



Katherine Helen Longfellow Byers

April 8, 1966 - October 11, 2019

Katherine Helen Longfellow Byers, 53, of Laporte, IN, formerly of Watseka, passed away on Friday, October 11, 2019. She was born April 8, 1966 in Omaha, NE, the daughter of Harold and Martha (Patterson) Longfellow. Katherine married James Byers in Michigan City, IN in 2016 and he survives.

She is also survived by her father and step-mother, Harold and Carolyn Longfellow of Kankakee; two brothers, Paul (fiancée, Cheryl Boer) Longfellow of Normal and John (Karla) Longfellow of Indian Land, SC; one sister, Lisa (Michael) Tucker of Las Vegas, NV; two half-sisters, Kim (Rick) Gilley of Dayton, OH and Karna J. (Craig) Miller of Dayton, OH; two step-sisters, Cynthia (Jeff) Witte of Mackinaw, IL and Cathryn (Scott) Burns of Chicago; five nieces; and two nephews.

Katherine was preceded in death by her mother, Martha (Patterson) Longfellow.

Katherine was a loving person. She was a wonderful nurse who advocated for her workers and patients and treated them like family. Her smile, caring ways, and attention to detail is what people will remember most about her.

Visitation will be from 2:00 p.m. until the 4:00 funeral service on Sunday, October 13, 2019 at the First Presbyterian Church in Watseka. Rev. Tom McCann will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Pancreatic Cancer Research or Donor's Choice.

Arrangements by Knapp Funeral Home in Watseka.

Please share a memory of Katherine at www.knappfuneralhomes.com

Events

OCT **Visitation** 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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First Presbyterian Church
215 E. Cherry St., Watseka, IL, US

OCT **Funeral Service** 04:00PM

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Comments



“ I was Kathy’s nurse at Northwestern many days these past few months. She was my favorite patient, always a smile on her face and brightened my day. I loved talking with her, she never stopped the fight or positivity. I loved sharing photos of my upcoming wedding with her, she would give me opinions and recommendations. One of the kindest people I’ve had the pleasure of working with. She may finally Rest In Peace and comfort.

Lisa Nuccio - October 18 at 12:11 PM



“ Kathy has always been a great person. Sorry to here of her departure. God bless she is not in pain and happy.

Pat Marcotte - October 16 at 06:36 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Katherine was a sweet person to know. My condolences go out to her entire family.

Trent Stauffer - October 14 at 01:51 PM



“ Harold, Paul, John, Lisa and family.....you have my love and deepest sympathies! Kathy was a lovely human being! I am so glad I got a chance to visit with her in Chicago! Thank you for calling me, Paul. Kathy and I remembered the many good times we celebrated at family picnics. The pop tub was your favorite, I believe as your Uncle Gary ruled you could have as much as you wanted. Kathy and I visited about those days and many more Longfellow traditions. It was a special day for me as I know it was for. Kathy. We got to hug and say goodbye knowing full well it would be our last time. I will always treasure that time with her! May Kathy rest in peace!

Shirley Longfellow - October 12 at 01:34 PM