



Kathy Kopp

December 13, 1942 - March 14, 2025

Kaethe Kopp of Lake In the Hills, IL passed away on March 14, 2025, at the age of 82.

She died with her beloved children Sonja and Walter, by her side.

Kathy was born on December 13, 1942, in Franzfeld, Yugoslavia, the daughter of Fredrick and Elisabeth Hild. Kathy endured a difficult childhood. Her family had to escape the Yugoslavian village of Franzfeld when the war broke out and head to Germany. They immigrated to Beitigheim, Germany. Her family later immigrated to America in 1956. At the age of 19, she married the love of her life, Adam Kopp. They lived and worked together for almost 58 years. They settled in Chicago and later moved to Palatine to raise their two children, Sonja and Walt.

Kathy and her husband Adam founded a welding company in 1978, Kopp Welding Inc., in Elk Grove Village, IL. As her husband ran everything in the shop, Kathy put her bookkeeping skills to work. Through their handwork and dedication they had a thriving business. The company still exists today and is now known as Chicago Welding & Fabrication.

Kathy took great joy in watching her 5 grandchildren grow up. She always attended all their sports games, choir concerts, plays and dance recitals. Her eyes would sparkle with joy later in life when she was with her great-

grandchildren Tripp and Reese. Kathy's favorite hobbies were home design, shopping, needlepoint, knitting and doting on her grandchildren.

We are very proud of Kathy as she broke the cycle of a traumatic childhood and became a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Kathy and Adam worked hard to earn the American dream and their dedication and handwork lead them there.

She is survived by her children, Sonja (Tim) Moran and Walt (Ellen) Kopp; grandchildren, Dana Moran, Adam (Emily) Kopp, Taylor Moran, Griffin Kopp and Halle Kopp; great grandchildren, Tripp Kopp and Reese Kopp; Brother, Fred (Carol) Hild and nephew Eric (Cheryl) Hild.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to JourneyCare Hospice, 405 N Lake Zurich Rd., Barrington, IL 60010