



Kathrin Elizabeth Kudner

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KATHRIN ELIZABETH KUDNER

Clarklake, Michigan

Kathrin Elizabeth Kudner, 70 of Ann Arbor and Clark Lake, Michigan passed away Friday, July 17th at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. Born in Jackson, Michigan, she was the daughter of the late John Henry and Elizabeth Ann Kudner.

Kathrin led a life of personal and professional service. Following graduation from Jackson Parkside High School she attended the University of Colorado in Boulder. Upon graduation she served two years in the Peace Corps in the Philippines. Her service in the Corps was a defining time in her life that led to her pursuing a Masters degree in Health Care summa cum laude from the University of Missouri after which she worked for a rural medical and dental health care system in Nevada. Kathrin returned to school a third time for a law degree cum laude from the University of Toledo, (Where she was also Editor of the Law Review.) and then began a 35year career as a health care attorney with DYKEMA – working in Detroit, Chicago and Ann Arbor for the law firm over the years. Kathrin’s work was guided by her commitment to the health profession and public health and was truly valued by her clients. She took a particular interest in younger attorneys at the firm and provided an important mentorship and advocacy for their perspective. Kathrin was also involved with pro bono activities throughout her career – most recently with Sound Off an online mental health consulting service to veterans and active duty personnel. She recently had published and participated in a webinar regarding telemedicine and guidance during the COVID-19 pandemic. She regularly received “Best Lawyer” and “Super Lawyer” recognitions statewide and nationally and served on the Board of Directors of various organizations including the former Arbor Hospice and Crittendon Hospitals.

Kathrin traveled extensively including an annual trip to Mexico. She loved her home and family and friends on Clark Lake and in particular the raft rides around the lake at dusk. She knew how to appreciate a good time and the annual Clark Lake Raft-a- Rama and 4th of July were very special days on her calendar. She doted on her niece and nephews and grandnieces and nephews and other close relatives.

Remembering Kathrin is incomplete without acknowledging that she led the liberal wing of

the family and relished a lively discussion (often political) be it with her book club, her family or her friends.

Kathrin was an amazing sister, aunt, niece, sister in law, cousin and friend to all. She was a vibrant human being who left us all with a huge empty spot in our hearts. She is survived by her sister Susan (Jan) Starr and brother John McKone (Jacque) Kudner. Her Uncle and Aunt Dick and Martha Kudner, Niece and nephews – Elizabeth Kudner (Derek) Kraus and Chris (Latisse) Kudner and John (Kimberly) Starr and Charles Starr. Grand nieces and nephews: Navi, Weston and Iris Kudner and John Vincent and James Starr. Cousins Don (Jane) Fowler, Barbara (Larry) Browning, Patty Faling and Bruce Fowler. Carrie (John) Hayden, Don (Becky) Kudner, Bill (Bonnie) Kudner, Don (Mary Alice) and Bill McKone and many other friends and family.

A private family service is being scheduled. Memorial contributions in Kathrin's honor may be directed to the Peace Corps Alumni Development for Philippine Development

<https://www.rpcvphilippines.org> and the University of Michigan Hospital_

<https://leadersandbest.umich.edu/find/#!/give/basket/fund/302706>

Please leave a message of comfort for Kathrin's family or sign her guestbook at www.einederfuneralhomes.com.

Comments



“ I was so sorry to hear about Kathrin's passing. I knew her through her work in health law and always had such respect for her, both as an attorney and a person. She will be so missed.

Linda Denomme - July 27 at 02:01 PM



“ Kathrin was a fine attorney who was well-respected by her colleagues. she was an asset of the firm and the bar.

Stuart Lockman - July 24 at 02:19 PM



“ I always enjoyed seeing Kathrin at Clark Lake...she was fun, had a great sense of humor and was such a great decorator of her little cottage across the lake. She also was the attorney who spoke to and explained the benefits of Durable Medical Power to the Felician Sisters of Livonia, of which my sister had been a nun at for over 50 years. As a result of the excellent explanation, my sister signed me up to be her durable medical power and I was able to help her get to the other side of life in 2017. It was a funny coincidence at the lake when Kathrin talked about the room full of nuns, not knowing my sister was one of them.
Sorry to ramble but I truly have loved all the friends and family I have met over the years at Clark Lake and Kathrin was always someone I looked forward to seeing. My sincere condolences to her family and to my friend Barbara Browning (Larry)...she will be missed. Thank you for being a part of my life, Mary Stefanick

Mary Stefanick - July 24 at 01:41 PM