



Kathleen (Kathy) Anne Schmidtke

November 30, 1953 - January 4, 2024

Rev. Kathleen (Kathy) Anne (Kemp) Schmidtke, age 70 of Kansas City, MO died on 1/4/2024. She is survived by her loving husband Scott Schmidtke of almost 30 years, a daughter Makayla Christine Odell Reed-Schall, three grandchildren, Sydney Reed-Schall, Aidan Reed-Schall, Nadia Reed-Schall, her mother Velma Kemp, her brother, Doug Kemp, and her son-in-law John Loar. She was preceded In death by her father Floyd Kemp, her sister Connie Leathers, and a daughter Dr. Elizabeth Loar.

Kathleen received her Bachelor's degree from Northwest Missouri State and her Master's of Divinity degree from the St. Paul School of Theology. Kathleen loved learning and took various workshops throughout her career. She read continually and extensively. Some of her happiest moments were trips to SoulFeast in North Carolina with her grandchildren to attend workshops.

Kathleen was ordained in the United Methodist Church. She served several churches while full-time and was service the Camden United Methodist Church part-time while in retirement. She loved being a pastor, especially preaching. In retirement she kept writing new sermons each Sunday for her congregation. She truly believed God's love was for everyone regardless of sexual orientation or station in life. Her messages were of love and acceptance and the need to be better each day.

Her passions included gardening, Ballroom Dance, travel, especially cruising and almost anything she could do with her husband. In retirement she started learning how to sew and made her own dress for Scarlet Night for a recent cruise.

She is someone who loved others, was loved by others, and will be missed.

A service celebrating God's love and remembering the life of Kathleen Kemp Schmidtke will be held on Sunday, February 11th at 10:45 a.m. It will be held at the Camden United Methodist Church at 401 Main Street in Camden, MO. All are welcome who wish to remember Kathleen.

Previous Events

Service

FEB 11. 10:45 AM (CT)

Camden United Methodist Church
401 Main Street
Camden, MO

Tribute Wall

DH

“ Kathleen was the first woman Pastor appointed our First United Methodist Church in Marshall MO. Change is hard for all, some men, some women, some Christians some not. She served each person with her knowledge of Christ, her love for them & that redemption is possible, God is good , all the time. Sometimes we shared lunch together,often outside enjoying the warm sun & talking about our families & the problems that arise. We grew up in a time that wasn't always kind to women, I admired her strength for following her wish to become a minister, it was not a walk in the park & the injustices she suffered to pursue her dream were huge. You guys know who you are. Scott, you supported her in the journey you two shared, to the people whose feathers you ruffled she would say, he is my husband I love him, but if you have a problem, take it up with him. Take good care of Theo Juan Carlos, she was so proud of the progress you guys made after adopting him. You gave him the chance he so richly deserved to belong once again. Our love to you the ones remaining.



Dona Hahn - January 17, 2024 at 01:42 PM

BA

“ Kathleen spoke frankly with me about her life and the journey of her pastoral life. These were snapshots over the years of her strengths, questions, struggles, joys, and passion for living life. She loved Scott, her family and friends. Scott provided many memories for her through their trips and voyages on cruise ships. I thank you, Scott! I already miss Kathleen's introspection and her laughter. Kathleen's life is a blessing that I treasure.

Brian Armstrong - January 07, 2024 at 05:31 PM

CU

“ I am so sorry to hear of Kathleen's passing. She was my mentor in ministry when she was at Mound City UMC & I was at Graham/Maitland UMC's. She always had time to spend with me & was such a generous, giving person.
Connie Ury

Connie Ury - January 06, 2024 at 11:21 PM

SB

“ I think I remember sitting in a hot tub with Kathleen at Sue's house. We were in her garage that was decorated Hawaiian style. I think we were solving all the world's problems. She asked me to pray for her daughter (no name given). I was in the process of getting my degree in interpreting. She never mentioned her daughter had a hearing loss. I did pray for her daughter.

After I graduated it just so happened I ended up interpreting for and becoming friends with Christine. It took me a while to figure out that this was Kathleen's daughter that I had been praying for.

Sharon Brady - January 06, 2024 at 01:30 PM

NC

“ A kind and trusted friend. Until we meet again.

Nancy Cantrell - January 06, 2024 at 01:11 PM

CS

“ I remember how much Kathleen loved ballroom dancing. She told me that she and her daughter Liz would sometimes perform dance routines at various places—mostly for the fun of it. I was aware of how deeply Kathleen grieved Liz’s death. This past summer, Kathleen performed a special dance with Scott, as a way of remembering Liz. I’m sure many of you have seen in on Facebook. “She Wants to Dance” at Walters Summer Showcase - 2023!

<https://www.facebook.com/waltersdancecenter/videos/1256801098338418>

I had a supporting role in this venture. I made the scarf that she uses so well in her dance. We talked for a long time about the size, material, and color of the scarf. She wanted it to complement the dress she’d made especially for the occasion. It had to look and move a certain way. I think she cared so much about these details because she cared so much about Liz.

Kathleen faced the difficulties of life with strength, understanding, and compassion. She had an insightful sense of humor. I do not doubt that she helped others to face their own tough times. She cared about people.

Kathleen was a good friend. I was very sad to hear of her passing. My heart is with Scott and all of the family, as well as all of her friends and associates. I keep you all in my prayers.

Cathy Silvey - January 06, 2024 at 12:30 PM