



Kathleen A. Lohff

February 24, 1950 - February 25, 2026

Kathleen A. Lohff, 76, of Marengo, passed away Wednesday, February 25th, 2026, at Northwestern McHenry Hospital, surrounded by her family.

She was born February 24th, 1950, in Duluth, MN, the daughter of Robert and Barbara (Paulson) Helmer. She married James C. Lohff on November 15th, 1969, in Hoffman Estates.

Kathy was a devoted wife, loving mother, proud grandmother, great grandmother, cherished sister, and loyal friend. Her family was the center of her world, and she poured her heart into every role she held. She found her greatest joy in spending time with her grandchildren, creating memories filled with laughter, warmth, and unconditional love.

A devout Catholic, her faith was a guiding force in her life. It shaped her values, strengthened her in difficult times, and reflected in the compassion and grace she showed to others each day.

She had a deep appreciation for nature and felt most at peace outdoors — especially during her cherished time at the family cabin in the north woods. There, surrounded by towering pines, quiet mornings, and the beauty of God's creation, she found rest and happiness in all of God's seasons. Some of her happiest summer days were spent in her canoe paddling on the quiet lake,

soaking up the sun and the calm. When she was in Florida, you could almost always find her walking the beach, happily searching for shells and enjoying the sound of the waves. Fall brought some of her favorite moments — slow pontoon rides wrapped in a sweatshirt, taking in the cool air and the brilliant colors along the shoreline. And when winter arrived, she didn't slow down. She embraced it. She enjoyed cross-country skiing through peaceful trails, downhill skiing with a big smile, and snowmobiling through fresh snow. Being outdoors wasn't just something she did — it was where she felt most like herself. Those who shared those seasons with her will always think of her when they feel a warm summer breeze, see bright autumn leaves, or hear the quiet hush of snow.

She also enjoyed her time as a school bus driver while her children were in school and was grateful to be part of the school children's daily lives. Her love, kindness, and steady strength will live on in the lives she touched and in the family she treasured so deeply. She will be deeply missed...

She is survived by her husband, Jim; her children, Jim (Charlotte) Lohff, John (Libby) Lohff, and Kristin (Kent) Seaver; her grandchildren, A.J. (Brittany), Linnea (Michael), Shelby (Michael), Colton, Owen, Aidan (Anna), Kade, and Cohen; her great-grandchildren, Sawyer, and Ryker; and siblings, Richard Helmer (Dallas), and Nancy (Greg) Tegtman.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Barbara Helmer; and her brother, William Helmer.

Visitation will be held on Monday, March 9th, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 323 N Taylor St., Marengo, IL, from 9:00 to 10:50 am, until the time of Service at 11:00 am.

Burial will follow in the Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Kathleen's name may be directed to the Madonna Renewal Center, 1209B South Walnut Ave. Freeport, IL 61032 or at www.madonnarenewalcenter.org

Cemetery Details

Sacred Heart Cemetery

Marengo, IL 60152

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 9. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
323 N Taylor Street
Marengo, IL 60152

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
323 N Taylor Street
Marengo, IL 60152

Graveside Service

MAR 9. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Sacred Heart Cemetery
Marengo, IL 60152

Tribute Wall

LC

“ *Kathy was an occasional babysitter when I grew up on Flagstaff Lane. My goodness I remember so much - her loveliness, her wedding, her Mom, her dad who died too soon, her brothers and my friend Nancy. Blessings to all her family - I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. . Linda Baillie (Clark-Borre)*

Linda Clark-Borre - May 16 at 01:22 PM

HC

“ *Her Duluth Paulson Cousins purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kathleen A. Lohff.*



Her Duluth Paulson Cousins - March 07 at 10:28 PM

HC

“ *Her Duluth Paulson Cousins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen A. Lohff.*

Her Duluth Paulson Cousins - March 07 at 10:28 PM

FC

“ *From Her Duluth Paulson Cousins planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen A. Lohff.*

From Her Duluth Paulson Cousins - March 07 at 09:58 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Kathleen A. Lohff.*



March 07 at 10:16 AM



“ *The Tegtmans and Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Kathleen A. Lohff.*



The Tegtmans and Family - March 06 at 01:37 PM



“ *The Tegtmans and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen A. Lohff.*

The Tegtmans and Family - March 06 at 01:37 PM



“ *Dick and Dallas purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kathleen A. Lohff.*



Dick and Dallas - March 06 at 11:47 AM

JM

“ *Jon Millikin purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Kathleen A. Lohff.*



Jon Millikin - March 05 at 11:04 AM

TT

“ *The Tazelaars purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kathleen A. Lohff.*



The Tazelaars - March 04 at 11:54 AM

TT

“ *The Tazelaars planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen A. Lohff.*

The Tazelaars - March 04 at 11:54 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Kathleen A. Lohff.*



March 04 at 09:55 AM

SJ

“ Sean and Jeanine purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Kathleen A. Lohff.



Sean and Jeanine - March 03 at 11:20 PM

SJ

“ Sean and Jeanine planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen A. Lohff.

Sean and Jeanine - March 03 at 11:20 PM

AM

“ Adam M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen A. Lohff.

Adam M. - March 03 at 09:21 PM

NS

“ I'm sorry to the entire Lohff family. Kathy was a great lady and I have so many memories of your family. Hugs to you all and may she R.I.P.

Nick Smith - March 03 at 08:35 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathleen A. Lohff.



March 03 at 05:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kathleen A. Lohff.

March 03 at 05:48 PM



“ *Deepest condolences to the entire Lohff family.*

Erin and Michael Markison - March 03 at 03:37 PM