



## Kathleen Bergin

May 1, 2009

NIAGARA, Wis. - Kathleen "Kay" Jessica Bergin, 84, of Maryhill Manor, went to be with the Lord on Friday, May 1, 2009.

She was born Oct. 17, 1924, in Milwaukee. Kay was a longtime resident of California, before moving to this area four years ago. Through the years, she raised and showed Great Danes. In 1970 her dog, Big Kim was named the Top Great Dane in the country.

Kay enjoyed having lunch with friends, being at the beach, listening to Willie Nelson songs, spending time with her family and a good dry martini. She was known for her hearty and infectious laugh.

Kay served in the United States Navy during World War II from 1944 until her honorable discharge in 1946.

She is survived by two daughters, Diane Forster of Kingsford and Kerry (Darryl) Crank of Ojai, Calif.; five grandchildren, Denise (Wes) Nicolls of Spread Eagle, Wis., Cassi Forster (fiance, Ken Shaw) of Collinsville, Ill., Heather Schreutelkamp of Tigard, Ore., Kimberly Schreutelkamp of Laguna Nigel, Calif., and Kevin Schreutelkamp of Portland, Ore.; one great-granddaughter, Jasmine Stebnitz of Nekoosa, Wis.; one very special niece, Kathleen Becker of El Paso, Texas; three nephews, Dennis (Deborah) Narlock

of Portland, Ore., James (Cathy) Narlock of El Paso and John Narlock of Colchester, Conn.; and one great-nephew, Daniel Narlock of Colchester.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Jesse (Kitt) Bergin; a sister, Patricia Settlemoir; and a brother-in-law, Curtis Settlemoir.

Graveside services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Cemetery Park. Rev. David Anderson will officiate.

The family would like to give a very special thanks to the staff at Maryhill Manor, too many to name. Their care and compassion for Kay and her family during this difficult time were deeply appreciated.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Kathleen J. Bergin online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Dear Diane and Kerry:  
I typed the wrong date of birth for my daughter Courtney who  
shared a birthday with your Mother. It should have been: 10-17-83.  
Blessings, Colleen*

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**Colleen Leeser** - May 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ My Dear Aunt Kay,

*Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all your love and support these past 58 years! My wonderful parents, Pat and George, had SO much love for you that they gave me your name.*

*"Hello Kathleen this is Kathleen!!! " Oh, how I will miss that greeting when you called me to chat or share special things or just day-to-day things. I hope you heard me in your bed shortly before you went to Heaven when I said "HELLO KATHLEEN, IT'S KATHLEEN " I'll always remember....*

*the way your whole face lit up when you saw me.....instant love.....what a T R E A S U R E !!!*

*your infectious LAUGH..... it would make you laugh out loud even when you weren't exactly sure why you were laughing :-)  
those wonderful and never long enough H U G S !!! Such a little girl with such a WONDERFUL hug !!*

*the many Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays we spent as a very large and most importantly, a very LOVING family!!!*

*our special moments when I lived in California. Our nights on my balcony sitting in our lawn chairs with spray bottles to avoid the extreme heat from those extremely hot days and nights due to the "Santa Ana winds". All our talks and laughs on that balcony or in that apartment.*

*watching you with my sweet little Mother and Nana.....3 generations in one room, what a BEAUTIFUL sight to behold! What was so very amazing was the F U N you three had just sitting in the living room or kitchen talking and laughing!! What a joyous sound!!!*

*Thank you, my Sweet Aunt Kay...*

*for never judging me, always giving me encouragement, love and support*

*for making me laugh at myself when I took things far too seriously for the wonderful love you so easily gave to those you loved and those who also loved you so very much.*

*for the support you gave my sweet little Mother when she lost Daddy George and our precious Curt, after 33 years! Weren't they a pair, still holding hands after all those years AND those sparkling*

*eyes when they looked at each other! The love they shared in camping and the times you were able to camp with them.....what a threesome that was!!  
I LOVE YOU, KATHLEEN!!!*

*My heart aches that I can't hold you, give you kisses and talk to you even though we are far apart. But I know you are finally at peace, finally H O M E and with all those wonderful people who love you. As I told you when I left Michigan last September, when you get to Heaven, please be sure to give my sweet little Mother a BIG HUG and KISS for me. I'm sure you did that Friday morning, May 1, 2009 when you went to Heaven!!*

*We will all be together again. I T R U L Y believe that!!  
CLOSE YOUR EYES....DO YOU FEEL IT???????????? IT'S ME GIVING YOU A WONDERFUL HUG, HOLDING YOU CLOSE AS I DID THE DAY I SAID GOOD BYE in SEPTEMBER 2008..and my last words to you then.*

*"I LOVE YOU GOD BLESS YOU". He surely did.....He finally brought you into HIS arms and the arms of all those you love. Until then Kathleen..... watch over us with my sweet Mother, Daddy George and our sweet Curtis!  
I love you and God Bless You!! KATHLEEN  
(Kathy Becker) El Paso, TX 5-05-09*

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**Kathleen (Kathy) Becker** - May 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Diane & Kerry:

*I am so sorry for your loss. Kathy has kept me up with Aunt Kay for as long as Kathy and I have been friends (35 years). Your Mother was such a terrific person! So dynamic and so full of fun! I have cherished memories of when she would visit El Paso and I would get to spend some time with her. I especially remember she and Pat and Curt having their highballs at night and telling stories on one another. They'd have us laughing until the tears rolled! When Kathy lived in California, I'd visit her once or twice a year, and that trip always included a visit with Aunt Kay. Hope you don't mind that I call your Mum "Aunt Kay" but she was that special. She shared a birthday with my daughter, Courtney, born 10-17-03. I just keep thinking of her and Pat up in heaven drinking their Margaritas, smoking, catching up on things, and most of all...laughing! Those gals did a lot of that when they were together! You are in my prayers and thoughts, and Aunt Kay will forever be in my heart. Love,  
Colleen*

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**Colleen Leeser** - May 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM