



Kathleen "Katie" Ehlers

October 9, 1961 - July 16, 2023

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Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – MURPHYSBORO
1421 Walnut Street, Murphysboro, Illinois

Kathleen "Katie" Ehlers age 61 of Ava, passed away unexpectedly on July 17, 2023.

She was born October 9, 1961 to Nancy Lou (Clevette) and Clayton Koss in Grand Marais, Minnesota, where she graduated from Cook County High School in 1980. She worked at the local hospital and also trained in as a dispatcher at the Cook County Law Enforcement Center. She moved to Southern Illinois, in 1984, and became a 9-1-1 dispatcher for Jackson County Sheriff and Murphysboro Police Department until her retirement in 2020 after many years of service. She received her degree at John Logan University where she studied criminal justice and psychology. While working in law enforcement, Katie met a police officer, Curt Ehlers, this friendship blossomed into romance and they married in May 1987. They shared many years of memory making marriage before he passed away in 2022. She was an animal lover and always doted on her pets. In her spare time, Katie enjoyed making quilts, flower gardening, jewelry, online games and shopping. She was a red

head and had the feisty personality to go with it. She was an excellent dispatcher and had the ability to keep calm in stressful situations. She will be missed by all that knew her.

Katie is survived by her parents, Clayton and Nancy Koss of Duluth, Minnesota; siblings, Colleen Koss and Jerry Koss; nieces and nephews, Joelle Schmid (Justin), Clayton James (CJ) Koss, Sam Koss, Jeremiah Smith, and Samantha Smith; sister-in-law, Linda Smith (Jerry); grand nephews, Dylan Schmid, Cooper Schmid, Archer Koss, grand niece, Amelia Koss, dear friends Mary and Jill; she is also survived by numerous cousins and other extended family members and countless friends.

In addition to her husband Curt, she was also preceded in death by her father-in-law & mother-in-law, Larry and Betty Ehlers, grandparents Nassau Koss, Carrie Savage and Lubet & Louise Clevette.

She will be cremated according to her wishes and a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made in her honor to St. Francis Animal Care, 6228 Country Club Road, Murphysboro, IL 62966.

Tribute Wall



“ *Kathleen "Katie" Ehlers*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *I'm so sad to hear of Katie's passing. Her laughter was infectious. She and her family are in my thoughts.*

Josh Glasser - July 31, 2023 at 02:45 PM



“ *She was Kathy to me growing up and then Katie when we became adults. She was my sister and I will love her always. I miss her already....*

Colleen Koss - July 28, 2023 at 10:38 PM



“ *Colleen Koss lit a candle in memory of Kathleen "Katie" Ehlers*



Colleen Koss - July 28, 2023 at 10:27 PM



“ *Katie, you was the best. I couldn't have had a better sargent. Your laughter was so awesome. Many memories of your kind heart. Rest in peace my dear friend. Fly high you will always be in my heart ❤️*

Barbara Bundren - July 26, 2023 at 09:23 PM

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“ *Katie was always there if you needed her. I can hear her laughter. Her Halloween porch will be a memory for many kids, young and old.*

Jackie Woods - July 25, 2023 at 09:41 AM