



## Kathleen Phillips

December 27, 1946 - September 23, 2024

Kathleen “Kathie” Dwyer Phillips, 77, of Cedar Falls, died peacefully at home surrounded by loved ones, on Monday, September 23, 2024.

She was born on December 27, 1946, in Waterloo, daughter of Stephen and Lena (Bottin) Dwyer. She graduated from Columbus High School in 1965. She married James Phillips on January 27, 1968, in Waterloo. She attended Pitze’s Beauty School. She worked for years at Images Makers Salon and Younkers in Cedar Falls.

Kathie is survived by two daughters, Gina (Craig) Haan and Sara (Dan) Oltrogge, both of Cedar Falls; three granddaughters, Madison Haan, Bella and Gia Oltrogge; a sister, Margaret (Ken) Alberts and a brother, Steve Dwyer; and brothers-in-law and their spouses, Bill (Karen) Fliehler and Jeff (Janet) Fliehler and several nieces and nephews that she loved dearly.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, a sister Dorothy, and a great niece.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ I was hired to fill your place at New York Fashion when you left for beauty school but you talked me into going with you instead!! The start of a lifelong friendship! So much fun together at Pitze’s then working together at Collins Radio (Micro Electronics night shift) and living together in Cedar Rapids!! You will always be in my heart. See you in heaven!! Love you, Joey McIlhon



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**Joey McIlhon** - September 30, 2024 at 10:01 AM

PE

“ Kathy, you were so much fun when you would come into Ernster Drug and would have 5 cent cokes, and gossip with me about Columbus. I loved your hair!! Your hair was "frosted" before it was even in fashion! You and I would often go to McDonald's for french fries when we lived in Waterloo many years ago! You were a wonderful friend.  
Hope your new journey is peaceful and filled with joy.  
Love and peace,  
Peggy Ernster

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**Peggy Ernster** - September 25, 2024 at 11:57 AM

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“ I have so many wonderful memories of you, dear Kathy. Your fun-loving and straight-to-the-point personality made my friendship with you a joy. You'll be in my heart always.

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**Tom Ernster** - September 25, 2024 at 10:39 AM

MB

“ *Manette Bell lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Phillips*



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**Manette Bell** - September 25, 2024 at 03:48 AM

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“ *Our deepest sympathy to Kathie's family and friends.*



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**Columbus High School Alumni** - September 24, 2024 at 10:58 PM

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“ *My beautiful friend/cousin Kathie I will miss you and you will always be in my heart ❤️*

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**Nancy Anderson** - September 24, 2024 at 05:16 PM