



Kay M. Wellen

March 10, 1943 - June 8, 2023

Kay M. "Mimi" Kapp Wellen, age 80 of Glen Carbon, IL, died Thursday, June 8, 2023, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital (BJC) in Saint Louis, MO.

She was born on Wednesday, March 10, 1943, in Highland, IL, the daughter of Leo and June (nee Stock) Kapp.

On Thursday, November 23, 1961, she married Dennis Herman Wellen at Highland, Illinois, who passed away on Wednesday, August 8, 2007.

She was a member of Hope Lutheran Church. She was also a member of Highland Garden Club, Cahokia Archaeological Society, 3 book clubs and St. Joseph Hospital Auxiliary.

Kay was born in Highland, IL and was a 1961 graduate of Highland High School. She attended Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. In the late 1980's, she began to work at SIU-E, retiring as office manager. Kay was an avid gardener, having earned her Master Gardener certification from the University of Illinois in 2008. She was a member of Highland Garden Club, St. Joseph Hospital Auxiliary and Cahokia Archaeological Society. She volunteered extensively: Lila's Garden, Glik Park Gardens, St. Joseph Hospital Auxiliary, Cahokia Mounds and Willoughby Farm (Collinsville). Kay loved reading, gardening, traveling and dancing with her late husband, Denny.

She welcomed people in with open arms, didn't take herself too seriously and always had a Dr. Pepper in her hand. She will be especially remembered as a loyal friend and a loving "Mimi" to more than just her children and grandchildren.

Survivors include:

Son - Matthew J. (wife - Anita Wilson) Wellen, Glen Carbon, IL

Grandchild - Bailey N. (husband- Dustin W. Osweiler) Wellen, Chicago, IL

Grandchild - Suzanne K. Wellen, Glen Carbon, IL

Grandchild - Jeffrey A. Wellen, Jr., Glen Carbon, IL

Grandchild - Ryan J. Wilson

Former Daughter-In-Law - Kary L. (nee Sitzes) Wellen, Winfield, IL

Dog - George Clooney, Glen Carbon, IL

She was preceded in death by:

Mother - June K. (nee Stock) Kapp - Died 1/08/1994

Father - Leo B. Kapp - Died 12/02/1994

Husband - Dennis H. Wellen - Died 8/08/2007

Son - Jeffrey A. Wellen, Sr. - Died 05/16/2021

Sister - Penny Lee Kapp - Died 05/15/2015

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Monday, June 19, 2023, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Service will be at 11:00 AM on Monday, June 19, 2023, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL, with Rev. Scott Busacker, pastor, Hope Lutheran Church, officiating.

Interment will be at Highland City Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cahokia Archaeological Society, Metro-East Humane Society - Highland, and Highland Garden Club.

Cemetery Details

Highland City Cemetery

12301 Koepfli Lane
Highland, IL 62249

Tribute Wall



“ *Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home & Dauderman Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Kay M. Wellen*



Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - June 14, 2023 at 11:24 AM

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“ *Just found out about Kay's passing today (12/08/23). She was a good friend and neighbor to my Mom, Anita. As Mom was getting up in age, Kay would often visit and check in on her. Mom always enjoyed seeing her dog George Clooney. Kay continued to visit Mom at Meridian. May all of us be blessed by her kindness. Rest is peace, Kay. The good Lord has another angel. Jim Madson, Lewisville, TX.*

Jim Madson - December 08, 2023 at 04:44 PM

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“ *Kay was a great neighbor, we enjoyed her flowers, dog then Dogs. Kay was kind & sharing, She will be missed! We also enjoyed her two grandkids, always a joy to talk with them. Shirley & I wish the entire family a very blessed future! May her memory inspire each of you! You're old backyard neighbors.*

Louis & Shirley Frick - June 18, 2023 at 11:18 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Kay M. Wellen.*



June 16, 2023 at 05:45 PM



“ *Rita RINDERER lit a candle in memory of Kay Wellen*



Rita RINDERER - June 16, 2023 at 03:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kay M. Wellen.*



June 15, 2023 at 12:58 PM



“ 49 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Spengel-Boulangier Funeral Home - June 14, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ Colleen STOCK lit a candle in memory of Kay Wellen



Colleen STOCK - June 13, 2023 at 05:29 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Kay M. Wellen.



June 13, 2023 at 02:55 PM

KS

“ Kay was a very positive, caring, kind person who loved life and cared for others before herself. She will be greatly missed by many of her friends and family. Will miss you and will see you again someday my friend of 70 plus years of friendship, We had some great times together.
Kay Schomaker

Kay Schomaker - June 12, 2023 at 08:40 PM



“ My earliest memory of Kay was as neighbor. Denny and Kay moved next door to my family, and I must have liked her a lot as a child because when her youngest son was born I knitted socks for her son Matt. Obviously they were just a kind gesture from the child next door, but we remained friends ever since. I will miss and remember her grace, dignity, friendship and love the rest of my life.



Laurie Seefeldt - June 12, 2023 at 03:17 PM

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“ Rita RINDERER lit a candle in memory of Kay Wellen



Rita RINDERER - June 12, 2023 at 02:48 PM