



Kay M. Hankins

August 18, 1970 - November 8, 2024

A visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Saturday, November 23, 2024 at the Wenner Funeral Home in Cold Spring, MN for Kay Hankins, 54, of Normal IL, who passed away with her family by her side on Friday, November 8, 2024, at Carle BroMenn Medical Center, Normal. Inurnment will be in the St. Boniface Parish Cemetery.

Kay was born on August 18, 1970, in Cold Spring, Minn. to Norbert and Rose Schmitt. Kay married Tom Hankins on October 2, 1999, at Funks Grove Church. Kay worked as an RN for 20 plus years at BroMenn Healthcare and finally the Community Cancer Center.

Kay was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) in December of 2003. Kay led the local Bloomington-Normal MS support group for a number of years and provided support to those newly diagnosed. Kay was also instrumental in helping develop the MOVE MS exercise program. In her spare time, Kay was a Mary Kay Consultant for a number of years and enjoyed camping and visiting family.

Kay is survived by her spouse, Tom; mother, Rose; and six siblings, Jeff, Scott (Denise), Steve (Macky), Kurt (Jennifer), Sheila (Kevin) Myllykangas, Ryan (Meghan); and 14 nieces and nephews.

Kay was preceded in death by her father, Norbert Schmitt; and the family basset hound, Buford.

The family would like to thank the staff of Carle BroMenn for all the care during these last few years as she fought the MS symptoms until the very end. Another note of thanks to Carriage Crossing and Goldwater Care as well. A special thanks to Carle BroMenn hospice on her final journey.

The family suggests memorials to be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society or Carle BroMenn Hospice.

Cemetery Details

St. Boniface Parish Cemetery

Cold Spring, MN 56320

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **23**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Wenner Funeral Home - Cold Spring
600 Red River Ave. So.
Cold Spring, MN 56320

Tribute Wall



“ *Love's Embrace Roses – White was purchased for the family of Kay M. Hankins.*



November 21, 2024 at 01:44 PM



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

November 21, 2024 at 01:44 PM



“ *The Duehn Family purchased the Healing Tears - Lavender and White for the family of Kay M. Hankins.*



The Duehn Family - November 20, 2024 at 04:45 PM



“ *The Duehn Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kay M. Hankins.*

The Duehn Family - November 20, 2024 at 04:45 PM

MS

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. Though I was older I remember the Summer nights playing volleyball in the yard with the Schmitt Family and others. (Mike your neighbor).

Michael Schmitz - November 18, 2024 at 09:06 AM

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“ Sending my deepest sympathies to Kay’s family. You are all on my prayers 🙏. Paula (Schmitt) Ziehl. We will be out of town for the memorial but will be thinking of you all

Paula (Schmitt) Ziehl - November 14, 2024 at 09:27 PM