



Fern Kathleen Ramirez

August 12, 1926 - July 19, 2018

Fern Kathleen Ramirez, 91, of Fond du Lac, went to heaven on Thursday, July 19, 2018, at Hospice Home of Hope.

She was born on August 12, 1926, in Fond du Lac, the daughter of Frank and Lettie (Baker) Pygall. She was a graduate of Fond du Lac Senior High School, Class of 1944 and was declared Valedictorian of her class. She was awarded a scholarship to Carroll College (Waukesha) and also attended Marian College (Fond du Lac). She taught primary grades at Lincoln School, Fond du Lac, middle grades at Grace Episcopal in Florida and St. Mary Springs in Fond du Lac. She served as a substitute teacher in Ocala and Fond du Lac. Oddly enough she also taught a course in Astronomy at Taycheedah State Prison.

On September 20, 1947 she married Thomas P. Ramirez at the First Baptist Church, Fond du Lac. She gave birth to daughter Vianne Marie (1949) and son Gregory Thomas (1951).

She was an avid reader of science fiction, loved to dance, and had numerous friends all over the United States. Fern loved to travel and engineered summer trips to National Parks all over the United States. She joined her daughter briefly at an archaeological “dig” in Peru, and also took in the pyramids of Egypt. She later travelled to Spain with her husband. She lived in

Buffalo Grove, IL for two years where he wrote for a tabloid newspaper. In 1979 they moved to Ocala, FL, where he continued writing novels, also ran a hotel/motel service business. He was a stringer for The National Enquirer for 21 years. They always spent a summer month and Christmas in Fond du Lac. She and Agnes Edwards were instrumental in establishing The St. Paul's Cathedral "Mouse Factory".

She is survived by her husband, her daughter, Vianne and her husband William Sakoda, grandsons: Carlos and Akira and her son Gregory's (deceased) children, Jason and Courtney, her great granddaughter, Lylah and great grandson, Sebastian, and Courtney's children, Carter and Hayden.

VISITATION: Friends may call on Saturday, July 28, 2018, from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Cathedral, 51 West Division Street, Fond du Lac.

FUNERAL: Mass will be held on Saturday, July 28, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Cathedral. A luncheon in the cathedral parish hall will follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorials appreciated to St. Paul's Cathedral or Fern's favorite charity, animal retreat, Valley of the Kings.

Sweet love---

May bands of angels bear thee to thy rest

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 28. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Cathedral Church of St. Paul
51 West Division Street
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Service

JUL 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ Although I never knew Fern I went to school with Vianne, her daughter. We've not kept in touch over the years but I still need to express my sympathy to Fern's family. Vianne was always special and different in a wonderful, fun and exciting way. And a dig in Peru? How very cool you two could share that experience. It sounds as if Fern lived her life completely with all kinds of great experiences with the Mouse Factory as part of her legacy. Saying that final goodbye to your Mother is so hard. Again, my sympathy.

June Bahr - August 06, 2018 at 12:28 PM

AL

“ I only knew Fern for a few short years through the Allied Authors, however in that short time span she made an impression on me. Her caring demeanor and great view on life is one that I won't forget. I loved her intelligent and witty observations in meetings, regardless if it was for my projects or anyone else's'. She was an amazing person and will be very much missed.

Alexia - July 27, 2018 at 01:57 PM

DW

“ Dear friend, fellow Allied Author, proofreader — Fern was all of these things and more to me.

While she will be greatly missed, I'm also happy for her because I know she is now in a place where there is no pain or suffering — indeed, only joy — and look forward to reuniting with her again when my time comes.

God bless Fern and her family.

David Michael Williams - July 26, 2018 at 11:50 AM

AA

“ *Allied Authors purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Fern Kathleen Ramirez.*



Allied Authors - July 25, 2018 at 11:27 PM

JB

“ *I knew Fern primarily through words, written words, to be precise, and so I suppose it's only fitting for me to say farewell using them here.*

It was my privilege and honor to meet her and Tom in the late '90s as a guest at one of their writing group meetings; later, as a member myself, my affection and respect for them grew through the years. In the group, we would read and critique each others literary efforts and Fern's comments were eagerly sought, well thought out, and highly beneficial. Fortunately, for some of us, her discerning eye, attention to detail, and sharp wit were always tempered by a kind gentle heart (even as she quite efficiently dissected the rare piece of clumsy writing!).

When she and Tom hosted meetings in their lovely Fond du Lac home, she was ever the gracious hostess; chairs comfy, snack bowls filled to capacity, cold drinks frosty, hot coffee steaming, and a wonderfully delicious sit down meal (particularly appreciated by those of us generally confined to—meaning stuck with--our own culinary efforts!).

An extraordinary lady, Fern was loved and she shall be missed.

*Rest well, my friend,
Jack Byrne*

Jack Byrne - July 25, 2018 at 11:00 PM