



Kathryn Marie Schwyn

May 8, 1920 - November 6, 2023

ANCHORAGE, AK- Kathryn Schwyn, 103, formerly of Blissfield, MI, passed away on Monday, November 6, 2023, in Anchorage, Alaska. Kathryn was born May 8, 1920, to Harvey and Herma Fortney in Fayette, Ohio. When she was seven, the family moved to Morenci, Michigan, where she grew up. In 1937 she moved to the Blissfield area to attend Normal School, and resided there until 2002, when she moved to Alaska to be near family.

She married William "Bill" Schwyn in 1940, who preceded her in death in 2002. She began her career as a teacher in 1938 at the Silberhorn School in the Riga area. In 1957 the family purchased Schwyn Chevrolet where she worked until retirement.

Her hobbies included playing bridge and traveling. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Riga and Joy Lutheran Church in Eagle River, Alaska. She certainly enjoyed activities with her family, whether it was watching their musical productions or just going out to eat together.

She is survived by her daughter Sue Soellers, son-in-law, Charles Soellers, three grandchildren, Sean Soellers, Jolene Soellers, and Erin Soellers, and 11 great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her much-loved sister, Margaret White.

Funeral services will be held at Joy Lutheran Church in Eagle River, Alaska on Friday, November 10, 2023 at 11 a.m. A graveside service will take place on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 2 p.m. at Riga Cemetery. Local arrangements have been entrusted to Wagley Funeral Home, Tagsold Chapel where online

condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Riga Cemetery

Cemetery Road
Riga, MI

Previous Events

Funeral Service

NOV 10. 11:00 AM.

Joy Lutheran Church
Eagle River, AK

Graveside Service

NOV 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

Riga Cemetery
Cemetery Road
Riga, MI

Tribute Wall

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“ I have wonderful memories of time spent with Kathryn during my 20 years I was involved with her at Trinity Lutheran Church. We worked together preparing many meals for various occasions, Bible studies, teaching Sunday school and VBS. I remember the story she told the ladies about a time she was in the bathtub and a bird was able to come down the vent pipe and was sitting on the toilet watching her. She was a little scared of birds so she was trying to get Bill to come get the bird. For those of you who knew Bill's love for baseball. He had the tv and radio on and didn't hear her shouts. I always thought she was just the most beautiful, gracious lady I ever knew. RIP Kathryn. Prayers for the family.

Sandra (Brieschke) Brady - November 10, 2023 at 11:52 PM

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“ What a long and wonderful life! My fondest memory of your mom is of the wonderful Christmas eve gatherings she had at you home. It was a very special time and a memory to cherish. Shawn Schwyn Emerson

Shawn Emerson - November 10, 2023 at 07:21 AM

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“ We are so sorry to learn of Kathryn's death. She was a great lady and a pleasure to know. She will be missed by all who knew her. Frank & Donna Riley

Frank & Donna Riley - November 09, 2023 at 01:37 PM