



Kathryn Holt

January 7, 1920 - January 28, 2017

M. Kathryn Holt, age 97, died Saturday, January 28, 2017, at her home that she shared with her daughter and son-in-law. She was born January 7, 1920, in Seymour, Indiana, and was the daughter of Tyra Glenn Dollens and Zola D. Wadsworth Dollens. She worked for many years as an office manager for various oil companies, mostly in Southern Illinois. Her last working years were spent as head accountant/bookkeeper for the State Tuberculosis Sanitarium in Mt. Vernon, IL. She was born in Southern IN, but spent most of her life from her teenage years forward in Mt. Vernon, IL, where she was an active member of the Elks Club. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her three husbands, Verl Thompson Skinner (father of her youngest daughter), Stewart Matthew Chambers (father of her two oldest daughters), and William "Dub" Holt. Her oldest daughter, Susan Elizabeth Chambers Berner, and her brother, James Riley Dollens, also preceded her in death. She is survived by two daughters, Lana Jean Skinner White (Freddy) of Ashland, KY, and Christine Chambers White (Larry) of Elmhurst, IL; one sister, Delores Dollens Render (Ret. Col. Charles) of Clarksville, TN; her son-in law Robert Frank Berner of Olympia Fields, IL; six grandchildren, Lara, Aaron, Jenna, Michael, Julie, and Steven; and eight great-grandchildren. She was an inspiration for all who knew and loved her, demonstrating to her blended family a style of both grit and grace. Her sharp mind allowed her to keep meticulous and accurate account books for her home until the day she died. Her close friend, Linda Newsome, lovingly cared for her for four years until her passing. Kathryn and Linda described themselves as "Peas and Carrots!" In accordance with her wishes, there are no services scheduled at this time, but friends and family will gather sometime soon in Chicago, IL, the city she loved best, to celebrate her long life that spanned from the Roaring Twenties to the election of President Donald Trump.

Comments



“ LANA, I remember being in your home when you lived in Clarksville. Your mother was such a sweetheart. She would tell you, "that church lady called". She also lived that I sent handwritten notes. What a lady of grace and class! Not many of her caliber left. Cherish the memories. Love you friend. Will be praying for you.

Debbie West - February 01, 2017 at 08:28 PM



“ I have many fond memories of Kathryn that I will always hold near and dear, but the most recent one that stands out at the moment was watching the inauguration of President Donald Trump. She had been an avid supporter of him since he announced his intention to run for office and remained so throughout the election. She said many times that her goal was to make it to November so she could vote (which was of great importance to her). On the day of the inauguration, I had watched Vice President Pence take his and immediately made my way to Kathryn's room so I could watch President Trump with Kathryn. Freddy came into the room to share in that moment, as well. As President Trump raised his right hand, I got Kathryn's attention and the three of us watched together as our new President was sworn in, all the while smiling. I snapped a picture and sent it to Lana so she could share in the enjoyment. That was a very special moment with her that I will never forget and always keep close in heart, as well as many, many memories over the years. It has been an honor to have been a part of this wonderful woman's life and to have been able to hear about everything that she has lived through and experienced in her life. Truly amazing and remarkable. We were close friends and shared much in the past 4 years and I will forever treasure our friendship and will remember her for the rest of my days. She was truly unforgettable.
I love you Miss Kathryn...we will always be "Peas and Carrots"

Linda Newsome - January 31, 2017 at 05:09 PM



“ Lana & family, I am so very sorry for your loss my deepest condolences and sympathy to you all love & prayers, Samantha White



Samantha Sperry-White - January 30, 2017 at 04:39 PM



“ I have 62 years of memories to share about my mother. Where do I begin? Her life spanned so many years...from the days of Al Capone to the election of Donald Trump. She taught me some amazing lessons in my life: most importantly, she taught me how to be a spunky lady! I wish I had more of her in me, especially her ability to just tell it like it is. I love you so much, Mother. I can't even begin to express how much you will be missed.

Lana White - January 30, 2017 at 12:29 PM



“ Lana, my heart has been so heavy for you. I'm praying now for your comfort. The grief of losing my Mother isn't something I've experienced as yet. The fear of that thought grips me often, especially when a friend loses their Mother. You ARE a spunky lady! So full of drive and joy! The Spirit of our Lord lives in you, He will soothe your hurting heart. I love you- Debby

debby joyce - January 31, 2017 at 11:39 AM



“ Lana, John and I send you love during this time! May you find comfort just knowing that she is with the Lord and the angels! She is watching over you and smiling with love! Love you, John and Arden Little

Arden Little - January 31, 2017 at 03:29 PM



“ So sorry for your loss of your mom, years of memories which can give comfort in the days ahead . I'm sure you are more like your mom than you could ever see in yourself . You've always told it like it is around me ! Or was I just fortunate to not hear your real thoughts ?! Love and prayers for your whole family as she touched you all , love ya sarah Kyle

sarah kyle - January 31, 2017 at 05:11 PM



“ Lana,
I'm so sorry for the loss of your mother, I know your heart is broken.
I thought it was precious when your mom said that she loved Kenny's hugs!
The perfect description for you is SPUNK and now we know that you got it from your mom.
Love to you.
Richie

Richelle Eddy Walters - January 31, 2017 at 06:37 PM



“ I'm sorry I didn't have the opportunity to know her and share any memories but I can say from all the stories you've told me and all the things I have read she sounded like a wonderful lady. You were lucky to have had her as a magnificent mother and she was even luckier to have you as a daughter, you gave her 13 yrs of love and care in your home, keeping your promise to not put her in a nursing home. She lived a long life but I'm sure you'd loved to have had her many more. Even with her age it was sudden and quick which I'm sure makes it even harder on you. I cannot imagine the pain you feel. Im keeping you in prayer, may God comfort you and give you some relief. Im here if you need me for anything. I love you sweetie and I'm so sorry.

Samantha - January 31, 2017 at 07:37 PM



“ Lana, I've been thinking of you so much lately. I am sure that the Lord will continue to comfort you. I remember talking to your mother on the deck at the Marriott swimming pool About the struggles of single motherhood back in the 80s. She recognized that as you became a Christian you became a less anxious mother. I was always amused by her love

for her pet birds and her passion for being "strictly French provincial".
love you!

jennifer mcintosh - January 31, 2017 at 08:34 PM



“ Lana and Freddy, Thank you for inspiring us with your wonderful example of honoring your beloved mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Much love, Rick and Kathie

kathie gue - January 31, 2017 at 09:52 PM



“ Miss Katherine (good lookin), wow...where to begin. This lovely lady became a friend to me and I could just listen to her stories and wisdom for hours. I had the wonderful priviledge of meeting her while doing some work for Lana. She had me from the beginning...lol. She didnt pull any punches, she told it like it was, and me (being me), totally appreciated that. She and I had many conversations and sometimes i just sat and listened. My favorite memory of her, and one that will stay with me forever, was two days before she passed. Angie and I went to see her and when I sat down, she grabbed my hand and we sat there and talked for an hour or more. She kept saying " honey, you let me know if Im squeezing too hard." Lol...she laughed that day and we joked and I just got to watch her enjoy the company and the laughs. She smiled when i would walk in and say "hey good lookin", no matter what kind of day she was having. I will always wear that smile as a badge of honor because she was truly an honor to call my friend. Rest in peace good lookin!!!! We love you!!

Robbie Hall - February 01, 2017 at 08:52 AM



“ Lana, Mama Kate was my mother for about 54 years. I wish I had her strength, her ability to be so much fun, her eye for fashion and so many, many more things. We had such wonderful long talks on the telephone over the past several years. I wish we had talked more like that over the years. She and Daddy had so much fun at the country club, the Elks and on vacation! I miss both of them very, very much! I'm glad they got together and brought me a sister that I love and admire so much. I could go on forever, but better stop now before I cry. I love you!

Christine White - February 01, 2017 at 11:28 PM