

NOTES OF ENCOURAGEMENT

by

Kathleen Stats

"For once you were in darkness,
but now you are light in the
LORD. Live as children of
light."

Ephesians 5:8

"You don't drown by falling
in the water. You drown
by staying there."

-unknown

"When anxiety was great
within me, your consolation
brought me joy."

Psalms 94:19

"Do not grieve, for the
joy of the LORD is your
strength."

Nehemiah 8:10

Romans 8:28

"And we know that in all things
God works for the good of those
who love him, who have been
called to his purpose."

DONATIONS

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that a charitable donation be made to:

Hope 4 Kids International

<https://www.hope4kidsinternational.org>

Celebrating

THE LIFE OF



KATHLEEN ANN BEERS STATS

November 09, 1948 - March 31, 2023

Moniker: 11 - 11

Service Tuesday, 15th of August, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Northgate

2201 Lake Herman Road, Benicia, CA 94510

O B I T U A R Y

Kathleen was born in Syracuse, New York to George "Bud" Beers and Geraldine "Gerry" Beers-Haynes as the first of four daughters. The family moved to San Jose, CA when she was 11. Kathleen was a teacher at heart and taught for 36 years, mostly as a career kindergarten teacher, first in Burlingame and later in Vallejo. She also had a 10-year mini career as Gymboree Play Program Lead Teacher and Operations Manager in Vallejo and Concord.

Kathleen majored in French at UC Berkeley, and spent her junior year abroad in Bordeaux, France. During her senior year at Cal, she co-founded the first UC child care center for the children of students and faculty. As a result of volunteering at the newly-created UC Child Care Center, Kathleen fell in love with young children. Consequently, she changed her focus from a secondary teaching credential to Early Childhood Education. Her kindergarteners learned to greet, count, and sing in French! Kathleen was a founding teacher for Vallejo Charter School, a charter school which is part of VCUSD.

Kathleen met her husband Terry Stats over a friend's guitar lesson during her credential year at Cal. They were married for 51 years and had two children, Kenneth and Katie (Risser). Kathleen had four grandchildren: Molly, Maggie, Bud, and Coco Stats.

After retiring in 2012, Kathleen enjoyed family time, reading, cooking, creating scale miniatures (dollhouses), photography, and travel. She and Terry volunteered extensively at their church, Northgate Christian Fellowship in Benicia.

Kathleen's life touched so many others in positive ways. Everything she did was approached with an intense purpose. As a wife, mother, daughter, sister, friend, teacher, and advocate for causes she believed in, she always gave others her all. Thank you, God, for Kathleen.

O R D E R O F S E R V I C E



WELCOME - Pastor Megan Freedman

PRAYER - Pastor Megan Freedman

EULOGY - Melissa Stuart (Longtime Friend)

SONG - "I'll Fly Away"
Terry Stats (Husband)

SHARING - Mary Piper (Longtime Friend & Colleague)

SONG - "Mary, Did You Know?"
Pastor Megan Freedman

SHARING - Barbie Hedgpeth
Jo Ann DeKoning
Laurie Dalton
(Sisters)

OPEN MIC

SONG - "Amazing Grace"
Terry Stats & Katie Risser (Husband & Daughter)

HOMILY - Pastor Megan Freedman

LIFE IN PICTURES