



Katharina Basch

October 16, 1927 - July 5, 2023

Katharina "Katie" (Lung) Basch, 95, of Des Moines, Iowa, formerly of Centralia, passed away Wednesday, July 5, 2023.

Katie was born on October 16th, 1927 in Hettin, Yugoslavia, (present day nation of Serbia), to Peter Lung and Katharina (Schroeder) Lung. She married Dr. Erwin John Basch in Vienna, Austria on December 1, 1951. She and Dr. Basch immigrated to the USA in May of 1954. They were married for over 68 years until her husband's death in January of 2020. She was an essential assistant in Dr. Basch's Veterinary clinic for 38 years till their joint retirement in 1992.

Katie is survived by her two children: Elizabeth Meredith and husband Skip Ellis of Greeneville, Tennessee and Ed Basch and wife Barb of Pleasant Hill, Iowa; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Katie was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two sisters, and a brother.

Katie was a long time member of the St. Mary Catholic Church in Centralia. She enjoyed singing, listening to classical music and fine cooking. She enjoyed crafting and was very skilled at sewing. She was a life-long lover of animals and relished spending time with her family and friends. She will be dearly missed by everyone that knew her.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, July 15th, 2023, at 10:00 AM at St. Mary Catholic Church in Centralia with Monsignor David Darin officiating. A private family burial to follow at Calvary Cemetery in Centralia.

Memorial donations may be made to the Centralia Humane Society. They will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street in Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Basch Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Funeral Home's Facebook page.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JUL 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
424 East Broadway Street
Centralia, IL 62801

Tribute Wall

CM

“ My condolences to everyone who knew my Aunt, the sister of my mother. She graced anyone who had the privilege of having any interactions with her. She was an amazing person. She persevered so many trials and tribulations and remained steadfast and faithful. God grant you Peace and eternal rest, Tante Kathe.

Christine Mishoulam - July 20, 2023 at 05:36 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Katharina Basch.



July 14, 2023 at 10:31 AM

WM

“ My Condolences to the Basch family. Katie was such a kind and generous person. She and Dr. Basch were both wonderful people and I enjoyed the time I was able to share with them. Katie and Dr left an indelible mark on Centralia.

WILLIAM MILLER - July 11, 2023 at 02:06 PM

WH

“ Please accept our condolences on your loss! Our thoughts and prayers are for/with family and friends.

Wayne & Vickie Houser - July 10, 2023 at 09:39 AM

EW

“ I’m sad to hear about Mrs. Basch! She was a wonderful woman and an essential part of the clinic. Now she will be reunited with Dr. Basch, which is comforting. I wonder what pets they’ll have. ❤️

Eileen Wilimzig - July 09, 2023 at 10:13 PM

MW

“ My condolences to the Basch family. Dr. and Mrs. Basch were such kind and wonderful people. Centralia lost one of the best Veterinary clinics when they retired.



Misty Walker - July 09, 2023 at 04:19 PM

DR

“ Mrs Basch was such a sweet person. Her and Doc took wonderful care of my cats. My daughter was going to school in Carbondale and adopted a stray. She took him to the vet down there but had to bring him home to Dr. basch to make sure. Later she babysat for their grandkids. Rest in Peace both of you, you sure earned it. 🐱🐶

Dody Ray - July 08, 2023 at 09:39 PM