

Kathryn Jo (Connell) Birchmier, daughter of Patrick Kenneth and LaWanda Lou (Jeffers) Connell, was born on August 18, 1956, in Shenandoah, Iowa. She entered into eternal rest on Monday morning, November 8, 2021, at the Good Samaritan Society – Red Oak, IA, at the age of 65 years, 2 months, 21 days.

Her early life was spent growing up in Shenandoah, where she attended the Shenandoah Community Schools. Kathy graduated from Shenandoah High School with the Class of 1974.

Following graduation, Kathy married her high school sweetheart. They would later divorce. She also attended Nursing School and received her LPN license. Caring for people was second nature to Kathy, she was well respected in her field and will be remembered as a hard worker who would go out of her way to help anyone out. Over a career that spanned 44 years, she worked several places as a nurse. Most notably, Kathy spent most of her career working at Elm Heights Care Center and Garden View Care Center in Shenandoah and most recently at the Good Samaritan Society in Red Oak.

All who knew her, remember her generosity, compassion and sense of humor. She so loved her family and enjoyed spoiling them at Christmas. Kathy was most happy when surrounded by her friends and family, her two dogs, Barkley and Chancy and her cat, Calli. She also enjoyed the numerous shopping trips she and Tiffanni would go on and the occasional trip to the casino as well. Playing games and in the quieter moments, reading a good book were also her favorites. Some of her best times were had with her friends and family at the Eagles Club in Shenandoah.

Preceding Kathy in death were her parents; sister, Cindy (Connell) Swain; and many aunts and uncles. Left to cherish her memory are her brother, Kelly Patrick Connell and wife Tiffanni; sister, Sheila Green and husband Dennis; two nieces, Hayleigh Connell and Jennifer Swain; two nephews, Chris Swain and Josef Connell; five great nieces and nephews; cousins and other relatives; and many friends.

In
Loving Memory

Kathryn Jo Birchmier

August 18, 1956 ~ November 8, 2021
65 years, 2 months, 21 days

Celebration of Life Memorial Service

10:00 a.m.

Friday, November 12, 2021
Nishna Valley Funeral and Cremation
Shenandoah, Iowa

Words of Comfort

Reverend Jack Langley

Music

"Heaven's Now My Home"
"In The Arms Of An Angel"
"I Will Remember You"

Honorary Casket Bearers

Steve Olson Josef Connell
Tim Graham Travis Hogue
Joe Connell Rick Whitehill
Jeremy Maher

Memorial Registry

Kim Walker Kim LaRock

Burial

Rose Hill Cemetery
Shenandoah, Iowa

Memorials

Good Samaritan Society
Red Oak, Iowa

Immediately following the Committal service
There will be a time of food and fellowship at
The Eagles Club #3849
Shenandoah, Iowa

for A Special Nurse

Long before you entered nursing,
The Lord had played His part,
Planting seeds of love and kindness
In the portals of your heart.

for it's clear that you've been gifted
With a sympathetic ear,
And blessed from the beginning
With a willingness to cheer.

And the people who you care for,
Are better off by far,
When they're touched by your compassion,
By the person that you are.

for in times of woe and worry,
When they're frightened or they're blue,
No one could be more consoling
Than the friend they'll find in you!

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