



## Kathryn E. Honerbaum

April 7, 1945 - September 9, 2023

Dodgeville – Kathryn Eileen Honerbaum (Crubaugh), age 78, passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 9, 2023 following a five year battle with breast cancer, which most likely could have been exacerbated by her Diet Coke addiction. She was at home, surrounded by her family, with love.

Kathy, the daughter of Marcella and LaVerne Crubaugh, was born on April 7, 1945 in Dodgeville, WI where she was the baby of six children. Self admittedly she was very spoiled, but never spoiled rotten, although her siblings, Jean, Mike, Mary, Marcia and John may have disagreed.

On August 6, 1966 Kathy married the love of her life, Duane Honerbaum and together they had four children, Stefanie (Frank) Harper-Paul, Peter (Carrie) Honerbaum, Kara (Matt) Boyer and Erin (Marc) Jacobson. She was also blessed with four grandchildren, Elle, Libby, Aidan and Joey... all of whom rocked Kathy's world. She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, Mike (Florence) Crubaugh, her husband, Duane, her daughter, Erin Jacobson and her brothers-in-law, Charles Horisberger, Dick Holmes, Dick Osthoff, Harry Weber and her sister-in-law Jocille Weber.

Kathy had a 55 year long nursing career which was truly her calling. She did hospice care, private care, as well as emergency room care at Upland Hills Health. She was fortunate enough to even work in the same ER as her

beloved daughter, Erin Jacobson. Kathy touched the souls of many people she came across in both her personal and professional life and will not soon be forgotten. To know her was to love her. To know her was also to know that she had to be dragged, quite forcefully, into retirement, not once, but twice as she absolutely loved what she did and she did it exceptionally well.

Kathy was someone who was down for almost anything. She and her husband shared a love for travel and one of their most favorite spots was Clearwater Beach, FL where there were many, many trips throughout many, many years with her Duane, their children, grandchildren and friends. She also loved trips with her sisters to Door County and anywhere else the wind would blow her so long as good company was alongside for the journey. You could call her up and ask her to go almost anywhere and she'd be ready to go... even when she wasn't feeling well. Nothing kept Kathy down, especially if you were going shopping. You would also often find Kathy at her grandkids' sporting/school events with a big bag of popcorn and the sweetest smile. She loved those kids something fierce. She was devoted to her family and friends from the beginning of time and up to the end.

While Kathy absolutely loved to be out and about with her people, her most ideal evening would involve watching a Hallmark movie, getting curled up with a good book in the bathtub and drinking, you guessed it, a Diet Coke.

Kathy never let the negatives drag her down. She was a fierce force to be reckoned with and fought some really tough battles. She lost her husband and she fought breast cancer at the same time her daughter, Erin Jacobson, was losing her battle to breast cancer. To describe Kathy as tough and admirable is an understatement. She will fondly be remembered for courage and kindness and her sense of humor. No matter what, she always found a way to make us laugh with her witty and sometimes, sarcastic humor. They say our grief only comes from where there was once immense love. What an

incredible woman she was and she will forever be missed.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2023 at the GORGEN-McGINLEY & AYERS FUNERAL HOME in Dodgeville from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. A private family inurnment will be held at St. Joseph's Cemetery.

We would like to send a huge thank you to Kathy's special angels, Gloria (Vern) Ott and Marcia (Bob) Metcalf, as well as all of her other dear friends and family. Chuck Misky, thank you for being such a huge part of our lives and being so dear to our mom. You all will never know how much you meant to her. We'd also like to thank Agrace hospice nurses who helped guide us and her on her journey home and we'd also like to thank Dodgeville EMS, Upland Hills Health and Gorgen Funeral Services for the exceptional and gentle care of our mother.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph's Cemetery

Compassion Way  
Dodgeville, WI 53533

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **23**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

CB

“ I worked with Kathy with Brad Bartlein for years. She was the best!! I will miss her and sad I did not get together with her again. Brad is also gone. So sorry for you loss and our loss of a great nurse!



cindy bonilla - September 22, 2023 at 09:51 AM

JM

“ Jeanne Diana Pegs& all of the misfits! purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Kathryn E. Honerbaum.



Jeanne Diana Pegs& all of the misfits! - September 21, 2023 at 10:20 PM

JM

“ Jeanne Diana Pegs& all of the misfits! planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathryn E. Honerbaum.

Jeanne Diana Pegs& all of the misfits! - September 21, 2023 at 10:20 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Kathryn E. Honerbaum.



September 21, 2023 at 04:23 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathryn E. Honerbaum.*



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September 21, 2023 at 10:10 AM



“ *Jennifer, Steven, Lauren and Rocco planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathryn E. Honerbaum.*

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**Jennifer, Steven, Lauren and Rocco** - September 18, 2023 at 08:58 AM

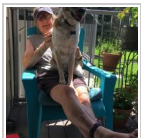


“ *Jennifer, Steven, Lauren and Rocco purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kathryn E. Honerbaum.*



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**Jennifer, Steven, Lauren and Rocco** - September 18, 2023 at 08:58 AM



“ *I am very sorry to read of Kathy's passing. I didn't see her much since high school, but when I moved back home, it seemed like just yesterday when we saw each other. She was one sweet lady. May you find peace and love in your memories.*  
*Jon Jacka*

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**Jon Jacka** - September 16, 2023 at 02:19 PM

DJ

“ We were sorry to hear of Kathy’s passing. Our deepest condolences and prayers for peace to all.  
Virginia Cayler and family.

Debra Jenkinson - September 15, 2023 at 02:41 PM

MN

“ Kathy had so many roles and touched so many lives. She will always be part of our book club. Thank you Kathy for reading with us.



Mary Nelson - September 15, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Kathryn E. Honerbaum.



September 15, 2023 at 09:52 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kathryn E. Honerbaum.



September 12, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kathryn E. Honerbaum.

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September 12, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ Angels have taken another angel home. She was definitely a special lady. I remember when the clinic was on Fountain St next to our house and I babysat Erin. She was always a great lady. I enjoyed taking care of Erin. Another one that will truly be missed.

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**Lonna Smith** - September 11, 2023 at 05:27 PM



“ I went to school with Kathy and always thought she was so beautiful. Kathy delivered my son Darren who was born 51 years ago today. The doctor didn't make it. It was her first delivery by herself. I'll always remember her calm exterior but as she told me very nervous inside. She was a very special person. May she find eternal peace in God's hands. Connie Bennett Mindham

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**Connie Mindham** - September 11, 2023 at 10:54 AM