

Katherine "Kathy" Elaine (Larson) Koehnen

August 21, 1961 - June 1, 2025

Katherine "Kathy" Elaine (Larson) Koehnen was born August 21, 1961, in Centreville, Illinois. She was the daughter of Robert and JoAnn (Sweeney) Larson. Her childhood spanned several states, leaving her with many fond memories, but most of her younger years were spent in Florida where she had her first job picking oranges.

Kathy's greatest joy was her family. She was a loving and dedicated mother of three children: Christina, April, and Shawn. She was blessed to raise her granddaughter Katarina as her own. Her grandchildren were the center of her world, and she adored playing with her great-grandchildren. She treasured making lasting memories with each of them.

Kathy met the love of her life, Thomas Matthew Koehnen, while operating and working at Smoker Friendly in Colorado. They were united in marriage on October 25, 2003, at Salem Wood Products. Kathy and Tom made Salem, Missouri their home and she started working at the Crossroads Hotel.

Kathy's zest of life extended beyond her family. She loved doing adventures that included outdoors. She possessed a deep appreciation for nature and found peace and joy in kayaking and fishing. Kathy also enjoyed baking. She was an animal lover, her affection particularly extended to her goats and dogs, and she eagerly anticipated welcoming a monkey into her life.

Kathy was known for her quick wit and playful teasing, always ready for her next victim, but her genuine kindness and compassion shined through everything she did. She was a peacemaker, the first to offer a helping hand, and a steadfast friend to many.

Kathy passed away June 1, 2025, in Shannon County, Missouri, at the age of sixty-three years. She is survived by her loving children: Christina Higgs and husband Cory of Salem, MO, April Kuhn of Salem, MO, and Shawn Kuhn of Grand Junction, CO; grandchildren: Blakelee Mckenna, Destany Kuhn and fiancé Austin McCall, Kiara White and husband Dallas, Katarina Morris and fiancé Justice Major, Drason Higgs, and Abigail Kuhn; great-grandchildren: Ashlyn, Elena, Axel, and Tyson; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and dear friends.

Preceding her in death were her husband: Tom Koehnen; parents: Robert and JoAnn Larson; and her sister: Nancy Larson.

Kathy lived a life filled with adventure, love, and unwavering devotion to her family. Her legacy will forever be etched into the hearts of those whose lives she touched. Her kindness, humor, and her unwavering love will remain a lasting tribute to a life well-lived.

Funeral Services for Katherine “Kathy” Elaine (Larson) Koehnen were held Monday, June 9, 2025, in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel with Bro. Aaron Steelman officiating. Special Memories were shared by family and friends. Song selections played were “Lead Me Home”, “I Am Not Okay”, “Carry On Wayward Son”, and “Save You A Seat”. Burial will be in the Jadwin Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of care of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

Online Condolences may be left at www.wilsonmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Jadwin Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 9. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

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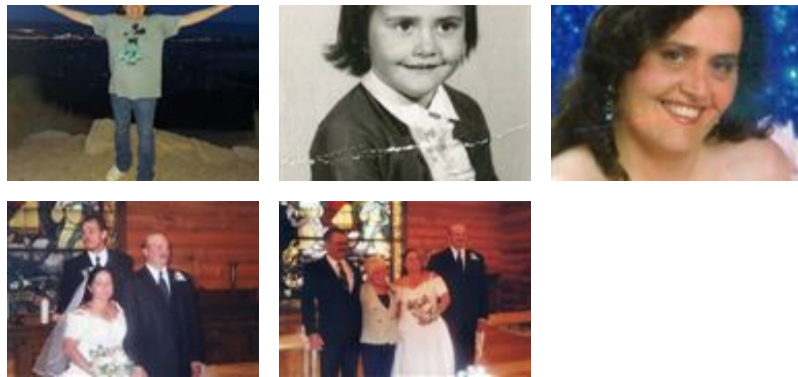
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“ *The Sanderson family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Katherine "Kathy" Elaine (Larson) Koehnen.*



The Sanderson family - June 05, 2025 at 07:13 PM

HM

“ I only had the privilege of meeting Kathy a single time. She was a strong and loving woman. Her impact on her family was tremendous. My heart goes out to all of her family and friends. My deepest sympathy to all.

Harmony Messerschmidt - June 02, 2025 at 12:28 PM

DA

Kathy was the most wonderful neighbor/friend anyone could ask for. She would feed you when you were hungry, loan you anything she had, watch your property like a hawk, fight to provide for her family, make you laugh and tell you if you were out of bounds. She took late night phone calls from my wife checking on me, inspect for storm damage, let me know if strangers came by, share her latest family news, and listen to mine. I had no idea what I bought our place what great neighbors we had. Her late Husband Tom was her man and one of the most generous people I have met. What a gift we were given to have known Tom and Kathy. They will be missed greatly, remembered fondly and we will thanks to God for putting them in our lives. We will keep her family in our prayers as they navigate these difficult times. All glory to God for blessing us with Kathy.

Dan Appelbaum - June 02, 2025 at 04:10 PM

CT

I'm so sorry to hear about Kathy's passing. We were once very good friends when we were younger and she lived in Fort Meade, FL. RIP my friend.

Cathy Harrell Timmons
Fort Meade, FL

Cathy Timmons - June 02, 2025 at 05:12 PM