



Kathleen M. Wood

October 13, 2021

Kathleen McFarland Wood, 80, of Fort Collins, died Oct. 13, 2021, in Fort Collins. Kathleen was born June 13, 1941, in Jamestown, N.Y., to William and Antoinette McFarland. She lived for many years in Binghamton, N.Y., before graduating from Trinity College (now Trinity Washington University) in Washington, D.C. in 1963.

While attending college, she met the love of her life, West Point Cadet Robert Herron Wood, at a dance in Washington celebrating the inauguration of President John F. Kennedy. They married Dec. 28, 1963, and Kathleen embarked on a life as a military spouse, accompanying her husband to many far-flung bases, including those in Hawaii and Berlin, Germany.

While Robert served twice in Vietnam, Kathleen served as the support for her own family and for other wives in similar situations. Throughout his career in the military, she played a vital role mentoring younger officers' wives.

Together, Kathleen and Robert raised three children, providing them with an enduring model of love, selflessness and faith. They retired in 1991, moving to Colorado and enjoying many happy years together. Thrilled to finally have a permanent home, Kathleen vowed never to move away from Fort Collins and formed deep friendships through St. Joseph's Catholic Church and through her hobbies, most notably her quilting groups.

Kathleen was a skilled craftswoman, creating beautiful quilts and needlepoint pieces. She gave freely of her time to others through the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary (the Angels) and supported many local charities. She enjoyed cooking, bowling, bridge and puzzles of all kinds.

Kathleen and Robert endured deep sorrow together, grieving the deaths of two of their children, Robert Herron Wood, Jr. in 2012, and Elizabeth Kathryn Wood in 2013. Kathleen was predeceased by her husband in 2015.

Survivors include her daughter, Suzanne (Mike) Koziatek, Belleville, Ill.; daughter-in-law Charlotte Wood, Grand Forks, N.D.; sisters Anne (Mike) Farrell, Weymouth, Mass., and Ellen Keough, Johns Creek, Ga.; grandchildren Nik (Brittany) Stormwood, Woodbridge, Va., William Wood, St. Paul, Minn., Benjamin Wood, Fargo, N.D., Michael Koziatek and Julia Koziatek, Belleville, Ill.; great-grandchild, Idris Stormwood, Woodbridge, Va.; and countless dear friends.

A visitation and Recitation of the Rosary will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 300 West Mountain Ave., Fort Collins. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22, at St. Joseph's. Mass will also be streamed for those unable to attend. Links are below. Interment follows the Mass at Roselawn Cemetery. A reception will take place afterwards in the downstairs dining area of St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Please make any memorial donations to the Food Bank for Larimer County, 1301 Blue Spruce Drive, Ft. Collins, CO 80524.

Live stream links:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfTYqQ96sVNI3ED-UZFF0eA>

<https://www.facebook.com/StJosephChurchFC/>

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Cemetery

2718 East Mulberry Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524
<http://www.fcgov.com/parks/roselawn.php>

Previous Events

Rosary

OCT **21**. 6:00 PM (MT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
300 W Mountain Ave
Fort Collins, CO 80521
<https://www.stjosephfc.org/>

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **22**. 2:00 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kathleen M. Wood*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Kathleen was a good, honest and sincere person. She was always trying to make a good life for herself and her family. Unfortunately she had some tragic experiences that took their toll. She was always in my thoughts and prayers. My best to her family. Now the Lord will keep her safe. Love to all, Joe Romano. Albany, N. Y.*

Joe Romano - November 29, 2021 at 09:50 PM



“ *4 files added to the tribute wall*



Suzanne Koziatek - October 27, 2021 at 02:03 PM

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“ *When I belonged to the quilt group with Kathleen, At the time, she and I were the only ones in the group who sewed our quilts by hand. I really enjoyed visiting with her and now I will miss her more than I did when I moved away from Fort Collins. Prayers and thoughts are with her and family.*

Patty Wunsch - October 23, 2021 at 04:20 PM

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“ *So very sorry about Kathleen! We have been neighbors & friends for 5 years at Rigden Farms Senior Center. She was so active in advocating for residents here and was greatly respected among us. We certainly will miss her. JoAnn & Fred Reckling*

JoAnn Reckling - October 15, 2021 at 08:12 AM