



## Kathryn Louise (Kay) Stiegemeyer Bender

September 14, 1926 - February 13, 2021

Kathryn Louise (Kay) Stiegemeyer Bender went home to be with her Lord and Savior February 13, 2021. She was born September 14, 1926 to William F. and Caroline (Kollmeyer) Stiegemeyer in Diggins, MO. She was baptized and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church in Diggins, and attended Zion Lutheran School, Seymour High School, and Concordia Teachers College, Seward, NE. She and Edward Martin Bender were married June 23, 1951. He preceded her in death on June 30, 2016.

Kathryn shared her love for the Lord and for learning by teaching in Lutheran Schools in Columbus, NE, Evansville, IN, Maplewood, MO, Cape Girardeau, MO, Rolla, MO, and Arlington, VA. She retired in 1979.

She is survived by daughters Diane Maurer of Cape Girardeau, and Miriam (Jim) Larson of Knoxville, TN; grandchildren Matthew (Trish) Maurer of Argyle, WI, Ryan (Lulu Jiang) Maurer of Argyle, TX, Mikaela (Eric) Fuchs of North Augusta, SC, J. Aaron (Marie) Larson of Nashville, TN, Andrew (Jennifer) Maurer of Cape Girardeau, and LTJG Micah Larson with the USCG in Portsmouth, VA; great-grandchildren Henry, Seth, and Max Fuchs, and Madison, Amelia, and Isaac Maurer; a sister, Lucille (Jim) Boyle of Helena, AL and brother-in-law Kenneth (Martha) Bender of Cape Girardeau.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, sisters Ruby Lawson and Erma Stiegemeyer, and brothers Raymond and Harold Stiegemeyer.

Visitation will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Cape where Kathryn was a long-time member, from 9:00am until funeral services there at 11:00am on

Saturday, February 20, 2021, with burial following the service at Cape County Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran School Foundation or St. Francis Hospice.

The service will be livestreamed on Trinity Lutheran Church's Facebook Live page.

# Cemetery Details

## Cape County Memorial Park

2315 Highway 61 N  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 20. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
100 N. Frederick  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Funeral Service

FEB 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
100 N. Frederick  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Tribute Wall

SO

“ *Diane, I am so sorry about the passing of your mom. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.* ”



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**Susie O'Connell** - February 20, 2021 at 11:17 AM

JS

“ *Kay, Ed, Diane, and Miriam Bender were next door neighbors with my family in Rolla, MO. She was a good friend to my Mom, and I have many wonderful memories of times together. "Aunt" Kay, was also my kindergarten teacher at Immanuel Lutheran School. I remember she taught us to sing many songs. For a special Father's Day party, she taught the girls to sing, "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" and the boys sang, "For He's A Jolly Good Fellow". Just about every day, we were sure our snack time milk was rotten, so she reassured us that it was okay by pretending to taste our milk and announcing, "It tastes just fine to me!" I still have my Kindergarten silhouette (she made one for each student). My Mom loved it so much, she asked Kay if she would be willing to make one for each of my siblings: Tim, Phil, and Sue Ann. Of course...she did!!! Such a generous person, willing to share her time and talents with others, I know she made a difference in many people's lives, and she will be greatly missed! I would venture to say she is having fun in heaven with family, friends, and former students!* ”

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**Joan Streck** - February 19, 2021 at 12:39 AM

TS

“ *Tim Friederichs, Sue Ann Glusenkamp, & Joan Streck purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Kathryn Louise (Kay) Stiegemeyer Bender.*



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**Tim Friederichs, Sue Ann Glusenkamp, & Joan Streck -**  
February 18, 2021 at 11:39 PM

RH

“ *Mrs. Bender was my kindergarten teacher at Trinity Lutheran School. She was a loving, caring and patient teacher. Many of the 1965 TLS graduating class attended church at Trinity on October 6, 2019. We were thrilled to have Mrs. Bender join us. Her beautiful smile was the same as in 1964-65. She remembered all our names and told us long forgotten stories about our class. Thank you Mrs. Bender. Prayers for her family.*



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**Roxanne Huckstep -** February 17, 2021 at 10:56 PM

YF

“ *Your FDC Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kathryn Louise (Kay) Stiegemeyer Bender.*



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**Your FDC Family -** February 17, 2021 at 11:26 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Kathryn Louise (Kay) Stiegemeyer Bender.



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February 15, 2021 at 05:13 PM



“ *Mrs. Bender was my teacher at Trinity Lutheran School. She was kind, patient, caring and left a lasting impression on me. Condolences to her family. You have lost a wonderful person. Ruth Ellen*

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**Ruth Ellen** - February 15, 2021 at 01:49 PM