



Mrs. Kathleen Patricia Kanzler

April 13, 1934 - July 8, 2019

Kathleen Patricia Kanzler, 85 of Chateaugay, NY passed away Monday, July 8, 2019.

Kathleen was born on Apr. 13, 1934 in Detroit, MI, she was the daughter of Vincent and Helen (Murtagh) McGivney.

As a young lady she started showing Collies. She attended Wayne State and Michigan State Colleges. Kathleen married LTC Norbert Kanzler on Dec. 21, 1954 in Detroit, MI, her husband of 62 years which had retired from the US Army after 29 years of service. This provided for international travel while raising their three children. In 1957 she started breeding Miniature Schnauzers and in 1958 Norbert and Kathleen moved to Alaska where they were introduced to the Siberian Husky. She was a very prolific reader, enjoying mysteries and staying in tune with local and world news. Kathleen was an Author and Coauthor of several books. She is listed in *Who's Who of American Woman 1997-1998* also in *Who's Who in the World*. She had been a Board Member of the Siberian Husky Club of American, a Delegate to the American Kennel Club, and Chairperson with the Morris Foundation. She was a World renowned International Dog Show Judge having assignments in six continents.

She and her husband owned the Innisfree Kennel, world renown for Siberian Huskies and Shiba Inu. Her passion and love for animals was evident by everyone that knew her. She traveled the world with her husband Norbert, on dog judging assignments and conducting seminars.

She is survived by two children, John and his wife Pamela and Sheila and her husband Frank; two grandchildren, Patrick and Kevin; a brother, Michael McGivney and his wife Janet and several nieces and nephews. She will be missed by everyone that was blessed to have met her.

She was predeceased by her husband, Norbert, parents and oldest daughter Patricia.

Calling hours will be held at the Chateaugay Funeral Home on Friday, July 19 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with a prayer service immediately following at 1:30. Burial will be held at the Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia at a later date, where she will join her husband, Norbert.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Morris Animal Foundation (www.morrisanimalfoundation.org) or Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers (www.tunnel2towers.org).

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 19. 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Chateaugay Funeral Home
36 Church Street
Chateaugay, NY 12920
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Prayer service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Vickie Mateer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kathleen Patricia Kanzler*



Vickie Mateer - September 10, 2023 at 06:24 PM



*Kathleen is one of the most intriguing people I ever met in my life. Her whole family was/is all dedicate their lives to the betterment of the breeds of all dogs, not just the ones they show and own themselves. Thank you for trusting me with 3 gorgeous Siberian pups I loved ever since I saw them up at the farm. You will be missed Kathleen, Trish and husband Norb. Will love all of you forever and thank you for allowing me into your lives for a bit
Love,
Vickie Mateer
Dogs Kona, Sadie and Murphy Brown. Plus my family members Harry, Lauren, Nolan and Morgan Mateer*

Vickie Mateer - September 10, 2023 at 06:34 PM



“ *Tanks so much breeding you Kennel. Brazil luto..*

Wagner Faria - August 19, 2019 at 10:43 PM

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“ We are so sorry to hear of Kathleen's passing. She was a friend for almost fifty years and one of our favorite people. She was an icon in the dog world and will be truly missed.

Tom and Nioma Coen

Tom and Nioma Coen - July 23, 2019 at 01:11 PM

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“ To Sheila and John and their families and to the McGivney Family, It is with much friendship and honor as being associated with your families for so long that I am writing another note to you all after having seen you already lose both Trish and Mr. Kanzler in the last 2 1/2 years. As I have said before, it is an honor to have met your family starting back in the 1960's and to have you as such close friends of our family, and as such great neighbors up there on the Star Road neighborhood.

And much as with both Trish and Mr. Kanzler, I will miss the wit and smile of your mother and family member through so many years, even going back to Accokeek where she always welcomed me into your home. You could always tell that your mother was a person of pride and honor in both her family, and how she created and took such loving care of her kennel and dogs and all the friends that she had made through the years with the dogs. She will be very much missed.

Clarence Clark

Clarence Clark - July 19, 2019 at 02:13 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Kathleen Patricia Kanzler.*



July 19, 2019 at 07:18 AM



“ *A person who swept you under her wing shareing Siberian knowledge and show training. Best education ever and being treated as family. I loved my visits even if just playing with puppies; and dog show trips were work but oh what fun. My heart goes out to the family and all that were honored to know her and the family. My heart is heavy.*

Judy Johnson

Judy Johnson - July 12, 2019 at 09:09 PM