



Kathryn Burris Turner

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Kathryn Burris Turner died on September 28, 2023, after a long illness. She was born and grew up in Naperville, Illinois, later graduating from Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota. After serving for two years in the Peace Corps in Congo (then called Zaire), she received a Masters in Library Science degree from Simmons College in Boston and spent her career working in a variety of libraries, including public, school, and corporate. She spent much of her working life as a school librarian in international schools in Pakistan, Cote d'Ivoire, Venezuela, China, and the Dominican Republic. After retiring to Florida, she moved to Lakeland, where she lived for the past seven years. No matter where she was, she worked to make the world a more beautiful place, like the time she organized a beach clean-up while on vacation in Malaysia. A voracious and devoted reader, an adventurous traveler, and a talented painter and quilter, Kath was committed to social justice and active in volunteer work. Warm, thoughtful, and good-humored, she lived a life open to new people, ideas, and experiences. Her wide, radiant smile could be seen from across a room, and people of all ages were drawn to her spontaneously silly sense of humor. She is survived by her husband Ken, her daughters Chloe and Hope, her brother Jim and sister Sue, and her grandchildren Luca and Naomi.

In a characteristically generous gesture, Kathy wished her body to be donated for medical research. Her family feels tremendous gratitude and respect for the kind, loving staffs of Good Shepherd Hospice and The Manor at Carpenters. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Kathy's name to Good Shepherd Hospice (<https://www.chaptershealth.org/foundation/good-shepherd-hospice-donation/>) or your local non-profit hospice.



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DA

Daniel posted:

Dear Ken, After trying to track down either of you, imagine my dismay and complete sadness to discover Kathy's untimely and all-too-soon death. My deepest and most heartfelt condolences to you and your family. Please reach out if you would like to reconnect, these many years later.
XXXX Daniel (Tamulonis)

October 4 at 6:40 AM

SR

Susan Rankin posted:

I was thinking of Kathy the other day and was so sad to learn that she passed away. She was a fine woman that I had the good fortune to meet in Lubumbashi, Zaire when we were both in the Peace Corps. We corresponded for a while via snail mail, then life got too busy. you have my condolences. I was thinking of the exceptional women I have known and Kathy came instantly to mind. I regret not having got back in touch. Susan Rankin

September 29 at 9:57 AM



Anonymous planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Kathryn.



October 19 at 3:42 AM

LA

Lou Ann Ashley posted:

Kind, patient, generous, warm . . . I simply run out of words to describe Kathy. My late husband Ron and I had the privilege of enjoying life in Abidjan, C.I., with Kathy at ICOSA. What a true gem she was. Rest in peace, Kathy. Love and comfort to your family. Lou Ann Ashley

October 8 at 6:00 AM

JG

John Gehan posted:

Sad to hear that Kathy has gone. She was a good person.

October 5 at 12:52 PM



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Anonymous sent a Days of Sunshine Bouquet to the Turner family.

October 3 at 11:42 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Kathryn.

October 3 at 11:42 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Kathryn by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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