



## Kay Hermsmeyer Kasten

April 26, 1949 - January 4, 2020

Kay Hermsmeyer Kasten, age 70, of Petersburg, Illinois, died at 6:41 p.m. on Saturday, January 4, 2020, at her home. She was born on April 26, 1949, in Litchfield, Illinois, one of three children of Dr. Carl and Joyce Hermsmeyer.

Kay graduated from Litchfield High School and Brown's Business College in Springfield. She worked many years at the Petersburg Observer and State of Illinois EPA. She was an excellent cook but rhubarb pie was her specialty. She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her two grandkids.

Kay is survived by her husband, William Kasten; her daughter, Tara (husband Dane) Cox; granddaughter, Bailey Cox; grandson, Hayden Cox; a brother, David (wife Toni) Hermsmeyer; a sister, Beth (husband Bob) Harmon; and many nieces and nephews.

Kay was preceded in death by her parents.

A visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. on January 8, 2020, at Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg, Illinois. A graveside service will immediately follow the visitation at Rose Hill Cemetery in Petersburg.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Kay's name may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. Please visit Kay's online obituary at [hurleyfh.com](http://hurleyfh.com) to share

memories and leave condolences.

# Cemetery Details

## Rose Hill Cemetery

Petersburg, IL 62675

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 8. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Petersburg  
122 West Douglas Avenue  
Petersburg, IL 62675  
(217) 632-2500  
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

## Graveside Service

JAN 8. 12:00 PM (CT)

Rose Hill Cemetery  
Petersburg, IL 62675

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kay Hermsmeyer Kasten*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to all of Kay's family in your loss.*  
*Gloria Pettijohn*

**Gloria Pettijohn** - January 13, 2020 at 07:14 PM



“ *My sympathy to Bill and family. Kay was always such a sweet lady.*  
*Pat Harris, Rt 97 Crusaders friend.*

**Pat Harris** - January 13, 2020 at 02:47 PM



“ *Kay was a classmate and friend in Litchfield. I remember her being in every activity and many classes as well and always a sweet spirit. She and Jan (Beck) Kaiser were together all the time, with Diane (Hartke) Cohn and Lynnette Martin and Susie Pence. Our circles overlapped all the time and we remember Kay from childhood. It was especially nice to see her at our recent reunions and reconnect to our history and relationship with "old" friends. I am sad to hear of her passing and know she will be missed. Thanks for the memories, Kay, and Rest in Peace.*  
*Mary (Fearn) Snelson*

**Mary Gene Fearn Snelson** - January 11, 2020 at 07:50 PM

JC

“ Thoughts and prayers for Kay's family during this time.



Jo Ann Boucher Currie - January 09, 2020 at 11:18 PM

KK

“ I was blessed to work with Kay at the Petersburg Observer over 30 years ago and still remember fondly our conversations and her care of me as a recent college graduate and newly married woman in the working world. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends. Kellie Knight

Kellie Knight - January 08, 2020 at 10:59 AM

CJ

“ Carla Jones lit a candle in memory of Kay Hermsmeyer Kasten



Carla Jones - January 08, 2020 at 12:12 AM

CJ

“ Kay was a wonderful kind person. I am blessed to have worked with her and have her as a friend. I loved her humor. She will be missed. My heart goes out to her family.

Carla Jones - January 08, 2020 at 12:12 AM

MS

“ Prayers to your family in this difficult time. With Sympathy Mark & Mona Stewart

MARK & MONA STEWART - January 07, 2020 at 07:44 PM

JS

“ I worked with Kay at IEPA and she was the sweetest person and very shy until you got to know her. Everyone loved her. She always made me smile and I could count on her to get things moving. I will truly miss her and her great smile. May God bless her and her family!

Jackie Sims

Jackie Sims - January 07, 2020 at 04:15 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kay Hermsmeyer Kasten.



January 07, 2020 at 11:36 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Kay Hermsmeyer Kasten.



January 07, 2020 at 10:20 AM

CE

“ *Such a sweet lady. God bless her, and be with her family. Rest In Peace Kay.*

Cindy Bahner EPA - January 06, 2020 at 09:57 PM

EE

“ *I always enjoyed visiting with Kay. She was a very sweet, kind person. I ask for God's love to help you through this most difficult time. In Jesus name we pray. Amen*

Erla Ebken - January 06, 2020 at 09:53 PM

CG

“ *Kay was a beautiful gentle soul, from a wonderful family! I remember Kay had beautiful long blonde hair in high school, and I wanted to look just like her! Kay will be remembered for her kindness! Our sympathy to her family especially Beth Harmon & Dave Hermsmeyer.*

Colleen Brown Gray - January 06, 2020 at 08:36 PM

ES

“ *Thinking of your family at this difficult time. Prayers and sympathy. Ellen Standish*

Ellen Standish - January 06, 2020 at 06:52 PM

ES

“ *Ellen Standish lit a candle in memory of Kay Hermsmeyer Kasten*



Ellen Standish - January 06, 2020 at 06:47 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kay Hermsmeyer Kasten.*



January 06, 2020 at 06:46 PM



“ *William, Tara, David, Toni, Beth, Bob, and extended families, asking for God’s peace to continue to comfort and surround you with everlasting love as you celebrate Kay’s life. Peace be with you 🙏🕊️💕*



**Hal Simpson** - January 06, 2020 at 06:32 PM



“ *So very sorry for your loss we will be thinking of you and your family!*

**Performance Automotive Staff** - January 06, 2020 at 04:18 PM



“ *The Lacey's lit a candle in memory of Kay Hermsmeyer Kasten*



**The Lacey's** - January 06, 2020 at 04:15 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Kay Hermsmeyer Kasten.*



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January 06, 2020 at 03:31 PM



“ *Memories... such a sweet, soft spirited lady... I'm so sorry for your loss, Bill, Tara and all those who love her. May God hold you in His comfort during your time of grief. In Jesus name*

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**rita becker gottfred** - January 06, 2020 at 02:14 PM



“ *On behalf of myself and Petersburg Monument Company, we would like to extend our condolences and prayers during this difficult time. May Kay rest in eternal peace.*

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**Eric Creviston** - January 06, 2020 at 01:56 PM