



Nancy L. Kochenderfer

September 8, 1928 - January 27, 2008

Nancy Lewis Kochenderfer passed away on Sunday, January 27, 2008, in Bethesda, Maryland. She was a long-time resident of her native Royal Oak, Michigan. Mrs. Kochenderfer was the wife of music educator L. Vincent Kochenderfer, and the mother of seven children Lee, Sandra, Kristen, Karil, Marc, Kent and Kurt, and the grandmother of twelve grandchildren Katharine, Leah, Eric, Drew, Ryan, Nathaniel, Karly, Kory, Kerry, Toby, Konnor and Jenna. Mrs. Kochenderfer was a professional organist for over thirty years. After graduating from Royal Oak High School, she attended the University of Detroit and graduated in music performance from the University of Michigan School of Music; she was a member of the Sigma Alpha Iota professional music sorority. While studying music in Ann Arbor, she met and dated her future husband, Vincent, and married following their graduation. Nancy and Vincent would work together later as an organist and choral director in Lewistown, Pennsylvania, and at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Birmingham, Michigan. She believed in gospel ministry through music and received many opportunities to serve, including traveling with Vincent to Europe and South America with the Youth for Understanding Chorale 1969-1971 and the Southeastern Michigan Youth Chorale 1974-75. Visitation will occur on Friday, February 1, 2008 from 4-8:00 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. Eleven Mile Road, Royal Oak. Funeral services will take place on Saturday, February 2, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the funeral home, followed by interment at Oakview Cemetery in Royal Oak. Share your

memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

PL

“ Hello Lee and Family - I learned of your Mom's death via an email from Bob Trumble . I am saddened by the loss of another one of life's brightest lights, for that is how I will always remember her. I will also always cherish the fact that your Mom and Dad once bothered to look me up while I was a residence hall director at CMU, so typical of them... I still live in Mt. Pleasant, Lee, and would love to know how and what you are doing these days. Sincerely, Pat Hensel Livingston

Pat Hensel Livingston - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dear Kochenderfer "kids".. I just found out about Nancy's passing via an e mail message from our SAI chapter president. I am sorry I didn't know sooner. It has been many years since I have seen any of you but I have so many fond memories of singing in the choir at Redeemer and performing with Nancy at various times during services. She was supposed to play for my wedding but the imminent arrival of one of you prevented that from happening! Vince was a good friend also, and I enjoyed having him tune my piano in later years. My sincere sympathy to all of you, and God's blessing to each of you. May He grant you comfort and peace in the coming days and months. Sincerely, Joan Gassaway Berndt

Joan G. Berndt - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Dear Lee, Sandra, Kristen, Karl, Marc, Kent, and Kurt, Just learned this late morning about the death of your dear mother. My sincerest sympathy to all of you, and I want you to know that I would have been with you this morning except the miles from Florida to Michigan make such a trip impossible at this late hour. Nonetheless my thoughts and prayers go with you despite the distance. The fond memories of working together with your Mom and Dad for over 25 years are ones that never diminish despite the passage of time. And, of course, all of you are remembered in a very special way as I had the privilege of watching you grow and develop over those many years. "I am the resurrection and the life" takes on new and deeper meaning at such a time as this. One of my favorite, if not the most, is the Living Bible paraphrase of Psalm 17:15 as the Psalmist addresses God - "My contentment is not in wealth but in seeing you and knowing that all is well between us. And when I awake in heaven I will be fully satisfied for I will see you face to face". May God grant you that kind of contentment as you feel the loss of Mom.
Duane Wuggazer

dnane wuggazer - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Oh how I remember the days in choir at Lahser High School when our beloved Mr. Kochenderfer would speak of his wife and kids. What a blessed family you have enjoyed. Both of your parents brought so much music to so many lives. So much love. So much to learn from their example. My prayers and heartfelt sympathy to all of you. Be strong in His loving arms, Lindsay Hinz/Lahser'73

Lindsay Balmer Hinz - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Dear Kochenderfer Kids and Grandkids, I am so sorry for your loss and regret that seeing you all was not a more joyous occasion. However, I did so very much enjoy getting to see each and everyone of you -----guess when you don't have your own kids you adopt in your heart beautiful families like yours. Always enjoyed your Mom and Dad and each and every one of you. My sincere sympathy. Leigh

Leigh Mcqueen - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LM

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FR

“ Dear Kochenderfer Kids Just was sent notice of your mom's passing. So sorry. I know she was a remarkable person, as was your dad. We loved them too, as did do folks from Redeemer. They left a wonderful legacy to Redeemer, a legacy I'm honored to continue to carry on. Dorohty and I are in Florida this week, or would be there with you. Please accept our regrets. Would love to hear from any of you. Love, blessings, and wonderful memories. Fred and Dorothy Rohrbach

fred rohrbach - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Dear family, We sincerely send our prayers during your time of bereavement. I'm glad all of you made it safely to Michigan. Even though the PA Kochenderfer's can't make the trip, you certainly will be in our thoughts & prayers. We love all of you very, very much and we share in your loss. We can all now look forward to joining your mom & dad someday with our Savior.

Dwight & Karen Kochenderfer & families - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ Kris, Lee, Sandy, Karil, Marc, Kent and Kurt - I just read the notice of your Mom's passing and wanted to send my heartfelt sympathy. Your Mom was a great wife, mother and musician. I enjoyed very much the times I was able to play trumpet with her at Redeemer. I remember those times often and with great fondness. I know you will all miss her. It's a blessing that you have each other to lean on during this sad time. God Bless your Mom, all of you and all your kids. Take good care. Todd

Todd Jones - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I graduated with Kent and wanted to send my sincerest wishes to him and his family for their loss at this time.

Charlotte Smith Strainovici - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EO

“ It has been almost Fifty years since the days that I remember from Baker street and eleven mile. I was one of eight children living in an old ranshackle of a home on Baker. I remember Mrs. Kochenderfer's beautifully kept home and her very polite and courteous family. As I grew up I thought to myself that someday I would like to have a family like yours. My Deepest Sympathy,
Emmett O'Malley

Emmett O'Malley - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM