



## Kathy Kay Hamer

December 14, 1947 - July 18, 2021

Kathleen Kay (Beaton) Hamer, 73, of Dike, Iowa, died Sunday, July 18, 2021 at Mercy One Hospital in Waterloo.

Kathy was born December 14, 1947 in Waterloo to Jack and Marjorie (Francis) Beaton. She grew up on Lyon Street in Waterloo with her brother Mike and sister Linda. In childhood, she spent many summers at family farms and at an uncle's cabin on the river.

She graduated from West High School in Waterloo and went on to study at State College of Iowa now the University of Northern Iowa. It was at this time she worked for the University Library.

She proposed to Dennis R. Hamer, and they were married on June 12, 1970. They recently celebrated their 51st anniversary. They began their married lives in Olathe, Kansas, later moved to DeSoto, Kansas and in 2001 moved to Dike, Iowa where they lived on Hole #1 of the Fox Ridge Golf Course.

Kathy worked as a clerk for the Johnson County Courts until 1975 when they fostered and later adopted their first two daughters in 1976. They adopted their third daughter in 1979. Kathy took her career as homemaker and stay-at-home mom very seriously.

Kathy's love for fishing began at an early age at her parents' cabin in Canada. She later shared this passion with her husband and many family members. In addition to fishing, Kathy liked to make cards, enjoyed playing golf, loved all word games, and was a master collector of trivia and a lover of books. Her sense of humor was unmatched by many, and she never forgot a name. She

has been described by many as gracious with a talent for making others feel comfortable and well cared for.

She is survived by her husband Dennis Hamer, her daughters Denise (Alan) Bixler, Michelle Hamer, Janet (Kevin) Pine; grandchildren Dustin (William) Klass, Samantha (Nathan) Hargnett, Chris (Jessica) Price, Karly Price, Douglas Nunn, Alexys Nunn, Katie Pine, Emily Pine; and great grandchildren Madilyn Klass, Ezra Klass, Halle Hargnett, Autrey Hargnett, Lincoln Hargnett, Arjalon Price (due August 2021). She is also survived by her sister Linda (Ted) Hora and brother Mike (Carol) Beaton as well as many siblings-in-law and cousins to both the Beaton and Hamer families.

Funeral services 11:00 a.m. Thursday, July 22, 2021 at the South Waterloo Church of the Brethren, with interment in the Orange Township Cemetery, both in Waterloo. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until service time at the church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center, Guiding Star Cedar Valley, and Cedar Valley Hospice. Online condolences may be left at [www.richardsonfuneralservice.com](http://www.richardsonfuneralservice.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 22. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

South Waterloo Church of the Brethren  
6227 Kimball Ave.  
Waterloo, IA 50701

## Funeral Service

JUL 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Oh my what a genuine lady and friend. Her mom, Marge was at Ridgeway Place where I was Director of Activities. Kathy supplied the residents with a huge variety of puzzles! She and her husband gave of themselves to many people, former residents always with smiles, positive, with warm greetings! The Hamer and Beaton families are so lovely! I saw their faith was important and the love of their girls!! I will miss Kathy and will always love she and her mom, Marge. She was like my grandma! Love and sympathy to all!  
Jeanne Lueders formerly of Waterloo now living in Weatherby Lake, MO. [Jeanne.lueders@gmail.com](mailto:Jeanne.lueders@gmail.com).

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**Jeanne Lueders** - July 22, 2021 at 10:03 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathy Kay Hamer.



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July 21, 2021 at 09:56 AM

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“ Dennis and family, I'll always remember my garage sale shopping with Kathy and Helen. Our trip to Montana by plane. Peace and comfort to you and your family. Sandy and Jim.

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**Sandy and Jim Lake** - July 21, 2021 at 07:58 AM



“ *This disease was cruel to her both internally and externally . . . she was beautiful girl once. . here's her senior picture (West High Class of 1966)*



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**Keith Francis** - July 20, 2021 at 07:45 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kathy Kay Hamer.*



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July 20, 2021 at 07:43 PM



“Kap” was my “sister” cousin, born just a week after me. When I was born, her dad carried me down the steps of the Presbyterian Hospital in Waterloo, a week later my dad carried her the same place. We grew up like sister and brother cousins, sharing family events, fishing in Canada at her dad's cabin, graduating together in 1966 from Waterloo West. She always had her dad's humor, and oh, we would laugh at old family stories.

She was the family history matriarch, taking over our our Aunt Doris. Someone noted she never forgot a person's name, that's an understatement. After I got my aunt to record family history, I got Kathy to do the same which she typed up, photos and all, so we never forget.

Raising family, grandkids, and living far away (Colorado) separated us, but the memories of our youth kept us close. Been a rough decade with her medical issues, and she never deserved this.

We may not have hung out as we did as kid-cousins, but I love you, I miss you.

- Keith Francis



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Keith Francis - July 20, 2021 at 07:29 PM



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**Keith Francis** - July 20, 2021 at 06:33 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kathy Kay Hamer.



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July 20, 2021 at 05:43 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Kathy Kay Hamer.



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July 20, 2021 at 12:39 PM



“ I remember one year, Dennis was not up to playing in the Amana Colonies Golf Tournament, Kathy played in his place. Kathy was the best putter on our Team, we had a great time. Many years I have been going up to see Dennis and Kathy prior to that Golf Tournament, Kathy always made me feel welcome. Kathy you will be missed.

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**David West** - July 20, 2021 at 12:34 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathy Kay Hamer.*



July 20, 2021 at 10:57 AM



“ *I will miss my dear friend. I know she is in heaven with Jesus. We all lived in a very special neighborhood. Kathy & I spent time playing board games, shopping, working together on school PTO projects & most of all we shared our day to day struggles. I know she is in a better place.*

**Phyllis** - July 20, 2021 at 10:46 AM



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathy Kay Hamer.*



July 20, 2021 at 10:28 AM



“ *Preferred Pump Liberty NC purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Kathy Kay Hamer.*



**Preferred Pump Liberty NC** - July 20, 2021 at 10:10 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of  
Kathy Kay Hamer.*



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July 20, 2021 at 09:01 AM