



Katherine Irene Noland

December 10, 1930 - April 10, 2021

The oldest of four, Katherine was born in St. George, KS on December 10, 1930 to Henry and Emma (Correll) Delfs. She grew up in Alma, KS, graduating from Alma High School in 1948.

On November 7, 1948, she married Donald Noland Jr. They were married for 72 years and blessed with three children. Being married for 72 years, Katherine set a shining example of a love that endures through the good times and bad. During their years together they enjoyed living in various locations, most recently residing in Pittsburg, KS.

Katherine is survived by her husband, Donald Noland Jr.,
her children Donald (Theresa) Noland III Pittsburg, KS,
Denise (Patrick) Purvis Pittsburg, KS
David (Beth) Noland Olathe, KS
her sister, Penny (Larry) Nider of Rossville, KS
9 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren and 1 great, great grandchild.

Katherine was predeceased by her parents; her sister, Mary Anne Kasburg; brother, Charles Delfs; and great grandson, Hunter Williams.

It is said we are the authors of our own life story. From birth until our passing, we write the chapters. Katherine was blessed to have many chapters and each one was meaningful to those who loved her. She taught her children so much about life, love and growing up. She provided them with a wonderful foundation to write their own stories. To her husband, children and all of her family, Katherine (Katie) was a guiding light. She set an example of what a loving wife, mother, sister, grandmother and friend could be. She was patient with her children which, at times, could be a huge task. She loved playing ball with them, taking them fishing, and using her expert seamstress skills to make all their clothes. She was an avid reader, loved to golf, enjoyed painting and was always ready to dance.

Don's work required several moves over the years and she never complained. The family

moved to El Dorado, Independence, Chanute, and Hays before the children left home. Don and Katie also lived in Lamar, CO and Ness City before retirement. Katie managed to make a loving home in each place and filled that home with lots of memories. Katie and Don retired in Bella Vista, AR and enjoyed many years of golfing, social and church activities. The family joke was the parents had more of a social life than any of their children. As the years progressed, Katie and Don moved to Olathe, KS to be closer to family.

Above all, Katie cherished her family and set the bar high for her children. She was their biggest fan and always managed to let each of them know how special they were. She was most proud of her growing family of grandchildren, great grandchildren and great, great grandchild.

To family and friends the world has certainly changed with her passing. The sky isn't quite as blue and the sun not as warm, but the matriarch of the family was tired; she had run the good race and fought the good fight. Her legacy continues.

A graveside service will be held at the Peace United Church of Christ Cemetery, 401 Grand Ave, Alma, KS 66401 on April 24 at 11:00 am. Suggested memorials may be sent in her name to the Peace United Church of Christ, Alma, KS or Hospice Compassus, Pittsburg, KS.

Comments



“ I am so sorry for your loss! Sending prayers to the family.

Debra A Humble - April 22, 2021 at 10:23 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Katherine Irene Noland.



April 20, 2021 at 08:34 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Katherine Irene Noland.



April 14, 2021 at 03:51 PM



“ I met Kate through the valued friendship I have with Theresa Noland, and I met Kate under difficult circumstances. We were sitting in a waiting area while Don (Jr) had a procedure. Even then she was delightful—spiritual, positive, encouraging, and very kind. I was delighted to see her a few other times and each time she was almost effervescent in her zest for life! She was always very optimistic and had a wonderful sense of humor. And 72 years of marriage? WOW!! What an example for her family...& all of us. The world lost a treasure when Kate left and she will surely be missed. What an amazing woman and lady.

Sue Utter - April 14, 2021 at 11:39 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Katherine Irene Noland.



April 13, 2021 at 11:33 AM



“ Katie was always so accepting of everyone in her family. As a daughter-in-law, I always felt like I was a daughter. My own children from a previous marriage were always her grandchildren with no distinction between blood relation or marriage relation. She loved to watch her grandchildren’s sports and activities and was always an encourager.

I will never forget her “ability” to dock a boat at 30 mph an hour and blame Don for the crunching sound and people being flung to the ground, including her 18 month old grandchild!!

Noland women’s weekends were always fun and a tons of laughs at the craft festivals. She was a truly compassionate about life and loving people and she will be missed.

Beth Noland - April 13, 2021 at 11:07 AM



“ I knew Kate for many years during my marriage to Denise. My memory of Kate is that of a very kind, loving, caring, giving, strong person. I also remember her great golf game and infectious laugh. She left a truly great legacy.

Curt Carpenter

Curt Carpenter - April 12, 2021 at 06:23 PM



“ My late husband, Tom and I were good friends with Don and Katie when we all living in Bella vista, Arkansas. My heartfelt sympathy to Don and his family.

Sonya Davis - April 13, 2021 at 03:47 PM



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