



Karalene "Kay" Lynch

May 12, 1934 - March 16, 2017

Our mother, Kay, was a positive influence not only on our immediate family, but also her extended family, down to spouses of nephews and friends of her grandchildren. Several told us she was the best mom and grandmother they had ever known. We agree. By their example, she and Tom showed us the importance of always being there for your family and friends. Kay preached through the way she lived her life.

She managed 58 rental units for many years out of our home. Ours was the only house in Waynesville that sometimes sported a CLOSED sign. It was amazing how many people would knock on the door to ask if the No Vacancy sign was correct. After we all left home, she managed Lynch Brothers Furniture in Rolla for 20+ years.

She served as a Cub Scout den mother and a Girl Scout leader. Kay was not into crafts, but weekly she planned activities for her young charges. These meetings often left glitter or wood shavings all over our family room. She was also a member of the Alter and Rosary Society.

Kay moved to Waynesville in second grade. She became fast friends with the girls on North Street and they remained close friends throughout their lives. Even this week, Kay texted with Bertie Egan from the hospital.

Kay loved baseball and was a faithful Cardinal fan. She attended all the games at the American Legion baseball field that her father had built behind the old high school. Between innings she sold concessions. Kay graduated from Waynesville High School as salutatorian in 1952 and married Thomas Lynch four weeks later, one day before Tom's 21st birthday.

Kay and Tom were married for 64 years and 9 months. They attended every school event of their children and grandchildren. They traveled to every graduation and wedding of nieces, nephews, and cousins. Together they traveled to Rome, France, Hong Kong, and Mexico. Our family hosted an exchange student from Turkey for the 1974-1975 school year. Years later, Ertugurl hosted Tom and Kay for an extensive personal tour of Turkey. They square-danced for a few years. Once great-grandchildren began to arrive, youth sports games, school programs, and county livestock fairs filled their calendar.

Kay is survived by her husband, Tom Lynch, and the three of us and our spouses: Joe and Hannah Lynch of Springfield, Missouri; Ann and John Jarrett of Waynesville; and Ken and Sharon Lynch of Kingdom City, Missouri. Their six grandchildren provided the best gifts to Kay: great-grandchildren. Each year, new pictures go up over Kay and Tom's television to chronical their growth. Suzanne and Brian Boyd and their children, Benjamin and Abigail Hruska, Lorlei and Gwyndol Boyd, live in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Rebekah and Jesse Teller and their children, Rayph and Tobin, live in Springfield, Missouri; Joanna and Matthew Frederick and their children Lillian and Sam, live in Ballston Spa, New York; Jessica and Marcus Moore and their children, Jonas and Elaina, live in Petaluma, California; Clinton and Lisa Jarrett and their children, Tyler and Blake, live in Waynesville; Sean and Michelle Lynch and their children, Audrey, Kaden, and Kendrick, live in Waynesville.

Kay also has eight first cousins and many nieces and nephews living around

the country. Kay was a blessing to all who knew her and she will be sorely missed, especially by us.

Kay was preceded in death by her parents, Otter "Pete" and Lavena Prewitt of Waynesville, and her brother, the Honorable James K. Prewitt of Springfield.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, March 20, 2017 in the St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church with Father John Groner officiating. Evelyn Horine provided the music and serving as escorts were Clinton Jarrett, Sean Lynch, Charlie Davis, Norman Anderson, Jesse Teller and David Thomas. Serving as honorary escorts were Victor Lynch, Brian Boyd, Mathew Frederick, Gordon Davis, Jerry Thomas and Steve Lynch.

Burial followed in the Resurrection Cemetery of St. Robert, Missouri. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Kay Lynch to Janet's Wish or to the Pulaski County Fair Board Livestock Pavilion. Online condolences can be sent at www.memorialchapelsandcrematory.com.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

367 Old Route 66
St. Robert, MO 65584

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 19. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
202 Historic 66 W.
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

Prayer Service

MAR 19. 6:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
202 Historic 66 W.
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

Funeral Mass

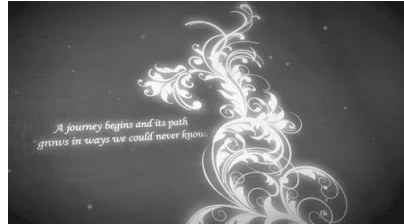
MAR **20**. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church
367 Old Route 66
St. Robert, MO
(573) 336-3662
office@strobertcatholic.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Karalene "Kay" Lynch*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - March 27, 2017 at 09:55 AM



“ *Karalene "Kay" Lynch*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Cornelia & Robert Dodds lit a candle in memory of Karalene "Kay" Lynch*



Cornelia & Robert Dodds - June 07, 2017 at 06:29 PM

DS

“ May "the hearer of prayer" continue to strengthen your family during this most difficult time. Share your memories they will be a comfort that will embrace your hearts.

Lean on one another for encouragement when the days ahead become to hard to bear alone. We hope that the many cards, hugs, kind words, and loving prayers sustains your family and grants you peace.

Desiree Sigler - March 21, 2017 at 06:36 AM



“ Ralph Cook lit a candle in memory of Karalene "Kay" Lynch



Ralph Cook - March 20, 2017 at 08:43 PM

LH

“ I was so sorry that I could not attend Kay's funeral today. My thoughts are with you all. I think a lot of the Lynch family and Kay was a special lady

Luge Hardman - March 20, 2017 at 05:26 PM

LN

“ Linda Nicks lit a candle in memory of Karalene "Kay" Lynch



Linda nicks - March 20, 2017 at 07:19 AM

SW

“ Steve And Rose Mary Wilson lit a candle in memory of Karalene "Kay" Lynch



Steve and Rose Mary Wilson - March 19, 2017 at 07:00 PM

BW

“ Sorry for your loss we will be praying for the family and friends in there time of need . We are unable to attend visitation or Kay's service but we will be thinking about you.

Brenda & Allen Wood - March 19, 2017 at 03:15 PM

AC

“ Our sympathy to Mr. Tom and the rest of the family. Art and Joyce Connor



Art and Joyce Connor - March 19, 2017 at 03:14 PM

BW

“ Brenda & Allen Wood lit a candle in memory of Karalene "Kay" Lynch



Brenda & Allen Wood - March 19, 2017 at 03:12 PM

CH

“ Carl And Mary Heinz lit a candle in memory of Karalene "Kay" Lynch



Carl and Mary Heinz - March 19, 2017 at 11:35 AM

RY

“ Roy And Janet York lit a candle in memory of Karalene "Kay" Lynch



Roy and Janet York - March 19, 2017 at 12:36 AM

AC

“ Annette Catts sent a virtual gift in memory of Karalene "Kay" Lynch



Annette Catts - March 18, 2017 at 11:34 PM

AC

We are so sorry for your loss. I am grateful Karalene Lynch lived such a long and full life, loving her beautiful family, her God, her church, and her community. Bill and I are praying for the Lord to comfort her family in this difficult time of closure. May you rejoice in your memories as you celebrate her life.

Annette Catts - March 18, 2017 at 11:39 PM

EW

“ *My deepest sympathy to all the family. Kay was such a sweet lady! Prayers for peace and comfort.* ”

Ed & Cathy Warden - March 18, 2017 at 09:39 PM



“ *54 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - March 18, 2017 at 07:01 PM

PC

“ *Pamela Cox sent a virtual gift in memory of Karalene "Kay" Lynch* ”



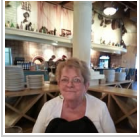
Pamela Cox - March 18, 2017 at 06:33 PM

RK

“ *Ray And Sue Keeney sent a virtual gift in memory of Karalene "Kay" Lynch* ”



Ray and Sue Keeney - March 18, 2017 at 06:03 PM



“ *Annette Hance lit a candle in memory of Karalene "Kay" Lynch*



Annette Hance - March 18, 2017 at 10:15 AM

DL

“ *Dr. Carl & Jackie Larson lit a candle in memory of Karalene "Kay" Lynch*



Dr. Carl & Jackie Larson - March 18, 2017 at 04:42 AM

LW

“ *Linda And George Wheeler lit a candle in memory of Karalene "Kay" Lynch*



Linda and George Wheeler - March 17, 2017 at 08:02 PM

MB

“ *Millie Brotherton lit a candle in memory of Karalene "Kay" Lynch*



Millie Brotherton - March 17, 2017 at 07:03 PM

BF

“ My heart goes out to Tom & the family. Losing a family member is one of the hardest things to deal with and losing Kay is the same as losing a family member. Kay was like a mom to me and many others while working for the family at Spur Furniture. She worried about all the employees. She will be sadly missed by many!

Becky & Bill Farnham - March 17, 2017 at 06:22 PM

LC

“ LINDA COLE-SCHONBOK lit a candle in memory of Karalene "Kay" Lynch



LINDA COLE-SCHONBOK - March 17, 2017 at 04:17 PM

DP

“ I always remember, as a kid, going over to Kay's house to visit. She was always so sweet and made me feel like part of the family. She was special to my whole family, Mom, Dad, and me. Heaven has gained an angel.



Debbie Bradbury Popp - March 17, 2017 at 01:57 PM