



Kathleen Schalk

September 24, 1937 - April 5, 2026

Kathleen Schalk, 88, died peacefully in her sleep early on Easter morning, April 5, 2026, at Harbor Haven in Fond du Lac.

She was born September 24, 1937, in West Allis, Wisconsin, daughter to Arthur and Ann (Reisman) Voss. She graduated from UW Whitewater with a degree in business education and taught at New London High School beginning in 1961. On June 22nd, 1963, she married James D. Schalk. Their love story was one for the story books. Their parents were family friends, and they knew each other since childhood. They connected later as pen pals while Jim served in the Marine Corps and the rest is history. They lived in Muskego, Wisconsin and moved to Rosendale, Wisconsin in 1972.

She worked at the Rosendale State Bank, starting as a teller and working her way to a vice president. Later she worked with Jim and other dear friends at Bluemkes in Rosendale.

She attended Peace Lutheran Church in Rosendale where she spent terms on the church council and served as a synod delegate, all while wrangling four young boys.

She loved her cats, and was passionate about feeding and watching birds, as well as tending to her multitudes of beautiful gardens in her yard.

She is survived by her four sons: Glenn (Sara) Schalk of Neenah, Brian (Kara) Schalk of Kenosha, Peter (friend Laura) Schalk of Fond du Lac, and Eric (Amy) Schalk of Fond du Lac; seven grandchildren Hannah and Ian Schalk, and Jonathon (Jordyn), Garrett (Christina), and Liam (fiancée Emily), and

Alexis (fiancé Ira) and Serena; four great grandchildren: Sawyer, Julianna, Peyton, and Lux; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a grandson, Hogan Schalk; her brother Gilbert Voss; and her beloved husband James Schalk.

Services: A memorial service will be at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at Kurki Funeral Chapel, 31 E. Division St., Fond du Lac, with Pastor Jeff Blain presiding.

Visitation: The family will greet friends and relatives from 11:30 a.m. until the time of service at Kurki Funeral Chapel.

The family would like to thank the staff at Harbor Haven for their care and concern shown to the family during this time.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory
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Service

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Tribute Wall

VN

“ *Kathy was ahead high school classmate, 1955. She is remembered for her good cheer and kindness. Sympathy to the family.*

Vivian Mohr Norton - May 05 at 04:38 PM

BB

“ *My sympathy to all of the family. Remembering the "Watertown Gang" reunions with Grandma Voss at the farm in Watertown and then to the Voss farm up north. Wonderful memories. Sorry I could not get to Kathy's visitation as I don't drive that far anymore.*
Betty Bergdoll

Betty Bergdoll - April 15 at 11:07 AM

DM

“ *God be with all who shared love and connection. The most beautiful and wonderful gift of all. Prayers and love.*

Dusty Miller - April 09 at 05:43 PM

LG

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Schalk family. Kathy will be forever remembered as a good friend & neighbor. Remember the happy times spent with her and know that she made a difference in lots of lives. May God lift you all up during this time of sorrow. RIP Kathy.*

Louise Guenzel - April 08 at 10:55 AM