



Kathleen Anne Fleckenstein Miller

January 31, 1939 - March 18, 2021

Fleckenstein Miller, Kathleen Anne (Kay), of Linden/Lake Fenton/Holly, age 82 passed away Thursday, March 18, 2021 due to the complications of dementia. She was born Katalin Cselenyi January 31, 1939 at St. John Hospital in Budapest, Hungary, the fourth child and only daughter of Antal and Margit (Pajor) Cselenyi. The Cselenyi family led a comfortable life in their beloved homeland before events related to the impending Communist takeover forced the family to flee. After spending nearly four years in Austria and Germany as refugees, the family made their way west and settled in Humberstone/Port Colborne, Ontario, Canada in 1948, reclaiming the family name of Zimmer. Kay attended Notre Dame College School in Welland, Ontario, graduating with the class of 1957. She and Joseph Fleckenstein Jr. married May 3, 1958 and settled in the Flint area after Joe's service ended with the US Army. While pregnant with her third child, she became a United States citizen, realizing that she "was raising little Americans, I ought to become one!" She did so proudly, yet still retained some Canadian traditions (colour, zed, and serviettes, to name a few). In 1968, the Fleckenstein family moved to Holly, where Joe and Kay opened a Ben Franklin store and operated it until 1984, when Joe's health began to decline. He passed away in 1988. Kay married Bill Miller in 1989 and shortly after moved to Lake Fenton. She loved living on the lake, but hated the water! She and Bill enjoyed a whirlwind nine years, traveling all over the world, most notably Alaska, Austria, Hungary, and Russia, until Bill's death in 1998.

Kay was an accomplished seamstress and a talented needlework artist. She could knit, crochet, embroider, and quilt. Many family members and friends have been the beneficiary of her talented handwork. She was a remarkable cook, and enjoyed sharing the Hungarian food traditions. She also loved animals of all kinds, and was a dedicated and caring pet owner her entire life. Surviving Kay are her children: Belinda and Scott Wright, Lucinda Fleckenstein and Karen Elliott, Joseph and Kristine Fleckenstein, Michael Fleckenstein, and Christopher Fleckenstein and Janet Carte; her grandchildren: Rachel and Kyle Wermers, Sarah and Jeremy Dobes, Brittany McKenney, Bradley Fleckenstein, Kyle Fleckenstein, Leyna Fleckenstein, Michael Fleckenstein Jr., Madison Fleckenstein, Meghan Fleckenstein, David Carte, and Alexa Carte; her great-grandchildren: Ariel, Blake, Maya, and Ladd Wermers, and Piper Dobes. Also surviving are her sisters-in-law Phyllis Zimmer and Connie Zimmer, and cousins by marriage and dear friends Jack and Jan Miller. She leaves many nieces, nephews, and cousins in the US, in Canada, and in Hungary. She was predeceased by husbands Joseph and Bill, parents Anthony and Margaret Zimmer, and brothers Frank Zimmer, John Zimmer, and Leslie Zimmer.

The family would like to acknowledge and thank the caregivers who enriched our Mom's life in her last year: Deb and Tina of RAH Genesee County, and the entire staff at Linden Square Assisted Living, especially Sydney, Tayler, Allie, Jonny, Diane, and Ty. If desired, the family would appreciate donations in Kay's honour to the Humane Society of Genesee County.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 12:00 Noon, Mon. Mar. 22, 2021 at St. Rita Catholic Church of Holly with Father David Blazek, Celebrant. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Holly. Visitation with social distancing restrictions will be from 2-9 PM Sun. at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly.

www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com

Cemetery Details

Lakeside Cemetery

Holly, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 21. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Dryer Funeral Home
101 First St.
Holly, MI 48442
<http://dryerfuneralhomeholly.com>

Service

MAR 22. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Rita Catholic Church
309 E. Maple St.
Holly, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Dryer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Kathleen Anne Fleckenstein Miller*



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - March 21, 2021 at 11:52 AM

SB

Just beautiful! Rest in peace Kato Nene, with the family all together again ❤️ Love You Forever xox Zsuzsi

Susanne Zimmer Basque - March 21, 2021 at 01:13 PM

RM

“ *I remember when I was a child running next door when our family got to work at the drug store, to say hello to Mrs. Fleckenstein and her ladys who worked their. It was one of my highlights of my day. I hold many fond memories of her and her family at BenFranklins. May she Rest In Peace. 🧡*



Ruth Marsden-Butts - August 13, 2022 at 08:31 AM

SO

“ *Sorry to hear of Kay's passing. Have known both Kay and Joe for many many years. Kay was such a lovely woman. She always had a kind word. Please accept my prayers and condolences. Sally olsen*

sarah olsen - March 22, 2021 at 09:02 PM

SD

“ *Steven Dorris lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Anne Fleckenstein-Miller*



Steven Dorris - March 21, 2021 at 07:56 PM

SB

“ *Susanne Zimmer Basque lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Anne Fleckenstein Miller*



Susanne Zimmer Basque - March 21, 2021 at 12:25 PM

DG

“ *Sending sincere condolences to the Family. Keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers. Aunt Kay will be deeply missed by all of us. Although none of us can be there. We are with you in heart and spirit
Sending our love Jim, Dana and Allie Gaudette*



Dana Gaudette - March 21, 2021 at 12:09 PM



“ 21 files added to the album Life Tributes



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - March 21, 2021 at 11:41 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kathleen Anne Fleckenstein Miller.*



March 21, 2021 at 10:55 AM



“ *Kay and Joe gave me a job at the Ben Franklin store. Under Kay's guidance I learned how to correctly measure and cut fabric, match colours, and balance a cash drawer. I have many, many fond memories of my 3 years working with her and Joe.*



Jinx Kincaid - March 20, 2021 at 09:00 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathleen Anne Fleckenstein Miller.*



March 20, 2021 at 08:18 AM



“ *Connie Austin-Davis lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Anne Fleckenstein Miller*



Connie Austin-Davis - March 20, 2021 at 08:02 AM



“ *Sorry, Belinda. This is Dr. Moon. Vicky and I express our condolences. I enjoyed your mothers visits to my office despite her challenging dental problems. She was blessed to have both you and Scott. We miss and love both of you. P. S. I finally got a gun, but I don't know how long Governor wHitler will let me keep it, Go Wings and Tigers!*

Dr. Moon - March 20, 2021 at 04:40 AM



Dr. Moon and Vicky, thank you so much. I can't decide if my reaction to your post should be a laugh or a cry or a hoot-n-holler! We both miss both of you ❤️

Belinda Wright - March 21, 2021 at 11:58 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Kathleen Anne Fleckenstein Miller.



March 19, 2021 at 07:09 PM



“ *A wonderful lady!*



Judith Prose - March 19, 2021 at 06:54 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



Kris Fleckenstein - March 19, 2021 at 06:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Kathleen Anne Fleckenstein Miller.



March 19, 2021 at 05:44 PM