



## Kathryn J. Satorius

June 7, 2024

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Kathryn Joan (pronounced Jo-anne) Satorius, 76, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Friday afternoon, June 7th, at Ascension Mercy Hospital in Aurora, Illinois.

Kathryn was also known as Kathy by her family and Katie or Kate by others (and thanks to a typo by Reader's Digest, Uathryn). Kathy exited this dimension of life surrounded by her family and best friend, in her own way, with her own timing and peacefully. There is no doubt that Heaven is her new, forever home since she gave her life to Jesus and was filled with the Holy Spirit. She knew where she was going.

Katie was born on December 4, 1947, to Jack and Lorene (Gerard) Satorius. She was welcomed by siblings Dorothy, Margaret and James. Walter arrived two years and 8 days later. While growing up, she lived in Iowa and Illinois. Kathy was a 1966 graduate of Minooka High School and held Bachelor's and Master's degrees from ISU and NIU, respectfully. She served as a librarian at Plano High School and Serena Unit School District 2. She preferred working 1:1 with people. She loved her family deeply and probably never missed

sending a birthday gift to any of them or to her best friend. She loved reading books. Her personal collection of books (hundreds) and elephants (700+) was quite comprehensive. Katie was a long-time member of the Aurora Vineyard Church where she was surrounded by loving brothers and sisters in a church community.

Those who knew her knew she would always listen to them and never judge or criticize anyone. Only after deep thought would she ever give advice, but only if asked and, sometimes, not even then. But she would pray. Her stubbornness, a quality that preserved her life, is noted along with her extreme generosity. She lived a simple life and did not spend much money on things for herself. She put over 250,000 miles on at least three of the cars she had owned. She spent, loaned and gave to make others happy or meet their needs. Her smile was infectious while her laughter lightened the room. She loved animal shows and Dr. Who. She was a fan of the WNBA along with women's college basketball. She always carried her battery operated solitaire game wherever she went...dialysis, doctor appointments, and family events. "Jigsaw puzzles," "Mahjong" and "Whirley Word" were other time-snatchers she enjoyed.

Her last days might have been some of the best three days of her life in some ways.

Although things were not good physically – pain had been unbearable and septic shock was stealing her away from all of us – seventeen years of dialysis were coming to an end. Pain was being addressed. Her knees would not hurt any longer, and soon she would be dancing in Heaven. Her prayers to just have it all "over" were finally being answered. Gratefully, Katie was surrounded by those she loved who were either related by birth and/or by their faith in Jesus Christ. Kathy's family, best friend and her "brothers and sisters" from the Aurora Vineyard church were all there with her. The hospital had to

use "post-it" notes for passes and finally even gave up doing that because of the flow of visitors. Those unable to be there spoke to her over the phone. She heard the voices of those she loved and who loved her. She heard the music, the laughter, the prayers, the "see ya later's." Katie left us quietly, without bringing notice to herself, which is the way she lived.

Kathy is survived by sisters Dorothy (Charles) Exley and Margaret Lyons; by brothers James (Ruth) Satorius and Walter (Joyce) Satorius; by best friend, Bonita Felt; by her nieces and nephews Lisa (David) Robertson, Cindy (Daniel) Lombardi, Adam (Katie) Satorius, Jessica (Alex) Chadwick, Seth (Stephanie) Satorius, Steven Lyons, Susan (Gary) Dhaese, Jennifer Lyons, Matt (Jamie) Satorius; Benjy (Tricia) Satorius; and by grand-nieces and nephews Yvonne Dhaese, Isabel Lyons, Christopher Satorius, Evan Satorius, Addison Satorius, Jordan Robertson, Jack Robertson, Hayli Lombardi, Hunter Lombardi, Canyon Satorius, Lola Chadwick, Grayson Satorius, Kinslee Satorius, and Easton Satorius.

Kathryn was preceded in death by her parents, Jack and Lorene (Gerard) Satorius, by her nephew, Aaron Satorius, by her brother-in-law David (Margaret) Lyons, and niece-in-law, Robin (Steve) Lyons.

So as you remember Katie, share like she shared with kindness and generosity. In doing so, you will fulfill the Golden Rule, just like she did: "Love your neighbor as yourself." She was rich in helping others. She was extravagantly generous, appreciated and loved. Katie will be missed.

If desired, friends may make donations in her honor to the Aurora Vineyard Church, 505 E. Galena Blvd., Aurora, IL 60505. Katie's life will be celebrated on Thursday, July 18th, 2:00 p.m. at the Vineyard Church.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *The Heartland Bank ladies. purchased the Sweet est Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Kathryn J. Satorius.*



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**The Heartland Bank ladies.** - July 15, 2024 at 01:45 PM

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“ *Katie was a shining light in the Galloping Gourmets— a group of librarians and friends that met for dinners and sharing of personal and professional stories for 40 years. No matter how great her discomfort or pain, she always had a big smile for all of us. Rest in peace, Katie*

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**Sandee Donahue, Arizona** - June 28, 2024 at 01:49 PM