



Kay Brewer Christian

December 26, 1940 - July 25, 2018

Kay Brewer Christian, age 77, passed away Wednesday, July 25, 2018 in Traverse City. She was born in Washington, D.C. on December 26, 1940 to the late Frank Chapman and Mae (Mullin) Christian.

Kay received her teaching degree from the College of William and Mary and went on to earn a master's degree from Central Michigan University. She moved to Traverse City in 1980 after moving around the world and teaching in Germany for the Department of Defense. She was an educator with TCAPS, retiring in 2006.

In addition to spending time with her children and grandchildren, Kay was active in the community as a volunteer at the State Theater and Opera House, a member of AAUW and Zonta II, and a parishioner at St. Joseph Catholic Church. She enjoyed travel, reading, playing bridge and Mah-Jongg, hiking, and dining out with friends in Traverse City's terrific food scene.

Kay is survived by her children, Arthur "Buddy" (Heather) Sills and Carey (Jeff) Owens, all of Traverse City; grandchildren, Peggy, Cam and Reese Owens and Reagan and Brewer Sills; and two brothers, Mike (Nancy) Christian and Steve (Sarah) Christian.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation for Kay will be held Monday, August 6, 2018 at Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home from 2:00 – 4:00 pm and from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. The memorial mass will be at 11:00 am on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at St. Joseph Catholic Church with a visitation one hour prior. Father James Bearss will be officiating.

For those wishing to give a gift in memory of Kay, contributions may be directed to the Cherryland Humane Society, 1750 Ahlberg Road, Traverse City, MI 49696 or Inland Seas Education Association, 100 Dame Street, Suttons Bay, MI 49682.

Events

AUG **Visitation** 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

AUG **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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AUG **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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St Joseph Catholic Church - Old Mission Peninsula
12675 Center Rd, Traverse City, MI, US, 49686

AUG **Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ For a number of years, Kay and I were both members of the evening Zonta club. One of my memories of her involved the evening of 9/11. I was president of the club at that time, and I was tempted to cancel the meeting in the face of all of the emotions raging that day, but I decided to go ahead as planned. Everyone came! We all needed to touch base with our friends. I remember how Kay said that the administration of her elementary school had opted NOT to inform their students of the disaster in NYC (and beyond) so that the parents could "appropriately" tell them at home. She knew, however, that many of her sixth graders went home to empty houses and a TV which would fill them with horror and disbelief. She opted to care for and protect her charges. She was a strong and lovely person. My sympathies go to her family.

Kathy Angove - July 31, 2018 at 10:50 PM



“ Building a friendship based on Mah Jong & Oncology visits made me appreciate what a truly strong & honest spirit Kay possessed for all who were lucky enough to know her.

Prayers & blessings to her friends & family,

Cindy Timmer

Cindy Timmer - July 31, 2018 at 07:18 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Kay's passing-I went to High School w/ Kay and I send my condolences to her family-Carole LeFevre-seedurand@gmail.com

Carole Durand LeFevre - July 31, 2018 at 05:16 PM



“ I will always remember Kay's beautiful smile in the face of such adversity. Many happy memories at the bridge table and at AAUW meetings. Shirley Murray

shirley murray - July 31, 2018 at 08:40 AM



“ To Kay's Family, The City Opera House was blessed to have Kay as a volunteer for a number of years. She always came with her lovely smile and positive outlook, she will be missed. We send our sympathies to her family and all those that feel this loss. Wishing you all peace.

The City Opera House Staff

Diana J Baribeau - July 31, 2018 at 08:07 AM



“ Kay Rallied last Saturday to make it to Reagan's Play at OTP. It truly showed her commitment to being a super grandma.

Shannon Beia - July 29, 2018 at 09:34 AM



“ Kay has been a wonderful neighbor to us for the past three and half years - always offering to help and so welcoming. She has been a true inspiration! We will miss her very much. Our sympathy to all her family and friends. May your good memories be a comfort.

Dwight & Cindy Stevens

Dwight & Cindy Stevens - July 28, 2018 at 02:45 PM



“ Mrs.Christian was my favorite teacher and really left a positive impression on me. I enjoy talking to her whenever I ran into her. Always had a great smile on her face. She will be missed.

Dan Tollzien - July 26, 2018 at 09:28 PM



“ My TSO buddy. So sad.

Bonnie Willilngs - July 26, 2018 at 09:17 PM



“ Kay was a wonderful friend when we were growing up in Alexandria, VA. We went to the same church, were active in the MYF, and attended the same high school. She graduated from Hammond HS a year before I did, but we kept I touch for many years afterwards. We also saw one another at reunions several times. My sympathy goes out to her family.

Margie Evans Rios
Cookeville, TN

Margie Evans Rios - July 26, 2018 at 08:49 AM