her cards and messages throughout the years.

Kathy was preceded in death by her parents, George and Marion, and her brother, Larry.

She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Louie; her sister, Wendy (Gerald) Hetzel; her bonus dad, John Linsmeyer, and her Linsmeyer brothers and sisters; six daughters: Sally (Karl) Fink, Peggy Schmidt, Stephanie (Al) Schwertfeger, Wendee Wagner, Barb (John) Hogue, and Becky (Joe) Bablick. She has left a legacy of love in her grandchildren: Samantha Minzer, Megan Earlywine, Tyler Schwertfeger, Megan (Andy) Kramas, Wyatt Bruch, Rachel Bruch, Lauren Bruch, Andrew (Jenna) Mertig, Michael Mertig, Jeanna Scanlon, Brandon Bablick, and Norah Bablick; and in her six great-grandchildren: Brooklyn, Jace, Hailey, Mia, Ace, and Benedict.

Kathy will long be remembered for her compassionate and giving nature, her incomparable work ethic, and her devotion to her family and friends.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday August 27, 2016 at 10:00 am from Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Butternut. Fr. Shaji Pazhukkathara and Deacon Bob Schienebeck will (co)officiate.

A visitation will be held on Friday August 26 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with a prayer vigil at 7:00 pm and on Saturday August 27, 2016 from 9:00 am until the hour of the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made in Kathy's name to Flambeau Home Health

and Hospice.

The Novitzke Funeral Home is assisting the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Saint Cecelia Catholic Cemetery

Butternut, WI 54514

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **26**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
410 Michigan St  
Butternut, WI 54514

## Prayer Service

AUG **26**. 7:00 PM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
410 Michigan St  
Butternut, WI 54514

## Visitation

AUG **27**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
410 Michigan St  
Butternut, WI 54514

## Service

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AUG 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
410 Michigan St  
Butternut, WI 54514

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kathleen Joy Wagner*

October 05, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ *Sherry Deeter sent a virtual gift in memory of Kathleen Joy Wagner*



**Sherry Deeter** - August 26, 2016 at 04:40 PM



“ *Sherry And John Deeter lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Joy Wagner*



**Sherry and John Deeter** - August 26, 2016 at 04:33 PM



*Aunt Kathy was a wonderful and deeply caring woman who will be missed by everyone who knew her.. Many prayers go out to all of the Wagner Family. God Bless you all! Sherry and John Deeter*

**Sherry and John Deeter** - August 26, 2016 at 04:39 PM

DW

“ I am Blessed to have known her for 42 years. She welcomed me into the family with humor and hugs. It was an honor to have known her and call her Aunt and Friend. She was so caring, kind, and giving to so many. She will be missed. Heaven got a little brighter with her in it. Love and comfort to all the Family.



Donna Wagner-Bille - August 26, 2016 at 02:53 PM

AW

“ I will miss Aunt Kathy's laugh and witty humor the most. And of course her wonderful smile. She is missed by many.

Alan Wagner - August 26, 2016 at 01:55 PM

Barb Drolson

“ This is the GREATEST person I will ever know. I met Kathy when I was 16 and she has been a wonderful friend for 48 years! Life will never be the same without her in it, but the memories will remain. I hope the Wagner Family can take comfort in knowing this kind person touched so many lives and was loved by all. There are no words that can describe how much this wonderful lady meant to me. Will love and miss her always!  
"LHSSDE" Barb Drolson

Barb Drolson - August 26, 2016 at 08:03 AM

JW

“ Jeff Wagner lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Joy Wagner



Jeff Wagner - August 26, 2016 at 07:25 AM

BZ

“ *Bonnie Zoesch lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Joy Wagner*



**Bonnie Zoesch** - August 25, 2016 at 06:08 PM

DP

“ *Deborah Peterson lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Joy Wagner*



**Deborah Peterson** - August 25, 2016 at 08:45 AM

DP

*I will miss my dear friend so much. Everyday she would call and see how I was doing , we did a lot of laughing. When she found out about the cancer She called me that day and told me the terrible news. I tried to be there for her, one day I was making a cake and she called and said, Deb what are you doing? I said nothing important Kathy what would you like, She said ,can you come down just want to visit . So I stopped what I was doing and went down by her. That was the Friday before Pioneer Days. That was the last time I saw her but did talk on the phone after that. I am missing her so much . Peace be with you my true friend.*

**Deborah Peterson** - August 25, 2016 at 08:55 AM

LW

“ *I'm with Philip...never a time did I see Aunt Kathy that I didn't get a hug. Those hugs will be dearly missed.*

**Laurie Wagner** - August 25, 2016 at 08:22 AM



“ *She will be missed, what a beautiful person she was.* ”



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**Heather Tesch** - August 25, 2016 at 08:02 AM



“ *Lisa Hoffman sent a virtual gift in memory of Kathleen Joy Wagner* ”



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**Lisa Hoffman** - August 25, 2016 at 07:11 AM



“ *Lisa Hoffman sent a virtual gift in memory of Kathleen Joy Wagner* ”



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**Lisa Hoffman** - August 25, 2016 at 07:09 AM



“ *KATHY was an inspiration , When I had cancer she was always sending me messages and letters that made my day .I will never forget how loving a person she was* ”

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**Dawn Wegner** - August 24, 2016 at 09:13 PM

PW

“ *What I will miss the most is an Aunt Kathy hug. Her hugs gave you a sense of well being. They were always unasked for, loving signs, made you feel like you can conquer all. I could count on getting one after Mass on Saturday's. She always asked how I was doing or how my family was. She never complained how she was doing. She had a way to make life feel so much better just by the way she would talk to you. I believe that she is now getting her hugs by incredible people in Heaven.*

*Philip Wagner*

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**Philip Wagner** - August 24, 2016 at 08:09 PM

LF

*She will be missed sitting in that pew with you. She thought the world of you as she had a big smile when you arrived at church*

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**linda fuhrman** - August 24, 2016 at 10:25 PM

DI

“ *To know Kathy was to love her. She was the person I aspired to be like. My world and my life were enriched by her presence. I have been so blessed and privileged to call her my friend for more then 40 years. She meant so much to so many people and my life will be a little less bright without her physical presence. But, I have a new angel above looking over me. Love you, dear sweet Kathy. My thoughts, prayers and love to Louie and all your family.*

*God bless,  
Dianne Mistelske  
Hollywood, Florida*

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**Dianne** - August 24, 2016 at 06:27 PM



“ *I had never met Kathy in person, but I knew her for many years. We first communicated through email, actually swapping coupons for awhile, and then connected through Facebook. She was such a wonderful woman, and always made everyone feel special in their own way. I will miss her posts and comments. My prayers are with the family.*

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**Gerri's Page** - August 24, 2016 at 01:56 PM