



# Kathy Goetzi

JUL 19, 1964 - JAN 5, 2016



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## **Kathy Goetzl**

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**K**athy Goetzl, 51, of Clinton, passed away after a courageous battle on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at her home surrounded by her loving family.

A Funeral Mass will be 10:00am, Saturday, January 9, 2015 at Prince of Peace Catholic Church. Burial will be in the Springdale Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday from 4:00pm to 8:00pm at the Clinton Chapel Snell-Zornig Funeral Homes & Crematory with a vigil service concluding the visitation at 8:00pm.

Kathryn Ann Espey was born on July 19, 1964 in Clinton, Iowa, the daughter of Albert and Sally (Sloppy) Espey. She was a 1982 graduate of Clinton High School and attended nursing school at Northeast Community College in Peosta. She married David Goetzl on August 29, 1987 in Clinton.

Kathy started her 29 year nursing career in 1986 as a RN at Jane Lamb Hospital and later Mercy Medical Center serving a majority of the time on the Medical/Surgical floor. She was recently serving as a radiation/oncology nurse. She received the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses in 2012 to honor the superhuman work nurses do for patients and families everyday.

Kathy was a member of Prince of Peace Parish and enjoyed spending time with her family, her greatest joy in life.

Kathy is survived by the loves of her life including her husband: David of Clinton; two daughters: Alyson (Corey) Moen of Des Moines, Iowa, Megan (Matt Zimmer) Goetzl of Clinton; her sister: Kerri (Michael) Brisch of Clinton; five brothers: Dave (Lori) Espey of Camanche, Tom (Becky) Espey of Iowa City, Bart (Deb) Espey of Clinton, Mike (Peggy Westphalen) Espey of Clinton, and Bill (Kerry) Espey of Clinton; and many nieces and nephews including her special Godchildren: Samantha and Andrew Brisch, and her work family at Mercy Medical Center. She was preceded in death by her parents and grandparents.



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Memorials can be made to her family for a tribute to be made in Kathy's name.



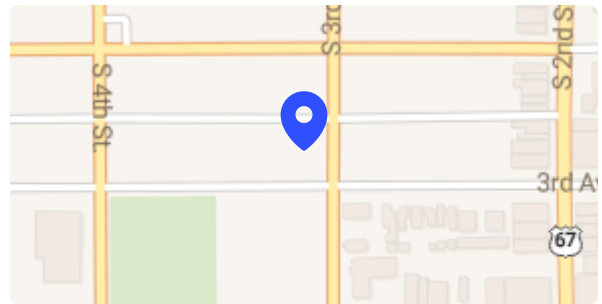
# Events

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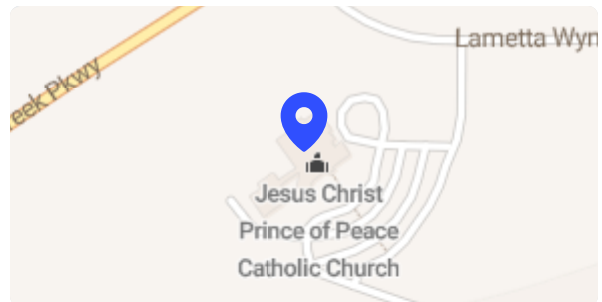
## Visitation

- Friday**, January 8, 2016
- 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT
- Snell-Zornig Funeral Home & Crematory, Clinton**  
302 Third Avenue South, Clinton IA 52732



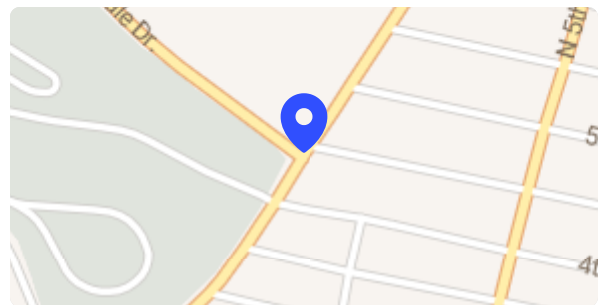
## Service

- Saturday**, January 9, 2016
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT
- Prince of Peace Catholic Church**  
1105 Lametta Wynn Drive, Clinton IA



## Cemetery Details

- Springdale Cemetery**  
Springdale Drive and Bluff Blvd., Clinton IA 52732





## Tribute Wall

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**Carol St John** lit a candle in honor of Kathy.



January 9 at 6:35 AM



**Carol Stjohn** January 9 at 6:54 AM

Sending prayers and peace to Kathy's family , friends and coworkers. Another angel smiling down on us. God bless.



**Carolyn Higgins** lit a candle in honor of Kathy.



January 8 at 4:33 PM



**Carolyn Higgins** January 8 at 4:36 PM

You are now pain free and watching over your girls as they try to go on in life without you. We know you will be in all of our hearts and will cherish all of our memories of you! You will be missed but we will see you some day!



**Tina Libberton** lit a candle in honor of Kathy.



January 8 at 3:06 PM



**Tina Libberton** January 8 at 3:08 PM

Kathy always had a smile and kind word for everyone.



**Kathy Leffler** posted:

My deepest sympathy to the family. Such a great nurse, she was beautiful both inside and out.

January 8 at 2:17 PM



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**Shona E.** posted:

I started my nursing career on the Med/Surg unit and new as soon as I met Kathy that was who I wanted to preceptor me. Kathy provided wonderful care and compassion to her patients and they all loved her for the wonderful care they recieved! Kathy will always hold a special place in many hearts!

January 8 at 1:51 PM



**Keith, Carol,Elyse & Justin Nylin** lit a candle in honor of Kathy.



January 8 at 1:44 PM

**KN Keith, Carol,Elyse Justin Nylin** January 8 at 1:46 PM  
You will be missed Kathy. Carol, Keith, Elyse & Justin Nylin



**Angela Henry** lit a candle in honor of Kathy.

Kathy, you are missed already.RIP



January 8 at 1:11 PM



**Terri Ready** posted:

I was lucky enough to have met Kathy when she was my radiation nurse. She was unbelievably compassionate and caring. We laughed and cried together. She was the type to always hold your hand or give you a hug when you needed one. She eased my fears in a way that few could. She made me feel like I had known her forever. She truly was an amazing woman and I count myself blessed to have known her for the short time that I did. Heaven truly gained another angel and she will undoubtedly be missed by many. Hopefully just knowing how comforting she was to so many will provide a small amount of comfort to her family and loved ones. Terri Ready

January 8 at 1:05 PM



**Deb Edfors** lit a candle in honor of Kathy.



January 8 at 12:19 PM



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LS

**Lu Stewart** lit a candle in honor of Kathy.

January 8 at 11:46 AM



DP

**Deedee Piper** lit a candle in honor of Kathy.

January 8 at 11:29 AM



BJ

**Barb Jones** posted:

Kathy was a wonderful person and a great nurse she will be missed by all

January 8 at 9:40 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Goetzl family.

January 8 at 9:33 AM



DS

**Diana Smith** posted:

Kathy and I drove back and forth every day to North East Iowa Technical Institute in Peosta to complete our nursing degrees. She and I became pretty good friends. I was fortunate enough to know the serious side and the fun side of her. We had a lot of fun in those several months. When her friends from Mercy talk about her as a nurse I literally smile. I knew from day one that she would be that kind of nurse. After all, we had nuns teaching us and they carried long rulers. Her enthusiasm and intelligence enlightened me. My only regret was that I never got to work along side her as a nurse. We would've made a great team. Now, she can carry over those wonderful nursing skills, kindness, and heart warming smile to those in need in Heaven. Her memory will forever leave a void in my heart that no one could fill. May God bless her family and heal the pain they endure. God has a mission for her to complete and I am sure she will go above and beyond to make that happen as she always has... Your friend and colleague, Di Smith RN

January 8 at 8:01 AM



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January 8 at 6:46 AM



**Megan Woodward** posted:

Kathy oriented me to the med surg unit at Mercy. I knew immediately what a special person she was. After getting to know her better I told her she was the type of nurse I wanted to be and that I hoped ten more years into my career I would continue to be as caring and compassionate as she was. She was a beautiful soul who got called home way too soon. Prayers and peace to the family and I am so sincerely sorry for your incredible loss.

January 8 at 5:01 AM



**Susan Wierenga** lit a candle in honor of Kathy.



January 7 at 4:09 PM



**Carla Edfors** lit a candle in honor of Kathy.



January 7 at 4:00 PM



**Michelle Kirst** posted:

My heart aches for Kathy's family . She was one of the best nurses I've had the pleasure of working with. Love her smile.

January 7 at 3:11 PM



**Denny Duerling** lit a candle in honor of Kathy.



January 7 at 1:13 PM



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BP

**Becca Seidl And Sarah Peters** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Goetzl family.



January 7 at 1:10 PM

SK

**Shanna Krogman** posted:

Kathy was one of a kind and happy to have her cross my path so many years ago! A contagious personality, you couldn't help but smile when you seen her! Kathy has left many great memories and enjoy reading all the wonderful stories that have been shared!

January 7 at 1:04 PM



**Anonymous** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Goetzl family.



January 7 at 11:29 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Goetzl family.



January 7 at 10:41 AM

JE

**Jean W** posted:

As I read about Kathy I'm so impressed of how many lives she was in. I knew Kathy when I first started working on the Medical floor 23 years ago. She was a kind and loving person any life she touch they knew she was a special person. We had some good times with some of the other staff members. She took her job with passion and caring. She was loved by many . Kathy u will b missed by many .You are with the angels now . RIP Kathy

January 7 at 8:20 AM



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**Rhonda Frost** posted:

As I read all the wonderful things that people have written about Kathy, it just sums up everything that's in my heart to say. I have nothing but profound grief for her family and for all the people who loved her. So glad I could call you friend.

January 7 at 7:57 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Small Garden Dish to the Goetzl family.



January 7 at 7:10 AM



**With Love Dr. Ramon Pla Jr. And Kelly** sent a Small Garden Dish to the Goetzl family.



January 7 at 7:03 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant to the Goetzl family.



January 7 at 6:27 AM



**Susan K Rn** posted:

I am so very sorry for your loss. Kathy was an amazing nurse. Always kind and smiling. She freely gave love and wonderful care to her patients. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her. Sue jones RN

January 7 at 6:13 AM



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KR

**Karen Rowan** lit a candle in honor of Kathy.

Mike and Peggy, (and the rest of the Espey family), I am so sorry for the loss of your sister. I know how special she was to you. My thoughts and prayers are with you in the trying time. I hope you can find solace in knowing that she is now at peace.



January 7 at 5:42 AM

LF

**Linda Ashby Foltz** posted:

My heartfelt sympathies, to the entire family. My first contact came, with Kathy in 2010, as my father was admitted to the hospital with cancer himself. She treated my Mom and our family, like we were her family. I credit this Beautiful woman, with getting us through a very difficult and sad time as we lost our Dad, just two months later. We continued our contact with her, and then again she reached out to us, when we unexpectedly lost our Mom just a few months later. After our Dad's death, she asked us for a copy of a picture that we had showed her, of the two of them together for 58 years plus, with Happiness beaming from their faces, she said she was placing it in a place at work, where she would remember them. This is only one of the many examples of the Loving, Caring Woman She was. She has now becomes the Angel in Heaven, that she was here on Earth. To be Kathy's family, you were Blessed, and my heart breaks for all of you. May God wrap his loving arms around you all in the days to come. Sincerely, Linda Ashby Foltz.

January 7 at 5:00 AM

JB

**Jennifer Blount** posted:

I know the feeling of losing a loved one all too well and it is painful regardless of the circumstances, however, I believe there are blessings that have been given to be thankful. Having worked at Mercy for many years, I'll always remember Kathy smiling, very positive, thorough and energetic and so sweet. Through her battle, she and her family, friends, co-workers were given the chance to show her the love, nurturing, respect, patience and compassion that she had shown throughout her life. There's no doubt that she knew how much she was loved - that alone is a gift. Praying for peace for your family during this time.

January 7 at 2:59 AM



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KE

**Kelly** posted:

May God wrap His loving arms around you. May you find some comfort knowing what a wonderful person Kathy was and how many people's lives she touched. Sending prayers, love and hugs to you all. Kelly and Doug Jergenson

January 7 at 1:38 AM

JC

**Jennifer (Pape) Cavanaugh** lit a candle in honor of Kathy.



January 6 at 5:15 PM

MM

**Madonna (Brisch) McCormick** posted:

I always looked forward to seeing Kathy at our family events, her bright smile and energy would light up the room. She was always cheerful and genuinely interested in others. I am so sad that she is gone. May God Bless the Espey and Goetzl families.

January 6 at 5:08 PM

CV

**Christine Voss** posted:

I am so sorry on the loss of your loved one....Kathy was one of those amazing people who made everyone she came in contact with feel special! She had an amazing spirit & energy to her and The Heavens have gained another ANGEL! God Bless!

January 6 at 5:00 PM

SS

**Stephanie Richards-Stremlow** lit a candle in honor of Kathy.



January 6 at 4:48 PM

SS

**Stephanie Richards-Stremlow** January 6 at 4:53 PM

You will be missed! Will miss running into you the way we used to...and crack up ..God. Bless



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SI

**Susan Ingersoll** lit a candle in honor of Kathy.

Kathy was a beam of loving, caring light in so many lives. Let the fact she was loved by many friends, and patients be comfort to you. I only worked with Kathy briefly back in 1989 at Jane Lamb. When our paths met again a few years later, she treated me like an old friend. I know when our path meet again, it will be the same. Please know, I hold all who loved Kathy in my prayers.



January 6 at 4:43 PM

EL

**Elizabeth Lind** posted:

So sorry Dave for the loss of your sister. Love you and your girls especially Lori! My prayers and thoughts with you! 👤❤️

January 6 at 4:28 PM

LS

**Linda Starr** posted:

Sending prayers to family to comfort and find peace in the days ahead.. She was not only an exceptional nurse but the most compassionate person I know...My Deepest Sympathy

January 6 at 3:48 PM

KA

**Kaitlin Allard** posted:

Kathy was always so loving and giving -- as my 205P mom, she always sent care packages to our apartment and made sure she wasn't just taking care of Alyson, but also Julie, Megan and I. I will always think of her when I wear the different holiday footies she sent us! RIP Mama Kath!

January 6 at 2:38 PM

BB

**Bill Gordon & Ann Gordon Bader** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Goetzl family.



January 6 at 1:06 PM



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DB

**Don Buckman** lit a candle in honor of Kathy.

I only knew her briefly, She was a great person and nurse.

January 6 at 6:30 AM



DP

**Dan Peppmeier** January 8 at 10:53 AM

From the first time I met her at Jane Lamb to my last visit with her in the hospital she carried herself with grace and dignity. In her career she was the gold standard of professionalism and compassion. I am honored and blessed to have known her. Dan Peppmeier

LS

**Linda Simanson** January 8 at 9:18 AM

I'm so very sorry to hear you lost your sister. Thinking of the entire Espey family. Love and prayers. Linda Blinkinsop Simanson

JS

**Jill Stapleton Schneden** January 7 at 8:57 AM

Thinking of all the Espey family members across the miles. XX from your old neighbor.

PR

**Pennie Reeves** January 7 at 4:36 AM

When I first became employed at mercy, Kathy was my trainer. After awhile, I just called her "Goetzl." I am blessed to have known her! It wasn't that long ago that I lost my own Mother, my heart goes out to you girls. Love and prayers, Pennie Reeves

SM

**Shannon Mussmann** January 6 at 7:29 AM

I'm very sorry to hear the loss of your sister Kerri. I understand what you are going through. Thinking of you and your family at this very difficult time. Shannon Mussmann and Family



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Kathy by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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