

Rest in peace Kay Olson, who read the obituaries and listened to the funeral announcements every day. Kay Darlene (Grayson) Olson passed away peacefully in Alexandria, MN on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, from a brain aneurysm. She was 79 years old.

Kay was born in Erdahl Township on January 4th, 1941 to (Robert) Dale and Engeline Ida (Wiebel) Grayson. She later was joined by 2 wonderful brothers: Daryle Lloyd Grayson (1944) and Allen Dale Grayson (1947). Kay attended country school through 4th grade, then Barrett school, graduating salutatorian in 1959. She was very active in school and 4H.

Kay received her Education Degree from St. Cloud State then taught in Minnetonka and at Lincoln Elementary in Alexandria. She took a few years off to have children and spend important formative time with Ang and Shawn while they were young. Kay then became a Head Start teacher for about 25 years. She also worked at the Douglas County Hospital switchboard for 20 years before retiring in 2010. Kay lived on Elm Street near the post office.

Kay always thought of others and put them first. She never said a bad word about anyone and tried to live by example as a generous, kind, thoughtful human being. She liked to travel, starting with a wild trip through Europe in the 1960's, taking Caribbean cruises, visiting friends and relatives in Phoenix, LA, Miami, Hawaii, Nevada, and her annual x-roommates reunion wherever it was. Kay was active in the United Congregational Church in Alex and with many social groups, including former teachers, hospital workers, the DFL Party, and her GOST group. When relaxing at home Kay was a terrific cribbage player, liked to watch the news, and enjoyed computer solitaire. She loved The Sound Of Music, donated to TPT Public TV, and would go to sleep to classical music.

Kay is survived by her daughter Angela (Ang) Elaine Olson, son Shawn Allen Olson; brothers, Daryle Lloyd Grayson and Allen Dale Grayson; many loved nieces and nephews and all of their children; a black cat named Coal, and cousin Joy Lenora May (Symens) Christiansen. Kay was preceded in death by her parents Dale and Engeline Grayson. Kay's mother Engeline passed when Kay was in her 20's, and that shaped her entire outlook on life as they were very close.

# Remembering the Life Of



**Kay D. Olson**  
**1941 - 2020**

## **I'm Free**

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.*

*I took his hand when I heard his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My Life's been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

*In Loving Memory of*

**Kay D. Olson**

January 4, 1941 † March 12, 2020

### **Memorial Service**

First Congregational Church  
Alexandria, Minnesota  
Saturday, March 21, 2020, 11:00 AM

### **Officiants**

Pastor Jill Sanders  
Pastor Michael Fritz

### **Musical Selections By**

Greg Kapphahn

### **Burial**

Union Cemetery  
Elbow Lake, Minnesota

### **Arrangements**

Anderson Funeral Home  
Alexandria, Minnesota