



Kathryn "Kathy" Estep Swisher

April 10, 1956 - November 3, 2022

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Born April 10, 1956 Died: November 3, 2022

Proud daughter of Mayford and Jewell Estep, I was raised not only by my parents but by the watchful eye of friends, family, and neighbors, I moved away when I was 18 and never thought that I would ever again live in Enon. But after graduating from The Ohio State University, marrying, having a baby and living in Columbus for over ten years, Bob, Kathy and 15-month-old Julia returned to Enon. The watchful eye I protested when young was exactly what I wanted now that I was a parent.

The move was facilitated by Bill and Kathy Estep who gave us a place to live and by Bob who agreed to commute to Columbus. Bob's long days and long daily drives allowed Julia & Ellen to have the small-town life that both Bob and I had had. It also allowed the girls to be near their Estep family. (Our Swisher family did not live in one area.)

I was a stay-at-home mom for a while, then worked part-time for the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections. Later I obtained a real estate license and worked for Homeowner's Concept Realty. While there I became familiar with the staff at Equity Land Title Agency and they offered me a job. I started as a receptionist but quickly became a title abstractor. I worked there for 9.5 years and then switched to First American Title where I worked from October 2000 to my medically forced retirement in March 2020.

I've always said that if it wasn't for the need to earn a living, I would have been a 'volunteer lady'. I enjoyed working at the Second Harvest Food Bank, working on a couple of referendums in Mad River Township, coordinating the Clark County petition drive to get the 2017 anti-gerrymandering issue on the ballot, co-founder with Catherine Peyroux of Clark County Votes dedicated to voter registration, Clark County volunteer coordinator for Dr Vanessa Enoch for Congress in 2018, volunteer coordinator for the Clark County

Democratic Party from 2019, and was an active member of the Democratic Women's Issues Network (WIN) since 2019.

I am survived by my loving husband of 40 years, Robert (Bob) Swisher, my beloved and precious daughters, Julia & Ellen, Julia's caring partner Jacob Wood, cherished brother Bill Estep & his wife Kathy Estep, who has always been a sister, not an in-law, and by all of my dear & caring Swisher family: Sue & Curt French, Sam & Kim Swisher, Shari Carver (my marching buddy), Cathy Swisher & Veronica Rohm. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

I was lucky to have many supporting, caring, and loving friends. There are a few long-time friends to point out. Kendra Bishop Varner, who I've called 'the older daughter that I didn't have'. She helped raise our girls and gave love and medical care to my mom. She started as a sitter for Julia and Ellen but quickly became family. Gail DeMent Ross, a forever friend since high school & OSU who stood by me thru all of life's ups and downs and who checked on me continually through this wretched illness. Sue Hashemi, a neighbor that became a lifelong friend. She taught me to view life with an open mind and I was in awe of her marvelously positive attitude. My life with you in it was so much richer. Dr Susan Darmstadter (AKA Suzanne) , my college roommate, medical advisor, midnight run for donuts buddy, secrets keeper, "laugh till we cry" friend and so much more. Such a special friend. I'm so glad you walked into my dorm room in 1975!

It was a great ride, this life of mine. Wish it could have lasted longer. Be sad but not for too long. Love you all.

Funeral service will be held 2:00 Monday, November 7, 2022 in Adkins Funeral Home in Enon. A visitation will be held 4-7 Sunday in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers please donate to Enon Relief or Second Harvest Food Bank.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Funeral Home
7055 Dayton Road
Enon, OH 45323
(937) 864-2288

Funeral Service

NOV 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

“ I met this fiery red head while working for social justice causes. I admired her tenacity, wit, wisdom, spirt, and grit: Kathy had lots of grit!
How like Kathy to write her own obituary. What a gift to her family, friends, and those who knew her. As I read her message, I smiled. Yes, I could see her developing her sense of justice and fairness as a young woman in small-town Ohio. She would carry both her small-town spirit and sense of justice with her for the rest of her life. More importantly, she role-modeled these, took it on the chin more than once for standing up and standing strong, and was awarded, applauded, and admired for working to make her community, our state, and our country better.

While Kathy and I got off on a rocky start, after getting to know me, we would have deep conversations about life and persevering during life's challenges. Both of us softened toward one another as we realized that each of us had much in common insofar as social justice, equity, equality, and downright fair play.

I was deeply saddened to learn that she was to face a life-threatening challenge yet smiled as she rose with the staunch determination she had faced so many other life trials. It was heartening to see so many people she had used her life energy to help send her uplifting cards, make “thinking of you” calls, and let her know she was not alone walking the turbulent trek she had to traverse.

The world was brighter and better because the Heavens loaned us Kathy. My bet is that the Heavens celebrated as they welcomed her home, saying, “Well done, Kathy. Yes, very well done!

Life...

Time has such hasty hands
Each day spills a soul's sands

Our lives are but a drop in eternity's sea--
Smooth and rough waters determine our destiny

Learn life lessons with utmost care
Forgive, love, and willingly share

Life's mortal rhythms claim loved ones we know
Each life's tempo yields the legacy we bestow

We whisper their names—carried by wind and by air
Names we cherish and lift in prayer

So many things left unsaid and undone
We are still here; their journey's begun

*Yet, look in your heart; yes, look, you'll see
We never lose our loved ones; they just become free.*

-- Cynthia B. Dunlevy

Cynthia Dunlevy - November 07, 2022 at 11:06 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kathryn "Kathy" Estep Swisher.*



November 07, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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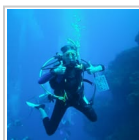
“ *So sorry to hear this news. Kathy was so kind and a great supporter of YSHS soccer back in the day. Thinking of you all and sending love.*

Ryder Comstock - November 06, 2022 at 08:54 PM

CC

“ *Good memories of growing up close by with her family on the corner of Harrison St. Rest easy my friend. ❤️*

Carol Conley - November 06, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *I met Kathy through her "sister" in -law Kathy Estep. She was a sweet soul, with humor and kindness. I always enjoyed spending time with her. My heartfelt sorrow to the family.*

Jan Goodwin - November 06, 2022 at 01:03 PM

CM

“ *Good-bye to a dear friend and a wonderful person. You fought the good fight and we are sure you are now enveloped in God's glorious light, your reward a for a well lived life. May God's blessings be with you Bob, Julia and Ellen.*

Chris and Sally Meier - November 06, 2022 at 09:38 AM

BS

“ Kathy was such an incredible person! She was passionate about people and causes that were important to her. (OSU and politics come to mind 😊) She made you laugh, and cried with you if you cried. She made every day better. I pray she knew how loved she was by me and so many others. My prayers are with Bob, Julia, and Ellen- you were her world. You have an amazing angel watching over you now. ❤️

Barb Schaefer - November 05, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ No words to express how much you were loved and will be missed.

Kendra Bishop Varner - November 05, 2022 at 02:38 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Kathryn "Kathy" Estep Swisher.



November 05, 2022 at 10:55 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kathryn "Kathy" Estep Swisher.



November 05, 2022 at 10:25 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Kathryn "Kathy" Estep Swisher.



November 04, 2022 at 07:24 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kathryn "Kathy" Estep Swisher.*



November 04, 2022 at 04:31 PM

SD

“ *Susan Darmstadter purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kathryn "Kathy" Estep Swisher.*



Susan Darmstadter - November 04, 2022 at 12:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kathryn "Kathy" Estep Swisher.*



November 04, 2022 at 10:34 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Kathryn "Kathy" Estep Swisher.*



November 03, 2022 at 06:11 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kathryn "Kathy" Estep Swisher.*



November 03, 2022 at 03:26 PM

SC

“ 1 file added to the album *The Ultimate Buckeye Fan*



Sharon Carver - November 03, 2022 at 03:24 PM



“ Kathy loved almost anything I made for her, especially if it was OSU related, she was a true inspiration too me, loved our many talks on the phone, Kathy is gone way too soon, but, her memories live on ❤️❤️❤️❤️



Veronica Rohm - November 03, 2022 at 01:31 PM

CS

“ We are going to miss you so much Kathy. Thank you for being such a bright shining light in our lives. We are blessed to have known you. We will never forget you!

We love you so much. Cathy Swisher & Veronica Rohm.

Catherine Swisher - November 03, 2022 at 01:29 PM