



# Kathy Ann Uhlenhake

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## **Kathy Ann Uhlenhake**

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**K**athleen Ann Uhlenhake, age 80, of Moravia, passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 24, 2024, in Centerville.

Kathy was born on April 3, 1944, in Toledo, Ohio, the daughter of Joe Frumkin and Ruth Goodman. She grew up in Toledo and upon high school graduation, attended the University of Toledo and earned a bachelor's degree in Spanish and Economics. Subsequently, Kathy taught Spanish for the Peoria Illinois School District and traveled extensively, living in both Switzerland and South Africa before settling down in southern Iowa.

During this period of her life, two children were born, Jeff and Joanne. Throughout her life, Kathy was a devoted educator. In the early 80s, Kathy moved to Centerville, Iowa, and began her beloved association with Moravia, Iowa, serving as a Spanish and Economics teacher at Moravia High School for fifteen years.

She then earned a master's degree in counseling from Truman State University and served as the librarian at Centerville High School from where she retired (for the first time!). Unable to stay away from teaching, she served as counselor and librarian for the Moulton-Udell school for several years before finally retiring for the last time. She was especially proud of her work automating the Moulton-Udell school library system.

She married her beloved husband and best friend Mark Uhlenhake in 1983. As a result of this union, she gained six children - Paula, Lee, Jess, Clay, Reed, and John. Mark and Kathy added son Jake to the Uhlenhake family in 1986. Kathy and Mark would remain together until Mark's passing in February 2024.

Kathy loved the simplicity of life in rural Moravia and the surrounding community. She and Mark were actively involved with the Moravia Historical Society, and worked on several projects together including the Wabash Depot, the former Methodist Episcopal Church and a summer kitchen and outhouse. Kathy was also active in Ruritan and the Moravia Library Board.



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Kathy also loved quilting as her grandchildren can attest. - She made each of these quilts specifically crafted to the individual personalities, hobbies, and interests of the intended recipient. Kathy loved to find unique and personalized gifts for everyone at the holidays. She oversaw the ever-contentious annual Uhlenhake gift exchange drawing with the wisdom of Solomon.

Her kitchen table hosted many family dinners and game nights over the years. It also provided a front row seat to the birds feeding in front of the house every morning. A cup of coffee and her homemade bread were all you needed to enjoy life.

Left to honor Kathy's memory are her sister Sally Criss, children, Jeff (Jennifer) Toney, Joanne (Judd) DeVille, Jake, Paula, Jess (Tammy), Clay (Christi), Reed (Melanie), John (Leslie), her grandchildren, John, Alex & Sam Toney, Jay & Brooks DeVille, Neil, Logan, Sterling, Chase, Adam, Ty, & Sawyer Uhlenhake, Ian Bosley, and great grandson, Teddy Uhlenhake, as well as a host of extended family and friends.

Kathy was preceded in death by her husband Mark, parents, Joe Frumkin and Ruth Goodman, and stepson, Lee Uhlenhake. Pallbearers: Jeff Toney, Jake Uhlenhake, Jess Uhlenhake, Clay Uhlenhake, John Uhlenhake, and Judd DeVille. Honorary Pallbearers: Grandchildren John, Alex, and Sam Toney, Jay & Brooks DeVille, Neil, Logan, Sterling, Chase, Adam, Ty, & Sawyer Uhlenhake, Ian Bosley, and great-grandson Teddy Uhlenhake.

Visitation will be at the Funeral Home in Moravia, 103 North John Street, on Saturday, August 31, from 12pm-2pm, followed by a Funeral service at 2pm. Burial will follow the service at Hillcrest Cemetery in Moravia. Memorials may be made to either the Moravia Historical Society or Moravia Public Library, and may be mailed to Thomas Funeral Home, ATTN: Uhlenhake family, 501 North 18th Street, Centerville, Iowa 52544.

Condolences may be shared online at [www.thomasfh.com](http://www.thomasfh.com) or [www.facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome](http://www.facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome).



## Tribute Wall

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RK

**Richard Keilig** posted:

I knew Kathy from working with her at Centerville High School and IRSPA. She was a dedicated educator and enjoyed helping others. I did not learn of her passing until today, September 14. She will be missed. Best wishes to her family at this difficult time. Richard H. Keilig Jr. President IRSPA Appanoose and Wayne Units 5th District CHS 1999 -2017 MUHS 2019- Present Lt. Colonel MS USAR (R) Lt. Moulton FD

September 13 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

In honor of Kathy, love the Uddins

August 30 at 7:00 PM

SB

**Sheila Van Blaricon** posted:

So sorry for the entire Uhlenhake family. I worked with Kathy for 10 years at Centerville. We shared a lot of laughs. She made it the job enjoyable.

August 29 at 7:00 PM

BD

**Bob And Sally Van Dorin** posted:

Thinking of you at this difficult time, we're so sorry for your loss. Bob and Sally Van Dorin

August 28 at 7:00 PM

TS

**The Mckinley's** posted:

We are so very sorry for your loss.

August 26 at 7:00 PM

ST

**Sara Tait** lit a candle in honor of Kathy.



August 26 at 7:00 PM



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TC

**Trelawney Carman** posted:

So sorry to hear this. She was such a wonderful lady. ♥

August 26 at 7:00 PM

CE

**Christy Cisna Ehrle** posted:

So enjoyed Kathy. Keeping you all in prayer.

August 26 at 7:00 PM

GD

**Gerry Deville** posted:

We always enjoyed spending time with Kathy when she visited AZ. Over the years we saw the beautiful projects of love she created and sent to Joanne and her family. When she invited us to the Uhlenhake reunion in Iowa, we saw her in a total different role....not only had she planned the whole event, but there was food and activities for all! She will be missed. Dick and Gerry DeVille

August 26 at 7:00 PM

BH

**Barb Halupnick** posted:

So sorry 🙏

August 26 at 7:00 PM

CP

**Cindy Printy** posted:

So very sorry. Praying for the family.

August 26 at 7:00 PM

BP

**Belinda Potter** posted:

What a nice lady. My condolences to her family.

August 25 at 7:00 PM



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PV

**Peggy Demry Vandenberg** posted:

So very sorry to hear thus, sending prayers 🙏

August 25 at 7:00 PM

DS

**Denise Sheston** posted:

So sorry to hear this. Prayers for the family.

August 25 at 7:00 PM

DH

**Dan Howington** posted:

Sorry for the family's loss, prayers for the family!

August 25 at 7:00 PM

CT

**Clarissia Henshaw Thomas** posted:

Sorry

August 25 at 7:00 PM

VB

**Vicki Bride** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

August 25 at 7:00 PM

SN

**Sandy Nab** posted:

Sending prayers for the family and friends

August 25 at 7:00 PM

NT

**Nellie Thomas** posted:

So sorry for your loss, sending prayers to all.

August 25 at 7:00 PM



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TS

**Tonia Sprouse** posted:

So sorry for your families loss.

August 25 at 7:00 PM

KM

**Kayla Young Montgomery** posted:

Sending prayers to the entire Uhlenhake family.

August 25 at 7:00 PM

PH

**Patricia Huebner** posted:

Prayers to the family

August 25 at 7:00 PM

DA

**Deanna Allen** posted:

RIP

August 25 at 7:00 PM

CS

**Carla Sebolt** posted:

Oh my goodness..sweet lady. Enjoyed working with her and knowing her!

August 25 at 7:00 PM

CD

**Cara Sanders Drake** posted:



August 25 at 7:00 PM

JZ

**Jill Pefley Zintz** posted:

Thinking of you Jeff Toney. Your mom was a sweetheart.

August 25 at 7:00 PM



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SK

**Sheila Kirby** posted:

Sending our sympathy to the family.

August 25 at 7:00 PM

LR

**Lisa Richardson** posted:

So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to the family.

August 25 at 7:00 PM

ES

**Etta Smith** posted:

Prayers for the family!

August 25 at 7:00 PM

JB

**Jr Bonus** posted:

Sending prayers for all your family 🙏❤️

August 25 at 7:00 PM

CM

**Chris Mcdanel** posted:

So sorry to hear this. Our condolences to the family

August 25 at 7:00 PM

PP

**Patricia Probasco** posted:

She was a beautiful, kind and loving woman! Our deepest condolences.

August 25 at 7:00 PM

SM

**Sandy Mitchell** posted:

Prayers for the family.

August 25 at 7:00 PM



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TD

**Tony Deininger** posted:

Very sorry for the family's loss! 🙏🙏

August 25 at 7:00 PM

MM

**Megan Miller** posted:

Aww so sorry!

August 25 at 7:00 PM

BC

**Barb Climie** posted:

An outstanding librarian who was always so good to my students!

August 25 at 7:00 PM

CM

**Claudia Mccarthy** posted:

So sorry to hear. Prayers for the family

August 25 at 7:00 PM

SM

**Susan Mcdanel** posted:

We had such a good time teaching across the hall from each other. 😊

August 25 at 7:00 PM

PB

**Paula Brinegar** posted:

Prayers for the family.

August 25 at 7:00 PM

PS

**Penny Sharp** posted:

Sending prayers to the entire Uhlenhake family.

August 25 at 7:00 PM



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JB

**Jan Bolin** posted:

Condolences to the family.

August 25 at 7:00 PM

EL

**Estrella Y Luis** posted:

Sad to hear this news! She was a great teacher and friend. Thoughts and prayers to the family and friends. :(

August 25 at 7:00 PM

DZ

**Dorothy Zaputil** posted:

I am so sorry to hear this. My sincere condolences to the family. Prayers for comfort and peace.

August 25 at 7:00 PM

JA

**Janet Tissue Acheson** posted:

Clay Uhlenhake I'm so sorry for your loss. She was a sweet lady.

August 25 at 7:00 PM

CH

**Courtney Hiatt Hawkins** posted:

So sorry for the family's loss. I enjoyed working with her in Moulton.

August 25 at 7:00 PM

MC

**Michelle Guffey Cairns** posted:

So sorry for the families loss.

August 25 at 7:00 PM

MM

**Marti Mefferd** posted:

So sorry for your loss.

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AH

**Alan Harrington** posted:

A great lady !!!!!

August 25 at 7:00 PM

JM

**Joan Mobley** posted:

So sorry for your loss. She was a wonderful person.

August 25 at 7:00 PM

LR

**Linsey Symmonds Rouse** posted:

Sorry for your loss Tammy Butz Uhlenhake

August 25 at 7:00 PM

NI

**Navigator Development Group Inc.** posted:

You are in our thoughts and prayers. Keith and Peggy Gay & your Navigator family

August 25 at 7:00 PM

AU

**A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Kathy Ann Uhlenhake** posted:

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Thomas - Centerville

August 25 at 7:00 PM

NT

**Nellie Thomas** lit a candle in honor of Kathy.

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

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



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