

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.

where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning
that we are pardoned; and
it is in dying
that we are born to eternal life.



I N L O V I N G
Memory

Kathryn V. LeBrasseur

March 10, 1930 † August 21, 2023

CELEBRATION OF KATHRYN'S LIFE

First Congregational Church of Christ

Alexandria, Minnesota

Saturday, September 23, 2023

10:00 AM

OFFICIANT

Rev. Dr. Jill Sanders

ORGANIST

Margaret Kalina

SOLOIST

Jennifer Maloney

HONORARY URN BEARERS

Kate LeBrasseur Eric LeBrasseur

Tara Pham

INTERMENT

Kinkead Cemetery

Alexandria, Minnesota

Kathryn Vinje LeBrasseur, a beloved member of the Alexandria community, passed away on August 21, 2023, at Alomere Health in Alexandria. Born on March 10, 1930, in Alexandria, Minnesota, Kathryn was the daughter of James and Innis LeRoy. She grew up in this close-knit community and dedicated her life to serving others.

Kathryn's journey of service began with her passion for education. After graduating from Central High School in Alexandria in 1948, she attended Ribbon College in Wisconsin before earning her Bachelor of Science degree in Education from the University of Minnesota. Kathryn's career as a teacher spanned an impressive 26 years. She taught in various locations such as Cloquet, MN; Tucson, AZ; St. Louis Park; Willmar; Superior; and Fairbanks, AK. Her dedication to educating young minds touched countless lives.

While teaching in Cloquet, Kathryn encountered the love of her life, Donald LeBrasseur. In 1954, they exchanged vows and embarked on a journey together that lasted nearly six decades. From their union came two sons, Paul and James. Family was always Kathryn's number one priority.

In addition to her role as a wife and mother, Kathryn played an active role within the Alexandria and Douglas County communities. Known for her accepting nature and compassion towards all people, Kathryn became deeply involved in various organizations that aimed to improve the lives of others. Some notable organizations she contributed to include Meals on Wheels, Rainbow Rider, revitalization of the Douglas County Senior Center, Douglas County Fair, and First Congregational United Church of Christ.

Throughout her lifetime of selfless service and dedication to her community, Kathryn received recognition for her exceptional contributions. She was awarded Sertoma's Service to Mankind Award for her tireless efforts. In 2016, Mayor Carlson bestowed upon her the title "Mrs. Alexandria" as a testament to her unwavering commitment to the betterment of the community.

Kathryn's impact reached far beyond her immediate surroundings. She actively participated in enhancing the lives of others and fostering growth within her community. Notable accomplishments include attending the first State and Girls Nation in 1947, being named Teacher of the Year in Fairbanks, Alaska, in 1978, receiving the honor of Citizen of the Year for the Douglas County Fair Board in 2015, and instrumental work in establishing the Lifelong Learning Institute.

Outside of her numerous accomplishments, Kathryn enjoyed spending quality time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She cherished every moment with them and brought joy with her good sense of humor and playful teasing.

Kathryn is survived by her loving son James (Lori) LeBrasseur of Alexandria. She leaves behind three grandchildren: Tara (Phil) Pham, Kate LeBrasseur, and Eric LeBrasseur. Her legacy continues through her two great-grandchildren, Zoe Pham and Kal Pham. Additionally, Kathryn is fondly remembered by nieces, nephews, extended family members, and a wide circle of friends.

Kathryn was preceded in death by her father James LeRoy; mother Innis LeRoy; husband Donald LeBrasseur; son Paul LeBrasseur; brother James LeRoy; sister Mary Alice LeRoy Westenberg.

Kathryn Vinje LeBrasseur will forever be remembered for her unwavering love and commitment to her family, her dedication to education, and her endless service to the Alexandria community. She leaves behind a legacy of kindness, compassion, and a deep desire to make the world a better place.

Celebrating THE *Life* OF



Kathryn V. LeBrasseur
1930 ~ 2023