



## Katherine J. "Kathi" Riemenapp

July 19, 1958 - March 7, 2024

Dodgeville – Kathi J. Riemenapp (Lipska), age 65, of Dodgeville, died unexpectedly of a pulmonary embolism on Thursday, March 7, 2024 at Upland Hills Health in Dodgeville.

Kathi Joan Riemenapp was the most loving and caring woman that you would ever meet. Her faith, family, and friends were everything to her. When she walked into a room, you would know she was there with her bright smile, electric energy, and infectious laugh. She was kind, thoughtful, energetic, warm hearted and so loving. When talking with her you felt understood, loved, cared for, and that she was always in your corner. She was known as Kathi, Kate, Wife, Mom, Sister, Aunt, Friend, GamGam, and Miss Mary's Mom.

Kathi was born in Dodgeville, to her parents Mary Ann and Melvin (Sunny) Lipska. She was the youngest of seven siblings. She grew up on her family's Lipska Dairy Farm in Dodgeville and attended St. Joseph's as a child, then graduated Dodgeville High school with high honors. After attending UW Platteville, she lived in California enjoying the sun, ocean, dancing, countless skydiving jumps and endless memories. She then moved to Milwaukee where she worked for the head directors of Milwaukee School of Nursing and had her 1st child, Jessica. Kathy then came home to Dodgeville and met the love of her life, Kurt Riemenapp. She graduated from Southwest Technical College top of her class with an Associates Degree in Legal Assistant. After

graduation, Kathi and Kurt married in 1990 and completed their family with four children Jessica, Mary, Nicole, and Sean. They built a beautiful life for themselves and their children.

Kathi was a woman who lived life to the fullest and had an artistic talent running through her veins. She loved to share her beautiful gifts with her family and community. She sang in the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, taught ballroom dancing, sang/coordinated the Lands End Choir, and sang/played her guitar for St. Joseph Church in Dodgeville. She loved the beach, the summer sun, water skiing, cross country skiing, bike riding, swimming, gardening her flowers, yoga, horse riding, dancing with Kurt, cruising in her convertible, calligraphy, the arts, her music, and of course spending time with her family.

She was a devoted partner with her husband, Kurt, running their family business of TaeKwon-Do for 15 years, while obtaining her 2nd Degree Black Belt. Kathi dedicated 30+ years of her career to Lands' End. Once retired, she operated and owned "Olly Olly Oxen Tees" for the past 9 years where she shared her passion in art and graphic design. She found pride and joy in volunteering for Horsepower to Heartbeat (H2H), the Lionesses in Cobb, and more.

Kathi was the prime example of how to live, love entirely, and simply enjoy life to the fullest. She expressed unconditional forgiveness even when it wasn't asked for. Any opportunity she had to help someone in need, she would jump to it without question. She was always a beaming light when helping care for her grandchildren. Whenever she would get a call asking for help with the grandkids, she was there in a heartbeat. Whether it was just down the road or all the way to Milwaukee, she loved to spend time with and care for them. She was the best GamGam in the whole world. Kathi was a woman of enormous strength and resilience who endured and persevered through endless

heartaches. Kathi never ran away from the “fires” of life, but instead ran right into them head first. She embodied the importance of family, faith, and love. She was a rare and beautiful gem who will be deeply missed.

Kathi will be greeted in Heaven by her daughter, Jessica Lipska; her parents, Mary Ann and Sunny Lipska; her in-laws, Ben and Donna Riemenapp; her brother, Michael Lipska; her sister, Juliet Adametz; brother-in-laws, John Adametz and Lonnie Freymiller; sister-in-laws, Cheryl Lipska, Kendra Lipska; Penny Riemenapp; Mary Nuenthel; her niece, Stacey Jo Lipska; and her nephew, Joshua Adametz.

Kathi is survived by her husband, Kurt; two daughters, Mary Rundhaug (Jason) and Nicole King (Gary); son, Sean Riemenapp; four grandchildren, Vada; Jovi; Ivory; and Carter; five siblings, Wayne (Carole) Lipska; Gail (Phil) Rohowetz; Ryan Lipska; Melvin (Ginny) Lipska Jr.; as well as sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews and many friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH in Dodgeville. Burial will be held at St. John Cemetery, County Road G & Shemak Road, Muscoda at 2:30 p.m.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday and from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. on Thursday at the GORGEN-McGINLEY & AYERS FUNERAL HOME in Dodgeville.

We want to express our gratitude and sincere thanks to all of the clinical staff at Upland Hills Health, especially nurse Sandy who helped mom in her toughest hours.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 13. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Gorgen-McGinley & Ayers Funeral Home  
400 East Grace Street  
Dodgeville, WI 53533  
(608) 935-5222  
gorgenfh@mhtc.net

## Visitation

MAR 14. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 14. 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church  
405 S. Dacotah Street  
Dodgeville, WI 53533

## Graveside Service

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MAR 14. 2:30 PM (CT)

St. John Cemetery  
15055 Shemak Road  
Muscodá, WI 53573

# Tribute Wall

BG

“ Rest in peace fellow cantor. It was memorable singing with you.



Brit Grimmer - March 15, 2024 at 10:44 PM

PW

“ Kurt and family, So sorry for the loss of your wife, mother, and grandmother. May the Lord get you through your grief.  
Penny Wick

Penny Wick - March 14, 2024 at 12:40 PM

LO

“ Our heart felt condolences to your entire family.

Ken and Lori McGinley Seyfferth



Lori - March 14, 2024 at 09:22 AM

KA

“ Kamil and Adrian purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Katherine J. "Kathi" Riemenapp.



Kamil and Adrian - March 13, 2024 at 02:58 PM

MC

“ *Misti Cunzenheim purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Katherine J. "Kathi" Riemenapp.*



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**Misti Cunzenheim** - March 13, 2024 at 10:26 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Katherine J. "Kathi" Riemenapp.*



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March 13, 2024 at 10:22 AM

HP

“ *Hollie, Jordan, Lumin, & Peyton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Katherine J. "Kathi" Riemenapp.*

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**Hollie, Jordan, Lumin, & Peyton** - March 13, 2024 at 10:22 AM

KH

“ *I wasn't a great friend of Kathi but whenever I seen her she was smiling and very bubbly. I am so sorry to hear about her death. Thinking of all of you.*

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**Kris halverson** - March 12, 2024 at 10:22 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Katherine J. "Kathi" Riemenapp.



March 12, 2024 at 05:44 PM



“ Dale & Katy Ripp planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Katherine J. "Kathi" Riemenapp.

Dale & Katy Ripp - March 12, 2024 at 05:44 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Katherine J. "Kathi" Riemenapp.



March 12, 2024 at 03:21 PM



“ Jon Ahrens and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Katherine J. "Kathi" Riemenapp.

Jon Ahrens and family - March 12, 2024 at 03:21 PM

KC

“ I extend my sympathy to the family. I enjoyed working with Kate at St. Joseph's. She had a beautiful voice. I will have a Novena of Masses read for her by the Mariannahill Fathers.

Karen Clough - March 12, 2024 at 09:58 AM

LR

“ Our deepest sympathy to Kate's family at this difficult time. She was an enthusiastic lover of sharing her musical gifts. Enjoyed singing in the Lands' End Choir with her for many years. May she sing with the angels now. 💕🎵 And May God hold her loved ones tenderly in the palm of His hand as you grieve and say your goodbyes.

Luci and Mark Ramthun

Luci Ramthun - March 12, 2024 at 07:21 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Katherine J. "Kathi" Riemenapp.



March 11, 2024 at 10:55 PM

BP

“ BILL & Karol Pink purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Katherine J. "Kathi" Riemenapp.



BILL & Karol Pink - March 11, 2024 at 04:08 PM

DL

“ Donna L. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Katherine J. "Kathi" Riemenapp.



Donna L. - March 11, 2024 at 10:15 AM

PC

“ Sweet lady. Always with a beautiful smile.

Pat Carmody - March 11, 2024 at 10:06 AM

 Lynne Tanner

“ Kathi's beautiful smile and infectious laugh will forever be with us.

Lynne Tanner - March 11, 2024 at 08:45 AM

TF

“ The Siladi, Harmon, and Ruder Families purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Katherine J. "Kathi" Riemenapp.



The Siladi, Harmon, and Ruder Families - March 10, 2024 at 10:08 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Katherine J. "Kathi" Riemenapp.



March 10, 2024 at 01:25 PM

TL

“ The Flippin Pages Bookclub Ladies purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Katherine J. "Kathi" Riemenapp.



The Flippin Pages Bookclub Ladies - March 09, 2024 at 07:55 PM

TL

“ The Flippin Pages Bookclub Ladies planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Katherine J. "Kathi" Riemenapp.

The Flippin Pages Bookclub Ladies - March 09, 2024 at 07:55 PM

FR

“ Family of Ed and Dollie Roh purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Katherine J. "Kathi" Riemenapp.



Family of Ed and Dollie Roh - March 09, 2024 at 05:45 PM

TF

“ The Engel and Pawelski families purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Katherine J. "Kathi" Riemenapp.



The Engel and Pawelski families - March 09, 2024 at 05:31 PM

TF

“ *The Engel and Pawelski families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Katherine J. "Kathi" Riemenapp.*

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**The Engel and Pawelski families** - March 09, 2024 at 05:31 PM