



# Kathleen "Kathy" Victoria Ryan

December 23, 1944 - May 13, 2024

Kathleen Victoria Ryan "Kathy"

Born December 23, 1944

Called to Heaven May 13, 2024

Kathy was born the fourth child to Melvin Eugene Ryan and Ella Martha Nelson Ryan James.

Although she always said that she came into this world backwards as a breech baby, she went

on to have a fulfilling and forward moving life. She was a friend to everyone she met and an

amazing sister, aunt, and mentor. Despite the fact that she had only a formal eighth grade

education, she had extraordinary talents in administration and management.

She was an

efficient and experienced administrative director. Throughout her life she assisted in operating a

hospital unit for labor and delivery, a medical clinic and lab, she was a purchasing director for a

rehabilitation and long term nursing facility, and a medical supply company.

She went on to

manage a trio of self-storage companies as well.

She did her jobs with the same expertise, care, love and excellence that she put forth into the

relationships of five generations of family members.

Kathy loved old westerns, embroidery, beaches, country and gospel music, sappy hallmark

movies and long running soap operas that she had watched with her mother and then into her senior years.

She loved the way she wanted to be loved, imparting knowledge, support, and encouragement

to all she met. Even though she spent a majority of her life in a wheelchair she did have time

periods where she was known to dance an Irish jig. She also loved an occasional Sloe Gin Fizz.

Kathy was preceded to her new life by her parents, step- father Robert L. James, brothers

Thomas, Michael, John, step-brother Rod, and sister Maureen.

Awaiting reunion with her are sisters Jo, Annie (Robert Brutus), Barb (Steve Swartz) and

Patricia, brother Melvin Jr as well as many nieces and nephews.

Kathy's faith in the Lord Jesus kept her strong and anchored so she could be a light to all.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

JUN **14**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn  
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*A lunch reception will follow the service at Reichmuth Funeral Home*

# Tribute Wall



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Kathleen "Kathy" Victoria Ryan*



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**Reichmuth Funeral Home** - June 10, 2024 at 07:58 PM

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“ *I sat on the beach and watched your service. It was beautiful. You were many things to many people, but to me you will always be Kakey. Thank you for being the glue to my dad's side. I got ya Kakey... I got ya.*

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**Mary Sherman** - June 14, 2024 at 11:54 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kathleen "Kathy" Victoria Ryan.*



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June 13, 2024 at 01:19 PM