



## Kathleen "Kitty" Garry

January 15, 1939 - July 9, 2019

Kathleen Josephine "Kitty" Garry, 80, died peacefully on July 9, 2019, at Sacred Heart Care Center in Austin, Minn., surrounded by family.

She was born on Jan. 15, 1939 in Belle Plaine, Minn., to Mark and Dorothy Murphy and attended a country school near the family farm through elementary school. She went on to graduate from Belle Plaine High School in 1956 and Mankato State College with a major in physical education and minor in math in 1959.

She took her first teaching job in Madelia, Minn., the following fall. On Oct. 28, 1961, she married Michael Leo Garry of Delavan, Minn., and they taught school together in Carroll, Iowa, for one year while also starting a family.

The rapidly increasing Garry family made stops in Marion, Iowa, and Northfield, Minn., before settling in Austin in 1968. Together the pair had eight children. Shortly after their youngest was born Kitty went back to work, teaching physical education at Queen of Angels beginning in 1974.

She remained a much-loved gym teacher in the Austin Catholic School System for 39 years, retiring in 2013. While working and raising a large family, she also found time to enthusiastically volunteer for countless Queen of Angels and Austin Catholic school activities and events over the years. This is in addition to helping her children with their paper routes and math problems and her husband in the print shop the couple operated out of the basement of their home.

She enjoyed the challenge of cooking for big groups and looked forward to the holidays with the children and grandchildren coming to town. Her egg bakes after Mass remain unsurpassed within the family.

Kitty was a huge fan of her family's involvement in athletics, something that continued on with her passionate support of her grandchildren and their activities over the years. She remained the area's No. 1 fan of the Minnesota Twins -- and a huge fan of baseball and softball in general -- to her last days.

She is survived by Mike, her beloved husband of 58 years; her children Mick Garry of Sioux Falls, S.D., Mark Garry of Laguna Beach, Calif., Dan Garry (Jeanne) of Plymouth, Minn., John Garry (Sally) of Austin, Minn., Kathy Cassidy (Don) of Rosemount, Minn., Pat Garry (Denise) of Seattle, Tim Garry (Tracy) of Austin and Rob Garry (Ann) of White Bear

Lake, Minn., 15 grandchildren; sister Donna Murphy, and brothers John (Mary), Bob (Mary Lou) and Bill (Darlene) Murphy.

She was preceded in death by her mother Dorothy and father Mark and grandchild Ben Garry.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Sacred Heart for their loving care of Kitty over the last four years.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Benny's Books, Queen of Angels parish and Pacelli Catholic Schools.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at noon on Saturday, July 13, 2019 at Queen of Angels Catholic Church with Father James Russell officiating. There will be a 4 pm CCW rosary on Friday at Mayer Funeral Home where friends may call from 4-7 pm and also one hour before the service at the church on Saturday. Interment will be in Calvary Cemetery.

Condolences may be left online at [www.mayerfh.com](http://www.mayerfh.com)

# Cemetery

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# Events

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## Calvary Cemetery

4th Drive SW

Austin, MN, 55912

**JUL** **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Mayer Funeral Home

600 2nd Street NW P.O. Box 27, Austin, MN, US, 55912

**JUL** **Visitation** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Queen of Angels Catholic Church

1001 Oakland Avenue East, Austin, MN, US, 55912

**JUL** **Service** 12:00PM

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Queen of Angels Catholic Church

1001 Oakland Avenue East, Austin, MN, US, 55912

# Comments

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“ Mike and family, we offer our sympathy to you and your family in the loss of Kitty. She is certainly a heavenly angel and your guardian angel. In God's hands she is able to do all the things she loved to do. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Blessings and allow those wonderful memories to sustain you!

Larry and Connie Priebe

Connie - July 13 at 08:03 PM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kathleen "Kitty" Garry.



July 12 at 01:46 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Kitty's passing. Please know she, and all of you, are all in our thoughts and prayers. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

Matt, Kyron, Janelle, and Henry Christopherson

Matthew Christopherson - July 12 at 01:40 PM

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“ Kathy, my condolences to you and all your family. I am sure you will find comfort in lots of family memories.

A big hug.  
Liliana (Orsi)

Liliana Orsi - July 11 at 04:47 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. She was a very dear lady!!!

Terese Amazi

Terese Amazi - July 11 at 03:35 PM

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“ I am so sorry, Garry Family. I loved Kitty dearly. She was one of my all-time favorite teachers at Queens, and she was probably the very best gym teacher on the planet! Whenever I was at your house to hang out with Kathy, I remember being very impressed how calm she remained in the middle of the chaos of 8 kids. She was a true gem!

Gwen Larson - July 11 at 01:23 PM

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“ Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathleen "Kitty" Garry.



July 11 at 10:17 AM

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“ I grew up with Mrs. Garry as a gym teacher. My whole class loved her. She was very good at making everyone feel important - like their small achievements mattered. She always made gym fun and everyone looked forward to her class. I have such good memories of her. Blessings to her family during this tough time.

Anna Urlick - July 11 at 09:02 AM

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“ I was saddened to hear of Kitty's passing and send my condolences to Mike and all the kids. She was short like me and full of energy. Keep in mind that Life isn't about coming in from the storm, it's about learning how to dance in the rain. Jerry Rae King

jerry rae king - July 11 at 08:05 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kathleen "Kitty" Garry.



July 10 at 11:13 PM