



## Kathleen "Kathy" Frances O'Neal

March 27, 1943 - September 15, 2023

Kathleen "Kathy" Frances O'Neal, age 80, of Miller, passed away September 15, 2023. She was born March 27, 1943 in Gary, Indiana to Ervin and Dorothy O'Neal. The family lived in Miller, close to Lake Michigan, which gave Kathy a love for boating. She graduated from Wirt High School in Miller, earned an undergraduate degree from MacMurray College and earned a Master's degree from Indiana University. For many years, she taught history and English in the Lake Ridge School District, eventually working in administration until her retirement.

Kathy loved history and never stopped pursuing it, enrolling in many Great Courses online. It also led her to love traveling; to visit and explore the world. She achieved visiting all seven continents including Antarctica! Kathy loved the smaller cruise boats and owned a power boat herself which she was able to use on Lake Michigan. Her love of history also led her to explore archeology and anthropology and the many cultures which she visited.

Kathy was a member of the Miller Power Squadron. She was an avid weaver, owned several looms and exhibited her work. She was a long time member of the Weavers Guild in the area and also the Knitters Guild. Kathy loved to pursue more technical designs and challenged herself to intricate patterns and color schemes. Her family has been the grateful recipients of many of her creative and warm endeavors. She will be greatly missed.

Kathy is survived by her brother-William (Gail), niece-Caitlin, nephew- David; three great nieces; one great nephew.

The family will welcome friends and family on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, for a memorial visitation from 4:00 p.m., until the time of memorial service at 6:00 p.m., at Burns Funeral Home, 701 East 7th Street, Hobart, IN 46342, Pastor John Starr officiating. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

SEP **20**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *My deepest condolences to Kathy's family We taught together for many years. She always had that wonderful smile. Rest in peace.*

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**Lou Lindinger** - September 19, 2023 at 09:51 AM



“ *I met Kathy at Duneland Weaver's guild. She was such a kind-hearted person and always willing to share her knowledge whether it was a pattern or an article. I am so grateful to have gotten to know her.*

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**Melvenea** - September 18, 2023 at 08:41 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kathleen "Kathy" Frances O'Neal.*

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September 18, 2023 at 05:34 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kathleen "Kathy" Frances O'Neal.*



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“ I met Kathy at the Duneland Weavers Guild many years ago. She was the anchor of all weaving knowledge. Our "treasure" for many years. I am heartbroken. Condolences to her family, God Bless each of you during this sad time.



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**Sherron Pampalone** - September 18, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Kathleen "Kathy" Frances O'Neal.



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September 18, 2023 at 12:30 PM