



Kathleen L. Burton

April 15, 1926 - May 29, 2015

Kathleen L. Burton of Minocqua

She lived her life trying always to provide love and comfort and assurance to her children. Her legacy will be that she did so even to the very last moments of her life.

Kathy Burton left us in body on May 29 at the age of 89 surrounded by her family.

She was born a first generation American of Czech immigrants on a dairy farm in rural Barron County on April 15, 1926. She was the only child in her grade through elementary school. Following graduation from Rice Lake High School she began work at Badger Ordnance in Baraboo. Men away at war were provided the ammunition to free the world of tyranny by young women across America, loving and encouraging hand written notes added to the crates sent out. Following the war, she remained in Madison, unsure of where life would lead her. Her father's ill health meant moving back to help out on the farm. Once back in Barron County, she met a young WW II veteran and married. Kathy and Ken moved to Minocqua in 1955. Loving and caring for six children would truly define the rest of her life. As the nest began to empty, Kathy ventured outside her home to work for the Town of Minocqua. With encouragement from friends, she was elected Town Treasurer. She loved the

work and so enjoyed her interaction with office staff and residents. Following her last term in office, she retired to her home on Manitou Park Road spending time reading and writing. Grandchildren provided a new opportunity for her passion to dote over children.

Kathy is again united with parents, John and Kathryn Pakosta, brother John, and husband Kenneth. She is survived by sons, Dave (Kathie) Burton of Arbor Vitae, Jeff (Maggie) Burton of Egg Harbor City, NJ, daughters, Deb (Russ) Kopp of Lac du Flambeau, Joan (Paul) Buckholz of Fond du Lac, Diane (Rich) Aschaker of Oakfield, Stacey Burton, and "adopted children" Jeff and Leigh Ashe of Minocqua. She is further survived by six grandchildren and four great grandchildren, by close friend Sr. Teresa Schueller, by neighbors on Manitou Park Road and by wonderful friends in her Franciscan faith community.

Her family wishes to thank the medical staff at HYMC and the incredible staff at Seasons of Life Hospice House in Woodruff for their compassionate care and integrity.

Visitation will be held at 10:00 am followed by Mass at 11:00 am at Holy Family Catholic Church in Woodruff on Thursday, June 4, 2015.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Family Catholic Church
8950 County J
Woodruff, WI 54568
(715) 356-6284
<http://www.holyfamilywoodruff.org>

Funeral Mass

JUN 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SR

“ I remember Kathy Burton as the wonderful lady who lived next door to us all through my childhood. She gave the best hugs! My parents, Chick and Jan Caywood, were great friends of Kathy and Ken Burton with lots of visiting between our homes. I recall many a happy time sitting at their oak table listening to the grown-ups talk, and later as I grew up I drank coffee at that same table with Kathy while she listened to me and gave great heartfelt advice. I am very saddened by Kathy's passing, but rejoice for her as well.

Shawn Caywood Rourke

Shawn Rourke - June 01, 2015 at 03:56 PM

KM

“ Sending my deepest and heartfelt sympathy to the Burton family- I work with Stacey and I have heard many stories of the love shared between Mother and Daughter-
God's Blessings always
Kellie

Kellie Miller - June 01, 2015 at 08:50 AM

LG

“ My name is lisa gilson kathy was a special friend and angel to me she always said I remember you when you where this high kathy always reminded me a lot that she loved me so much she is now with my dad my uncle jeff routhieaux my uncke duane hillsberg

lisa gilson - May 31, 2015 at 07:02 PM

DA

“ So sorry for your loss with sympathy and love Danny Steg

dannysyeg - May 31, 2015 at 03:02 PM

JC

“ *The friends from Winding Creek Campground all send deepest sympathy to the Burton family.* ”

Jim and Sharon Caulfield - May 30, 2015 at 04:35 PM