



Kathleen L. DeWitt

September 19, 2025

Kathleen Lorna DeWitt (affectionately known as Biddles) passed away peacefully at home in Ft. Collins, Colorado on Sept 19, 2025 from complications of lung disease. She spent the previous day in full display of her resilience, creativity, feistiness, and humor. She was the epitome of “young at heart”.

Kathy was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan on October 14, 1948. She was the youngest adopted daughter of Julia and Richard DeWitt and had many fond memories of her early years with her sister Annie and brother Skip in Holland, Michigan. Her hankering for independence, big pastures, chickens, and most of all horses was fostered on their family properties in Michigan and Texas.

As a teenager, Kathy attended Stoneleigh-Burnham School in Massachusetts. While making lifelong friends, she became an accomplished equestrian winning numerous titles riding Hunter/Jumpers across the Midwest and East Coast Circuits.

Kathy also spent some time in the late 1960s telling her family she was attending Colorado Women’s College, but her stories inform otherwise. Most of her college days were spent skiing in Vail, seeing concerts in Denver, relishing her autonomy and sowing her wild oats.

Her three children Jennifer, Riley and Katie were born in the 1970's. She was a most loving and generous mother and all 3 of her kids inherited her gift of creativity, individualism, and a sprinkle of her sass.

In 1995 Kathy moved permanently from Michigan to Colorado and joined Jen as the co-owner of the Happy Horse Tack & Saddle Shop. They recently celebrated their 25th Anniversary and proudly the business is one of the few remaining independently owned, women run, full service tack shops.

In 2000 she met the love of her life, Malcolm Hughes. Native to Wales, Mal moved to Colorado and brought his magic tricks, jokes, and much deserved adoration to Kathy's life. He was her rock and their 25 years together were her happiest. With him, there was a peaceful presence in her life and together they have enjoyed traveling around America and Europe, attending countless Josh Gorban Concerts and having a grand time with family and friends.

From an early age, Kathy had a passion for adventure and some highlights include trips to Russia, Greece, Turkey, Italy, Scotland, and in 2007 a most memorable trip to the Netherlands. With her beloved sister Annie, they found the hometowns of all four of their adoptive grandparents. They were great travel companions and the trip galvanized their deep bond.

Kathy's list of talents has no end. Her way of showing love was through food and handmade items. She was a superb cook and anyone lucky enough to experience her ribs or welsh cakes knows her mastery. The perfection of her quilts and crochet blankets are museum quality. There was no end to what she could sew, from the finest tailored clothing to the most abstract and hilarious Halloween costumes.

Her generosity was legendary and she spread her kindness around the world. She could light up any room with her warmth and make everyone blush with

her wit and sense of humor. Kathy had an encyclopedic memory of every place she traveled, every song lyric from the 1960's, every pattern on Port Merion China, every fiber in a skein of yarn, and every person that touched her heart.

She is survived by her loving husband Malcolm, her sister Annie, her three children and two sons in law, David and Lucas. Her five grandchildren Adrian, Hauna, Teva, Zoe, and Emmitt were her pride and joy and whenever they said "I love you Grammy" she would always remind them "I love you more".

A Celebration of Life will be held on Oct 14th from 3-6PM at the family property, 4000 Buckskin Trail in LaPorte, Colorado. This will be a celebration in its truest form with games, snacks, and music....just how Kathy would want it to be.

If you would like to speak or perform at this event please contact katiedirkse@hotmail.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **14**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (MT)

Family Property
4000 Buckskin Trail
LaPorte, CO

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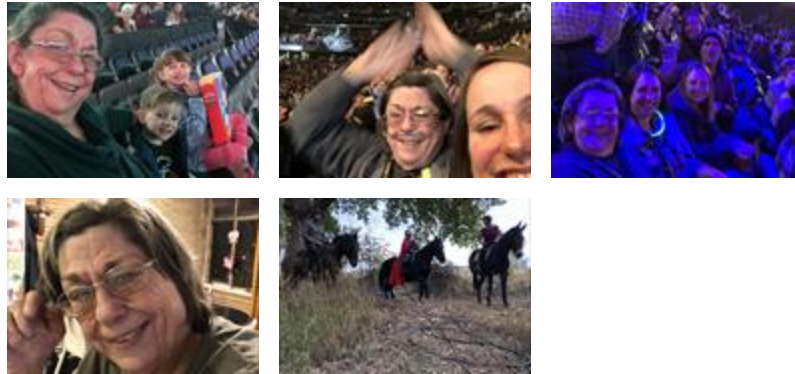
MM

“ I am so sorry to hear of Kathy's passing. She and I were suite mates our sophomore year at Mary A. Burnham. I have so many wonderful memories. It was probably my best year at MAB.

Mary Acton Moriarty - April 13 at 11:21 AM

KQ

“ 7 files added to the album more photos



katie Quisenberry - October 06, 2025 at 07:41 AM

HH

“ I have so many memories of Kath, everyone a happy memory. I first met Kath when she came to Swansea and Mal brought her to see me singing, we hit it off immediately. Kath became a friend to all of my family. It was so nice that Mal and Kath came over to attend my wedding in 2001 and it was so amazing when Myself, my husband Anthony and my Mam and Dad got to travel to Colorado for the wedding of Kath and Mal a couple of years later. She opened her home and her heart to us all, beautiful memories I will cherish forever. Thinking of Mal and all of Kath's family at this sad,sad time. God bless you all. RIP Kath. You were one of the best. 😊 xXx

Helouise Hayward - September 29, 2025 at 10:40 AM

SL

“ Memories.....Thank you Josh Groban, if it wasn't for his concert 8/2011 in Phoenix, AZ, I would never have met Kath. Since then, we connected a huge 'sister' bond. Through the years, we met up at FG concerts (PHX, Red Rocks, San Francisco), Broadway (NYC). Also, she came to our annual JG Xmas parties many times here in Phoenix, Sedona and even in CA where we met Ruslan Siorta (JG pianist at that time). And then there were the trips that she and Mal would take me to: Road trips around CO, S Dakota, Wyoming; cruise to Alaska and best of all, 3 weeks of wonderful scenery in Wales, Scotland (we did the Outlander tour) and England (where I got to see the grounds of Wimbledon (I'm a tennis buff). And the many trips that I went to CO to share in their family activities: T-day, Christmas, her birthdays and summer vacations. Her family opened their arms to me as a member, I treasure this.



Throughout these years I have shared Kathy's warmth, friendliness, caring, laughter, cooking (especially Welsh cakes and as Jen says, her ribs!), sharing many stories, doing jigsaw puzzles together and her crocheting and my knitting (creative time). In spite of her stubbornness, sass, back seat driving, her continual comments "I am fine" (though she wasn't), I still loved her.

My condolences to Mal, Jen, Riley & Katie and the rest of the family. I will treasure our memories. I miss you Kath, so much

Sharon Lyons - September 27, 2025 at 04:23 PM

LH

“ Kathy was such a wonderful lady. She will truly be missed! I will miss her funny wittiness. I will remember and think of her at future Josh Groban concerts! Malcom I am so sorry for the loss of your companion may she rest in eternal peace.



Lorraine Holm - September 26, 2025 at 02:33 PM

LH

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Lorraine Holm - September 26, 2025 at 02:28 PM

JR

“ Being neighbors in Holland we spent time watching our favorite soap opera and waiting for our children to arrive home from school. We enjoyed spending time with our children and tried always to show our support even though we did not always approve of their decisions. Great memories of a special friend.

jan rutgers - September 26, 2025 at 08:42 AM

PK

“ Sending heartfelt condolences to all the Family at this very sad time, Kath was a lovely woman who i gad the pleasure of meeting when she came to Wales with Mal Her Husband and Great Friend of mine. Lovely memories when they Both came to my Wedding in 2010. God bless you kath rest in peace. 🍷🍷🍷🍷

Paul or Archie as im known - September 26, 2025 at 07:08 AM

PA

“ It was a pleasure to have known Kath who i met when She met Mal. Remember well when Kath and Mal came to my Wedding in 2010 in Wales (Swansea), God bless you Kath..Rest in peace. 🍷🍷🍷
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Paul - September 26, 2025 at 01:59 AM

PA

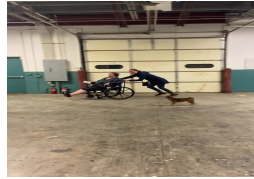
“ Paul lit a candle in memory of Kathleen DeWitt



Paul - September 26, 2025 at 01:47 AM

JE

“ 4 files added to the album Kathy Videos



Jen - September 25, 2025 at 10:09 PM



“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Jen Wright - September 25, 2025 at 08:32 PM