



Laura Louise Gates

September 19, 2023

Laura Louise Gates, known affectionately as Kitty, peacefully passed away on September 19, 2023, at Prestige Care Center in Fort Collins, CO. She was born on June 12, 1925, in New York City, NY, to her late parents Helge and Esther (Johnson) Brahm. She was raised in Patchogue, NY and Providence, RI. After dropping out of high school at age 17 she was able to complete her studies and receive a diploma from Fort Collins High School in 1979.

Kitty was preceded in death by her beloved husband Bill in 1973 and her son Michael in 2006. She was also predeceased by her siblings Barbara, Irma, Betty, Beatrice, Freemont, Ernest (Bud), Gail and half brother Walter.

Kitty will be fondly remembered as a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother (Special Gram). Her unwavering faith in her Christian beliefs were a guiding light throughout her life. She was a long time member of The Bridge Church (formerly Bethel Baptist) in Fort Collins, CO.

Kitty had a special affection for animals, especially dogs and cats, and found comfort in their companionship. In her leisure time, she enjoyed counted cross stitch and knitting, creating beautiful pieces that will be cherished by her loved ones for generations.

Professionally, Kitty worked as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) at Spring

Creek Nursing Home, where her compassionate care brought comfort to many. She also provided cleaning services for special clients, ensuring their homes were a sanctuary of cleanliness and order.

Kitty leaves behind a legacy of love and cherished memories. She is survived by her sons Karl (Kris) of Fort Collins, CO and Ken of Denver City, TX, as well as her grandchildren Keith (Amy) of Olathe, KS, Jennifer (Jim) of Independence, MO, Michael (Michelle) of Larkspur, CO, and Stephen (Jen) of Fort Collins, CO.

She was also blessed with great-grandchildren Max & Megan (Olathe, KS), Jaxson (Overland Park, KS), Nick (Larkspur, CO), Kendall, Charlotte & Marshall (Fort Collins, CO). Laura's daughter-in-law Bonnie (Overland Park), niece Lisa Brahm (Cincinnati, OH), and dear friends Pearleen Morrison and Susie Turk held a special place in her heart.

Graveside services will be held at a later date, allowing family and friends to gather and pay their respects. In lieu of flowers and in honor of Laura's memory, contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, an organization dedicated to supporting those affected by this devastating illness.

The family has entrusted Goes Funeral Care in Fort Collins, CO, with the arrangements, ensuring that Kitty's final journey is conducted with the utmost respect and dignity.

Kitty will be deeply missed. Her unwavering faith, devotion to family, and gentle spirit will forever be remembered and cherished. May her soul find eternal peace in the embrace of her Lord and Savior.

A graveside service for Kitty will begin at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at Grandview Cemetery, Fort Collins, CO.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT **18**. 2:00 PM (MT)

Grandview Cemetery
1900 West Mountain Avenue
Fort Collins, CO 80521
<http://www.fcgov.com/parks/grandview.php>

Tribute Wall



“ We are saddened to learn of Kitty's passing. She was indeed a strong testimony to God's promises and word at the Bridge Church. We send prayers and condolences to her family.

Jim Burrill - September 29, 2023 at 01:23 PM



“ Kitty was a beloved member of Bethel Baptist Church (Bridge Church). Until her health prevented her, she was faithful in all services and was always a source of good cheer. We will miss her winning smile and sense of humor.
Pastor Marc Leverett

Marc Leverett - September 29, 2023 at 11:47 AM

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“ Kitty you will be missed dearly. I remember all the times I would go over to my grandmas apartment and I had to go say hello to mrs.Kitty.Kitty please tell my grandma Marcella hello and give her a big hug. I know she's been waiting for you❤️. To Kris and Karl my prayers are with your family at this time Kitty will be missed.



Jolisa Escobar - September 27, 2023 at 08:37 AM

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“ I'm saddened to hear of Kitty's passing she was my mom's (Marcella Lemos) neighbor... She was a sweet lady and my kids and I wished we knew we're she was. Kitty rest in peace and give my mom a big hug.... Together again

Lisa Lemos Escobar - September 27, 2023 at 01:42 AM