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Kathleen (Katy) Findlay, 92, passed away peacefully at Avanti Care and Rehabilitation Center in Minocqua. She was born in Burlington, WI to Ray and Carolyn Wiemer. She was raised in Whitewater where she met and married Colman (Coley) Findlay on April 19, 1948. They celebrated 68 years together. Early in their marriage, they established Burlington Truck Rental, of Burlington, WI., where Katy was instrumental in office management and accounting.

She was a proud and active mother of 6 children: Christine (Dennis) Reuss; James Findlay, Janice (Robert) Aiken, Barbara Findlay, Charles (Sandi) Findlay, and Michael Findlay. Her family grew to include 9 grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren. Katy is survived by her two sisters; Joyce Zimmerman and Marilyn Taylor. Katy was a creative homemaker and crafter inspiring the creative arts in her children. She was a sharp card player and sports enthusiast, who enjoyed bowling, golf, and especially snowmobiling.

Retiring "early", the two moved from Burlington to Boulder Junction, WI where they would spend 30+ years actively involved in the enjoyment and promotion of snowmobiling. Both Katy and Coley were inducted into the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame in 1999 in recognition for their grass roots effort in promoting the sport and then into the Wisconsin Snowmobiling Hall of Fame in 2006, by that time having ridden a combined distance of over 450,000 miles on their sleds. Katy was an active member in the "Flying Femmes", a club for women who enjoyed long distance snowmobile travel. She was also a creative writer, often submitting travel articles and poetry for publication. Katy's smile and enthusiasm were her trademark.

A celebration of her life will be held Saturday August 25, 2018 at St. Anne Catholic Church, 10315 Main Street, Boulder Junction, WI. Visitation 10AM, Mass 11AM, burial Cemetery of the Pines, Boulder Junction, WI.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be sent to St. Anne Catholic Church, Building Fund,
P.O. Box 110, Boulder Junction, WI 54512

Cemetery

Cemetery of the Pines

Boulder Junction, WI,

Comments



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Kathleen "Katy" M. Findlay.



August 16, 2018 at 02:56 PM



“ My condolences to the whole Findlay family Katy was an awesome lady I got to meet and care for she will get greatly be missed we would joke with each other bout being each other's best friends forever I'm gonna miss her hugs and her telling me she loves me everyday. Katy and I had this bond that I'll never forget. Thank you Katy

Carolburns - July 31, 2018 at 08:10 PM



“ Carolburns lit a candle in memory of Kathleen "Katy" M. Findlay



Carolburns - July 31, 2018 at 07:58 PM



“ To the family of Katy, my sincere condolences. I "met" Katy in 1993, but never in person, after I read an article in a magazine that she wrote saying she and Coley had ridden 401 miles in 11 hours on their Polaris snowmobiles. I was so taken by her article (being an avid snowmobiler myself) that I sent off a letter to her. She responded, very soon, and from there on she was my "pen pal". We corresponded over all these years, and that was before E-Mail. She told me about her family, we would exchange pictures and cards for each occasion. In the later years we would talk on the phone, she was always upbeat and cheerful - and my mentor - I will miss my "ole pen pal." God bless you all.

Irene (George) Roberts
Durham, Ct.

Irene Roberts - July 26, 2018 at 02:29 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers to Katy's family and friends. She was a wonderful lady and I enjoyed caring for her. I already miss her and I know her loss will be felt in my heart for years to come. She truly made an impact on my life.

Tiffany Johnson - July 12, 2018 at 07:33 PM



“ Wish to extend our sympathy -Carolyn, Renate, Sherry and Rosemary. Katy was a lovely lady , a faithful catholic who attended the Holy Rosary and Word Communion Services with us every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. It was our privilege to know her and she will be dearly missed by all.

Rosemary H St John - July 08, 2018 at 01:21 PM