



Kathleen Lily Wallbom

June 18, 1921 - November 12, 2009

Kathleen "Kay" Lily Wallbom, went home to be with her Lord Thursday morning, November 12, 2009 at the age of 88. Kathleen was born to George and Lily McCormick on June 18, 1921 in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. When she was three years old the family moved to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan where she attended Sault Area Schools, graduating from Sault High School in 1939. In 1940, she married Palmer Wallbom and together they owned and operated a dairy farm on 3-Mile Road and with the Lovegrove family operated Golden Producers Dairy. After retiring in 1967, they built their retirement home on Birch Shores in Trout Lake. Kathleen was a member of First Baptist Church in Sault Ste. Marie, and was very active in Ozark Grace Brethren Church after moving to Trout Lake. She was also very active in the Trout Lake community. In 1999, she was named Woman of the Year for Trout Lake. She was a teacher's aide in the Trout Lake, Kincheloe, and Rudyard schools. Kathleen was preceded in death by her parents: George and Lily McCormick; her husband: Palmer Wallbom; and her son: Erick Wallbom. She is survived by her daughter: Nancy (Arthur) Swartz of North Pole, Alaska; daughter-in-law: Kathleen Wallbom of Westland, MI; sisters: Caroline Shirlin of Garden City, MI and Patricia (George) Koch of Elmhurst, IL; eight grandchildren: Bradley, Jeffrey, Jennifer, Laurie, Todd, Tina, Jacqueline, and Michael; and 10 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and their families who loved their Aunt Kay very much. Memorial services will be held at the Ozark Grace Brethren Church on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at 11:00

AM. Friends may gather at the church from 10:00 AM until the time of the service. There will be a community dinner following the service at the Trout Lake Township Hall. Memorials in Kathleen's name may be made to Ozark Grace Brethren Church, 22998 S. Church Rd, Moran, MI 49760 or Hospice of the EUP, 508 Ashmun, Suite 120, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Tribute Wall

VK

“ *Mrs. Wallbom was a wonderful teacher, friend, and mentor. Many fond memories with the Klave family. Our thoughts are with her family.*

Vanessa Klave - November 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VR

“ *Nancy, My sister (Pat) will tell you how much I truly wanted to be there today. You, your Mom, and your family were such a big part of my childhood--sewing in 4-H, playing softball, playing in the barn, ice cream treats from the dairy, & band concerts -- just to name a few. My thoughts & prayers are with you all. ~Virgene*

Virgene Root Rector - November 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Mrs. Wallbom was a very special lady to me. She was my kindergarten teacher, music teacher, nurse, and anything else that needed to be done when I went to school in Trout Lake. I have dropped in many times over the years to visit and she always remembered me. I will greatly miss my favorite Kindergarten teacher.*

My prayers are with her family.

Jada Fox-Kowalski - November 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the family. We're sorry we can't attend the memorial service but our hearts are with you. The O'Connell family has many fond memories of "Aunt" Kay. Sending thoughts and prayers.*

Jeanne O'Connell & Milissa Link - November 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ My sympathies to Kay's family and friends. She had a great impact on my early years; rides to church, teaching, and hot chocolate when I walked or went on skis to see Nancy. I was very happy to have the opportunity to speak with her at a funeral a few years ago at First Baptist Church.

Donna Kirkbride Blair - November 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I remember Kay when she was my 4-H Club leader. She was a good teacher and insisted on getting it right. I had to tear out my zipper many times, but finally got it to meet her approval. A wonderful lady who had a great smile. We had many fun times in our neighborhood which she was a part of.

Jerolyn (Jerry) Palmer Shaw - November 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ I wish to share wonderful memories with the family. I grew up just down from the farm. Neighborhood kids would walk up to the dairy to buy, for 5 cents, a cool treat from the cooler in the dairy on hot summer days. I too was a young sewing club member and recall the kind leader that Kay was to all of us.

Linda Palmer Metrish - November 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ *It was always the treat of the summer for us city kids to spend time on the farm with Aunt Kay and Uncle Palmer. I still remember the huge lunches that Aunt would have waiting for us when we came in from picking up the hay bales. Kay was always so easy going and easy to be around. While I haven't seen her in several years, she will always be in my heart.*

I'll never forget how my Grandmother (Myrt) was horrified when Rick and my sister Maureen rode Star to the Drive-in.

Jay O'Connell - November 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PO

“ *Kay was such a delight and such a great Bible scholar. She was a very godly example to everyone. She was one who definitely hid God's Word in her heart and walked what she believed. We are praying for her family.*

Pastor Mike Ostrander - November 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ *May we extend our sympathies to the family of Kay. She truly was a Godly woman who loved her Lord. She must be thrilled to be in the presence of the Lord. Our mother, Margaret, certainly had many stories of time spent with Kay. They are probably having tea together. May you have peace knowing you will be with her again someday.*

Arlen and Lovada Bell - November 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ *What wonderful memories I have of our neighborhood, thanks to the Wallboms.*

The Golden Producers Dairy supplied the ice cream for the annual strawberry social for the neighbors. Youngs supplied the strawberries.

Every Saturday during the school year their home was open for the 4-H sewing club. Kay was the leader and expected all of us to get blue ribbons. We did it over and over until we got it right. :)

It took me a long time to figure out why my dad laughed so hard at our float in the parade in the Soo. We had worked hard on the signs, "CITY LIMITS SEWERS".

Kay practiced the philosophy that it takes a village to raise a child long before the book was published.

Heaven's gain is our loss.

Pat (Root) Knapp - November 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM