



Katherine "Kay" Keller

August 31, 1930 - November 12, 2025

Katherine "Kay" Keller, 95, Humansville, died Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at the Northwood Hills Care Center in Humansville.

Katherine Geneva Cordes Keller was born on August 31, 1930, to Charles and Rebecca (Long) Cordes, the fifth of seven children, in Rapid City, SD. She was raised and graduated from High School in the Rapid City area. She met Billy Don Keller in Rapid City and they were married on May 14, 1949, and to this union three children were born.

Kay was saved on November 11, 1951 at Hickory Grove Missionary Baptist Church. She joined Hickory Grove soon afterwards and was a faithful member for close to 74 years, as long as her health permitted.

Kay was preceded in death by her parents and grandparents; her husband Billy; her son and daughter in-law David and Linda; sisters and spouses, Sylvia (Zollie) Szakacs, Theresa (Chuck) Atwood, Rebecca (child), and Donna (Clayton) Brown; brothers and spouses, Robert (Thelma) Cordes, and George (Joyce) Cordes; brothers and sisters-in-laws, Janice (Buck) Myers, Geri (Clete) Baker and Earl Austin, Leo (Reva) Keller, Lloyd Keller, and Shirley (Wayne) Jenkins.

Kay is survived by her children, Patsy and her husband Blaine Chaney of Bolivar, Brian and his wife Susanne Keller of Las Cruces, NM; seven grandchildren, Kevin (Mardie) Keller of Willard, Mark (Jennifer) Keller of Humansville, Robin (James) Roark of Dixon, Matthew Chaney of Bolivar, Chloe Keller of St. Charles, IL, Mackenzie Keller of St. Charles, MO, and Cole

Keller of Las Cruces, NM; a sister-in-law Shirley Keller of Humansville; eight great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

In Kay's long life, she wore many hats. Besides being a devoted wife and a loving mother, she was a pastor's wife, a homemaker, lived and worked on a farm, and was a cook at Humansville School for over 22 years. During her retirement and up until this Summer when her health declined, Kay took care of her flowers and still mowed her yard and drove herself and other neighbors on errands. Kay served many duties at Hickory Grove throughout her almost 74 years as a member and loved serving the Lord.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, November 23rd from 3 to 5 pm at Butler Funeral Home in Humansville.

Graveside Services will be held on Monday, November 24th at 1:00 pm at the Humansville Cemetery with Bro. Dillon Legan and Bro. Barry McCoy officiating and Bro. Barry McCoy and Jeff Stacy providing music.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the David Keller Scholarship Fund at the Humansville High School.

Tribute Wall

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“ *jr, kekkey lit a candle in memory of Katherine "Kay" Keller*



jr, kekkey - November 19, 2025 at 04:43 AM

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“ *So sorry for your loss.
Some memories was going on vacation and visiting Aunt Kay on thier dairy farm. One afternoon Aunt Kay bent down to pull a weed from by the house a copperhead snake bit her on her hand. She stayed calm just said a copperhead just got me. I just remember she went to the hospital for treatment. I remember her son got a shotgun and unloaded it in the hole where the snake was.
I can't remember the year but she was up visiting and I had a real bad sore throat. She said I know what can cure that. Mix salt water with warm water and vinegar. We'll I did almost killed me. I gargling with it was so strong I couldn't breath gasping for breath but guess what it worked. Sore throat was no longer as sore. I still use her remedy if I get a real bad sore throat.
Yes fond memories that we can think back on. She will be missed.
Robert (Bob) Cordes Jr.*

Bob Cordes - November 18, 2025 at 09:34 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Katherine "Kay" Keller.*



November 17, 2025 at 01:30 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for the loss of your mom, grandma, and aunt. Kay was a very special person. She will be missed. My four sisters and I took a trip to see our Aunt Kay. I'm thinking a couple years after our mom passed away, Kay's sister. We had so much fun visiting and looking thru pictures. It was a trip we all will not forget. Aunt Kay and I also exchanged letters these last few years. I have saved all of them and treasure that memory. Hugs and Prayers, Sylvia May*

Sylvia May - November 17, 2025 at 12:33 PM