



Kathryn A. "Kae" Balfany

October 5, 1936 - June 13, 2020

NORFOLK -- Funeral Service for Kathryn Ann "Kae" Balfany, 83, of Norfolk, will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, June 18, 2020, at Grace Lutheran Church in Norfolk with Rev. Ray S. Wilke and Rev. Chris Asbury officiating the service. Burial will take place at Prospect Hill Cemetery in Norfolk. Visitation will be held from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, at Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Kae passed away on Saturday, June 13, 2020, at her home in Norfolk, where she was lovingly cared for by her husband of 55 years, Don Balfany.

Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk is in charge of the arrangements.

Kae was born in Norfolk on Oct. 5, 1936, to W.V. and LoJeanne (Anderson) Emrich (Norfolk Livestock Market, Inc.) and was the oldest of three children. She was baptized and confirmed at Grace Lutheran Church in Norfolk.

In 1954, Kae graduated from Norfolk High School and received her bachelor of arts degree in journalism from the University of Colorado, Boulder, in 1958. During her junior year of college, she had the distinct honor of representing Norfolk as an Aksarben Countess in Omaha.

She married Don Balfany on Oct. 4, 1964, at Grace Lutheran Church in Norfolk.

Kae was the long-time school board secretary for District 3 Sunny Meadow country school west of Norfolk. In 1975, she was actively involved in the building of a new school (now Sunny Meadow Medical Center on 37th Street). She was one of the last Candy Striper coordinators at the Lutheran

Community Hospital (Faith Regional hospital). She later managed The Paddock Western Store at the Norfolk Livestock Market following her mother's retirement. Kae was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, Norfolk.

Kae was always there for anyone who needed her, often referred to as the family nurse. She was there for countless loved ones, including her grandmother, sister, mother, father and children. She always enjoyed helping when new grandchildren arrived. Kae truly loved entertaining family for the holidays and her Moravian Love Buns were a family favorite. She was a talented sewer, avid reader and loved traveling with her children. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, teaching them to sew, bake and attended many of their sporting and dance events.

Survivors include husband Don Balfany of Norfolk; children Kelly (Rob) Mercer of Stanton, Greg (Susan) Balfany of Kemah, Texas, Bob (Becky) Balfany of Lincoln, Mike (Amy) Balfany of Lincoln; nine grandchildren, Chris Swanson, Erik Mercer, Mikaela Foster, McKenzie Ball, Maddie Balfany, Kaci Balfany, Jacob Balfany, Austin Balfany and Zachary Balfany; and four great-grandchildren, Khloe Swanson, Melani Mercer, Thierry Mercer and Isabel Mercer.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Larry L. Gaines; parents Wilbert and LoJeanne; sister Susan Emrich; brother Randy Emrich; and grandson Justin Balfany.

Organist for the services will be Emily Carlson with soloist Susan Balfany. Casketbearers are Jacob Balfany, Erik Mercer, Tysen Swanson, Brady Ball, David Balfany and Rick Nolan. Honorary casket bearers are Zach Foster, Justin Balfany, Austin Balfany, Zachary Balfany, Logan Balfany, Mason Balfany, Khloe Swanson, Melani Mercer, Thierry Mercer and Isabel Mercer. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Prospect Hill Cemetery - Norfolk

1500 Maple Avenue
Norfolk, NE 68701

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk
1200 N.13th St.
Norfolk, NE 68701
(402) 371-7676
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<https://stonacekfuneralchapel.com/>

Service

JUN 18. 10:30 AM (CT)

Grace Lutheran Church - Norfolk
416 Park Ave.
Norfolk, NE 68701

Tribute Wall



“ Kathryn A. "Kae" Balfany

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ Don, Thinking of you during this sad time.
Borgie Christopherson Bonthuis
Irene High School Class of '60

Borghild Bonthuis - June 22, 2020 at 07:51 AM



“ Don, sending our condolences to you and your family.
Vern Knudsen
Irene High School
Class of 64

vern knudsen - June 19, 2020 at 08:32 PM



“ Don Balfany and family, we are remembering you and Kathryn in our daily Prayers. Kae is at rest, she is watching and guiding each of you thru your daily lives-keep her memories close to your heart. We have memories of you, Don, from your years at the Irene, SD School and the reunions you attended with the Class of 1960.
Lyle & Jean Hauger

Lyle Charles Hauger - June 18, 2020 at 10:17 PM

BI

“ To the Balfany family...our sincerest condolences. Kae will surely be missed. She is now with the Emrich and Anderson families, singing and laughing again. from Tom, Dan,Janet,Bill and John Anderson

bill - June 18, 2020 at 03:16 AM

LG

“ Love and prayers from your small group purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Kathryn A. "Kae" Balfany.



Love and prayers from your small group - June 17, 2020 at 10:33 AM

ES

“ Don, Sincere sympathy on the loss of your beloved wife. May God Be With You At This Time. Our thoughts are with you.

Edward and Mary Svitak

Edward and Mary Svitak - June 16, 2020 at 05:30 PM

PR

“ Patricia Hanson Roth lit a candle in memory of Kathryn A. "Kae" Balfany



Patricia Hanson Roth - June 16, 2020 at 11:11 AM

TF

“ Tom and Marty Novotny and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Kathryn A. "Kae" Balfany.



Tom and Marty Novotny and family - June 15, 2020 at 11:49 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kathryn A. "Kae" Balfany.



June 15, 2020 at 09:00 PM

SM

“ Sonya and Jim Mercer purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kathryn A. "Kae" Balfany.



Sonya and Jim Mercer - June 15, 2020 at 07:39 PM

BS

“ Bonnie and Stan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kathryn A. "Kae" Balfany.



Bonnie and Stan - June 15, 2020 at 04:28 PM

JR

“ Jim & Linda, David & Carolyn, Anne & Rick purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kathryn A. "Kae" Balfany.



Jim & Linda, David & Carolyn, Anne & Rick - June 15, 2020 at 04:20 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kathryn A. "Kae" Balfany.



June 15, 2020 at 11:50 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kathryn A. "Kae" Balfany.



June 15, 2020 at 12:02 AM

JD

“ Jan Duering lit a candle in memory of Kathryn A. "Kae" Balfany



Jan Duering - June 14, 2020 at 06:00 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kathryn A. "Kae" Balfany.*



June 14, 2020 at 05:55 PM