



## Kathryn Bessman

October 1, 1949 - December 27, 2023

Kathryn Bessman, 74, of Alden, passed away Wednesday, December 27, 2023 at Scenic Manor. Funeral services will be 11:00 AM Monday, January 8, 2024 at the Immanuel Memorial United Church of Christ in Alden. She will be laid to rest at the Alden Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10:00 AM until service time on Monday at the church. Woodley Funeral Home of Iowa Falls is caring for Kathryn and her family.

Kathryn Jeanne (Mattingly) Bessman, the daughter of Bernard and Bethene (Faulkner) Mattingly was born on October 1, 1949 in Webster City, Iowa. Kathy graduated from Clarion High School in 1968 and completed schooling to retouch negatives for photographs.

On August 22, 1976 Kathy was united in marriage to Gary Bessman of Alden, Iowa at St. John's Catholic Church in Clarion. They made their home on the family farm in Alden.

Kathy worked on the farm with Gary and enjoyed keeping up the farm by mowing, taking care of many outdoor cats and for years maintained a beautiful garden. She was often found crocheting or crafting which she shared her talents with her family.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband, Gary Bessman of Alden,

Iowa; sister, Kelley (Tim) O'Keefe of Manly; sisters-in-law, Kathy McGrath of Branson, Missouri and Linda Bessman of Chattanooga, Tennessee; brother-in-law, Tom (Penny) Bessman of Elberton, Georgia; nieces and nephews, Megan O'Keefe (Dylan Mueller) of Manly, Iowa, Molly O'Keefe (Mac Spotts) of Fairbank, Iowa, Kathleen O'Keefe of Mason City, Iowa, Conor O'Keefe of Manly, Iowa, Patrick McGrath (Lisa) of Branson West, Missouri, Dawn McGrath of Springfield, Missouri, Abigayle Bessman (Aaron Parisot) of Fair Play, South Carolina, Emily Parham (Cory) of Elberton, Georgia; great nieces, Collins Kaye of Manly, Iowa, Lindsey Brey (Clinton) of Branson West, Missouri, Lauren McGrath of Chicago, Illinois, Kaitlyn and Becca Dolechek of Springfield, Missouri, Adaline, Ashlyn and Ansley Parham of Elberton, Georgia; great-great nephew, Hayden McGrath of Branson West, Missouri. She was preceded in death by her parents, Bernard and Bethene Mattingly; mother and father in-law, Keith and Eunice Bessman and her brother-in-law, Mike McGrath.

# Cemetery Details

## Alden Cemetery

Alden, IA 50006

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Immanuel Memorial United Church of Christ  
212 West Street  
Alden, IA 50006

## Service

JAN 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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212 West Street  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ You all have our deepest sympathy. I know my mom was right next to your mom and dad with the warmest greeting! 😊 she always had a special spot in her heart for Kathy. Sending love and hugs!

Tami Reding - January 07, 2024 at 11:13 AM

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“ Gary, Vicki, Chris, Lori and families. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathryn Bessman.

Gary, Vicki, Chris, Lori and families. - January 06, 2024 at 09:06 PM

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“ Gary, Vicki, Chris, Lori and families. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kathryn Bessman.



Gary, Vicki, Chris, Lori and families. - January 06, 2024 at 09:06 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Kathryn Bessman.



January 06, 2024 at 09:47 AM

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“ The Shanks and Spotts crew planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathryn Bessman.

The Shanks and Spotts crew - January 06, 2024 at 09:47 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kathryn Bessman.



January 05, 2024 at 05:37 PM

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“ Kyle & Kari Janes family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathryn Bessman.

Kyle & Kari Janes family - January 05, 2024 at 03:53 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathryn Bessman.



January 05, 2024 at 03:53 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Kathryn Bessman.*



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January 05, 2024 at 11:18 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kathryn Bessman.*



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January 04, 2024 at 07:13 PM