



Kathryn O'Connor

December 21, 1946 - October 13, 2025

Kathryn Marie O'Connor beloved mother and grandmother, formerly of Waverly, Ohio, went home to her Lord and Savior on October 13, 2025 at the age of 78, in Richmond, Michigan.

The first of 3 daughters, Kathryn was born to Albert and Ella Reed in Whitefish, Montana on December 21, 1946. In 1951 Kathryn's family moved to the Anaconda, Montana area. Kathryn graduated High School in 1965 from Anaconda High School. She then attended Montana Tech.

In 1967 while working at a bank in Boulder, Montana, Kathryn met the love of her life Bill O'Connor. He invited her to go fishing, she went and Bill proposed to her that day. They married 3 months later, on November 25, 1967. They had 2 daughter's, Kimberly Ann and Kelly Marlene.

Kathryn had always wanted to be a missionary in Africa. God had other plans. Not dreaming she would be a missionary in a different way. Bill's job would move Kathryn and their daughters many times to many cities and states. They lived in Montana, Wyoming, Utah, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Northern and South California, Michigan, Washington DC area and Ohio. Kathryn loved to teach Bible studies or Sunday school, show and share God's love, play the piano and sing God's praise. She touched many lives in all their many moves.

In 2021 Kathryn moved to Michigan to be near family. She loved to spend her time reading her Bible and praying for people. Kathryn was always sweet and grateful. She will be greatly missed.

Kathryn is survived by her daughters, Kimberly Glover and Kelly (Ryan) Lehr, grandchildren, Kyle O'Connor, Austin Glover, Megan Lehr and Jace Lehr along with her sister, Marlene Miller.

Kathryn was preceded in death by her mother Ella Marie Froehlich, husband Bille Eugene O'Connor, sister Ada Jean Greer, and brother-in-law Kenneth Miller.

Services will be private.

Arrangements in care of Jowett Funeral Home – New Haven.

Tribute Wall

DG

“ So many memories of good times traveling with Kathy on day trips, friendship between her and my family in Ohio. Many mornings at FBC-Waverly she and I sat until lunchtime doing cards for folks on our prayer list. Will miss her very much but rejoice knowing she's now with our Lord and in no more pain.

Don Goosman - October 16, 2025 at 04:28 PM

JV

“ When my son was in hospital being near death, Kathy showed up as she was living near the hospital. I was in shock as he got sick very fast and later that week was diagnosed with T cell lymphoma of which he later passed away! To have my childhood friend come and have her support brought us even closer through the years! We shared a life time of memories, good times and lasting friendship!

Janet. Vandeventer - October 16, 2025 at 01:39 PM

FP

After Bill was diagnosed with cancer, my husband Gary would visit Bill and Kathy would come to our house for Bible study. We had so many sweet times together. After Bill passed we continued to meet for breakfast and Bible study. She had a rich deep knowledge of the Bible and she was fearless when it came to sharing her faith. Many people will have a home in heaven thanks to Kathy sharing with them. She was a very dear friend and I will miss her.

Fern Pack - October 16, 2025 at 04:08 PM

JM

Kathy really lived the Lord and it was obvious whoever you had any kind of conversation with her as she never failed to mention the goodness of her Savior. She had so much love in her heart for friends and family. She was a special lady. I know she's with Bill and Ella now so that makes me smile to think of the sweet reunion they are having. We will see her again. Prayers for all the family. I love you all.

Janice Mayers - October 16, 2025 at 09:27 PM