



Kathy Olmstead

March 26, 1954 - February 21, 2025

Kathleen “Kathy” Olmstead, 70, of Cedar Falls, was called Home on Friday, February 21, 2025, at the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics from complications of Leukemia.

She was born on March 26, 1954, in West Helena, Arkansas, the daughter of Otto and Wilma (Bronscorn) Copeland. They later divorced and Wilma married David Knapp. Kathy graduated from Cedar Falls High School and Hawkeye Tech with her CNA in 1972. She also graduated from Cedar Falls Beauty School in 1973. On November 14, 1973, Kathy was united in marriage to Craig Olmstead in Cedar Falls. She worked at the Cedar Falls Lutheran Home as a CNA and CMA until her retirement on December 9, 2009.

Upon retirement, Kathy enjoyed spending time with her family; seeing their musical or sport event, cheering them on at whatever interest it was that year. She enjoyed her daily devotion and scripture readings, crossword puzzles, a lifer Days of Our Lives fan, animal lover and making sure all her kids and grandkids knew to be on the lookout for that birthday or anniversary card she was faithful at sending every year. Kathy was very proud of her family, and she had a lot of love to share to anyone who let her.

Kathy is survived by her husband, Craig; son, Clint (Sarah) Olmstead of Denver; daughters, Paula (Josh) Dawkins of Holland, Tami Stubbe and

Brooke Evens both of Cedar Falls. Grandchildren, Nathan, Jackson, Molly, Jadyn, Brady, Azaria, Faith, Joslynn, Kamrynn, Adelyn, Autumn, Samuel, Truth, Malachi, Hannah, Mordecai, Michael, William and one great-grandson, Korzae; sister, Dorothy (Terry) Fleshner of Cedar Falls; and half siblings, Cindy (Kelly) Peters of Flint, TX, Nancy and Frank Glidewell of Helena, AR, and Otto Copeland, Jr. of Winton-Salem, NC.

She was preceded in death by her parents and son-in-law, Mike Stubbe.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, February 28, 2025, at Cedar Fall Christian Church. Visitation will be 4:00-6:00 p.m. Thursday, February 27th at Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls. Burial at Hillside Cemetery in Cedar Falls.

Memorials may be directed to the family to be designated to the American Cancer Society, Leukemia Foundation, or other charities of choice.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery

Lone Tree Road
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 273-8628

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 27. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Funeral Service

FEB 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

Cedar Falls Christian Church
2727 W 4th St
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Tribute Wall

KC

“ I am so sad to hear this news. I lived two houses behind Kathy and used to go to her house to play when we were younger. She taught me how to draw people's faces. She was such a nice and pleasant person to be around, I loved having her for a friend. Kathy, you will be missed greatly. May God keep you in His arms and may you rest in eternal peace. Your old neighbor Kim (Kates) Croushore

Kim Croushore - February 28, 2025 at 12:32 AM

PW

“ My sincere condolences to the family. She was also a great step grandmother to Jordyn and Gavin, Unfortunately separated from the family. We talk about her many times and they miss her. God Bless Kathy you are free of pain. She was a wonderful lady!

Pj Wolfs - February 27, 2025 at 06:26 PM

MM

“ Always loved talking to Kathy when she would visit Livingston and appreciated her sending us Christmas cards every year. She will be missed by many.

Missy McNeal - February 27, 2025 at 03:45 PM

AK

Kathy, you were my one and only true friend these past few years. Your leaving has left a gaping hole in my heart. I will always remember your sweet smile and will miss you terribly. Please come to visit me in my dreams. You will always be my friend, my "forever friend".

Andrea kress - February 27, 2025 at 05:35 PM

OJ

“ Otto Copeland Jr. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kathy Olmstead.



Otto Copeland Jr. - February 27, 2025 at 11:59 AM



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



February 27, 2025 at 10:58 AM

TB

“ Todd & Kristen Breuer purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Kathy Olmstead.



Todd & Kristen Breuer - February 26, 2025 at 08:53 PM

TB

“ Todd & Kristen Breuer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathy Olmstead.

Todd & Kristen Breuer - February 26, 2025 at 08:53 PM

AW

“ Thank you for always being my biggest cheerleader. Alex and I love you ❤️



Autumn Winchester - February 26, 2025 at 03:41 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Kathy Olmstead.



February 26, 2025 at 09:53 AM



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

February 26, 2025 at 09:53 AM



“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Kathy Olmstead.



February 26, 2025 at 09:50 AM



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

February 26, 2025 at 09:50 AM



“ James W. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Kathy Olmstead.



James W. - February 25, 2025 at 10:52 AM



“ Sweet Kathy, my "birthday twin" as we used to refer to each other. Heaven is surely rejoicing at your "coming home" and yet you will be missed greatly by family and friends. Craig, Clint, Paula, Tami, and Brooke - I wish I could be there to give you a gigantic hug and share memories with all of you. Each one of you has had a part in shaping who I am today and I am forever grateful! God bless you and fill your days with the Light and Peace of Christ. You are God's beloved ones. Jayne Erickson

Jayne Erickson - February 24, 2025 at 11:04 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss. We will miss her friendly face bright and early every Monday morning. Allen Valet-Renee Sherwood

Renee L Luke - February 24, 2025 at 12:28 PM

NG

“ *Lit a candle in Memory of Kathy Olmstead...*



Nancy Glidewell - February 23, 2025 at 06:08 PM

DK

“ *Donita Krueger lit a candle in memory of Kathy Olmstead*



Donita Krueger - February 23, 2025 at 04:46 PM

CP

“ *Cindy (Copeland) Petetd lit a candle in memory of Kathy Olmstead*



Cindy (Copeland) Petetd - February 23, 2025 at 04:04 PM

CP

I will miss Kathy dearly. She was a sister I don't know I had until I was in elementary school. She was so devoted to her children and grandchildren and especially Craig. My heart and prayers are with all of you. Love you and miss you Sis. ❤️

Cindy (Copeland) Peters - February 23, 2025 at 04:07 PM

BK

Kathy was one of the sweetest ladies I have ever met, even through her cancer she always had a positive attitude. We will miss her! Father, be with Craig and family as they figure out how to go on without Kathy. Her memories will sustain us till we meet again. Bless her family with your love Father and comfort.

BevyK

Bevy Kimpton - February 28, 2025 at 12:02 PM