



## Kitty Marjorie Kathryn Stoia

April 20, 1929 - October 19, 2022

Marjorie Kathryn “Kitty” Stoia, 93, of Bartlesville, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on October 19, 2022. Kitty was born on April 20, 1929, in Hettinger, North Dakota, to Roy Harold and Marjorie Matilda (née Arndorfer) Frank.

Kitty was primarily raised on her family’s farm near Morrystown, South Dakota, where she had many cherished experiences that she carried throughout her life, often sharing those memories with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She attended a one-room schoolhouse, milked cows, learned to drive by the age of twelve and on snowy days traveled to school via a horse-drawn sleigh alongside her siblings. For high school she attended a boarding school called St. Martin’s Academy where she was a cheerleader, active in drama, played clarinet in the band and played on the basketball team where she began her lifelong love of the game. She continued to be a skilled shooter who could hit a shot from the “killer corner” throughout her life, much to the delight of her grandchildren.

Kitty was always proud to be a productive working woman and started her adult life working in Dayton’s department store in Minneapolis. Soon she discovered her professional calling and enrolled in the Presentation School of Nursing in Aberdeen, South Dakota. Upon graduation she began working as a Registered Nurse, and soon after met the love of her life, George Stoia of

Aberdeen. They were married on June 20, 1953, and their first home was a Quonset hut near the Northern College campus where George was attending classes. The young newlyweds welcomed their first child, Mary Kay, a year later and soon relocated to Madison, Wisconsin, so George could continue his studies at the University of Wisconsin. Upon George's graduation the growing family (with new baby Linda) moved to Bartlesville where George would establish himself as an agent for the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company and Kitty would start her long career at Jane Phillips Hospital. Bartlesville became Kitty's home, and the Stoia family grew to include Annie, Sam and Elizabeth ("Tooter").

Ever on the cutting edge of the medical profession, Kitty was proud to be involved in several major advancements in medical care. In Bartlesville, she participated in many "firsts" for the community such as the first tympanoplasty surgery wherein a man's hearing was completely restored. In 1970, she established the first "scrub tech" course in Bartlesville to train Certified Operating Room Technicians at the Tri-County Vocational School. Although she enjoyed her time working on novel medical procedures, some of her most rewarding career moments came as a labor and delivery nurse, and she delighted in seeing the children she helped deliver many years later while running errands around Bartlesville after she retired in 1991.

As a mother and grandmother, she was without compare. She was known for several family-favorite dishes including kolache, mostaccioli, homemade pies, Christmas cookies and her inimitable pancakes. Holidays at her home were legendary for her ability to make every member of her large family feel that she prepared something individually for them. For many of her grandchildren, the highlight of their year was a summer trip to stay with her and George to attend the Arts Encounters camp.

She was a devout Catholic and longtime parishioner at St. John Catholic

Church who was often called on by others to make special intercessory prayers when they were experiencing health problems or expecting babies. She remained physically active throughout her life and was a regular patron of the Wellness Connection at Jane Phillips, where she was frequently asked to return to her career as a nurse. She loved to listen to music, travel with her family, attend her grandchildren's sporting events and watch college basketball (she always had the best March Madness bracket). She was well-liked by the entire Bartlesville community and will be sorely missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her siblings – Bill Frank, Dorothy Pudwill, and Ronald “Buzz” Frank, her husband George and her daughter Elizabeth.

She is survived by her children Mary Kay and husband Joe Van Tuyl of Stroud; Linda and husband Mark Lepak of Claremore; Annie and husband Robert Henderson of Brighton, CO; and Sam and wife Trish Stoia of Tulsa; along with her grandchildren Katie (née Van Tuyl) and husband Kevin McIntyre, Laura (née Van Tuyl) and husband Dana Collins, Jennifer Van Tuyl, Joseph Van Tuyl, Sarah Lepak, Billy Lepak and wife Jenna, Ben Lepak and wife Sarah, Bobby Lepak and wife Paige, Brian Lepak and wife Colleen, Seana Stoia, George Stoia III, Nick Stoia, and Maddie Stoia; and her great grandchildren Molly and Maggie McIntyre; Julia and Luke Collins; Will, Cate, Lucy, Emma and Abby Lepak; Teddy, Paul and Daisy Lepak; Livie, Violet and Evangeline Lepak; and Thomas, Penny and Luke Lepak.

Visitation will be held Thursday, October 27th from 10 am to 4 pm at the Davis Family Funeral Home and Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel, 918-333-7665, 4201 Nowata Rd, Bartlesville. A rosary will be said on Thursday at 5:30 pm, in the St John Before the Latin Gate Roman Catholic Church. Funeral mass will be held Friday, October 28th at 11 am in the St John Before the Latin Gate

Roman Catholic Church. Interment will follow in the Memorial Park Cemetery.

Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home and Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at [www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com](http://www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery Bartlesville

4200 Nowata Road  
Bartlesville, OK 74006

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 27. 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory - Walker Brown Chapel  
4201 Nowata Rd  
Bartlesville, OK 74006  
(918) 333-7665  
davisfamilyfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Rosary

OCT 27. 5:30 PM (CT)

St. John Before The Latin Gate Roman Catholic Church  
715 S Johnstone Ave.  
Bartlesville, OK 74003

## Funeral Mass

OCT 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John Before The Latin Gate Roman Catholic Church  
715 S Johnstone Ave.  
Bartlesville, OK 74003



# Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Kitty Marjorie Kathryn Stoia*



**Davis Family Funeral Home** - October 25, 2022 at 04:58 PM

PP

*Just beautiful*

**patti paschke** - October 26, 2022 at 08:24 AM

MA

*Kitty had a “ huge❤️“ and loved people-especially her family. Many fond memories of her over a lifetime. The fruit of her ❤️Is and will be reflected in each of her grandchildren and great grandchildren as they grow and find their own passions, beliefs and begin their own families. Rest In Peace aunt kitty, your legacy of faith, passion, kindness and wisdom is in please I. The ❤️‘S of your own own adult “kids” and planted in their now adult offspring and their families.*

**marsha** - October 26, 2022 at 12:58 PM

JB

*Such a lovely tribute to your mother. What a beautiful life she had surrounded by all of the kids. So very blessed. God rest her soul. ❤️🙏*

**Jill Barber** - October 29, 2022 at 10:34 PM

DM

*Sorry to hear about your mom my thoughts and prayers to your family*

**Dusty Mackey** - October 31, 2022 at 06:10 PM

PB

*Kitty, you were a lot of fun and a very special young woman. You are with God I am sure. Love, Paul Borgesen.*

Paul Borgesen - November 03, 2022 at 03:41 PM

SF

“ *Just heard of Kitty's passing. She was always so wonderful to my parents, John and Marie; and to me.*

*Sue Freiburger*

Sue Freiburger - November 16, 2023 at 03:57 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kitty Marjorie Kathryn Stoia.*



October 27, 2022 at 12:34 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Kitty Marjorie Kathryn Stoia.*



October 27, 2022 at 09:57 AM

DE

“ *Loved seeing Kitty, every chance I got! Talked about how proud she was of each of her children and grand, and great children! Beautiful lady, rest in peace my friend!*

DeDe Edwards - October 26, 2022 at 05:36 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Kitty Marjorie Kathryn Stoia.*



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October 26, 2022 at 01:45 PM



“ *Beautiful tribute for Kitty. She was an inspiration. My condolences and prayers.*



*Kathy Stoia*

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**Kathy Stoia** - October 26, 2022 at 01:21 PM

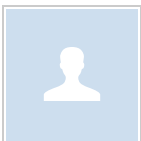


“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Kitty Marjorie Kathryn Stoia.*



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October 25, 2022 at 08:11 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kitty Marjorie Kathryn Stoia.*



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October 24, 2022 at 07:58 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kitty Marjorie Kathryn Stoia.*



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October 24, 2022 at 07:46 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kitty Marjorie Kathryn Stoia.*



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October 24, 2022 at 03:54 PM



“ *Susan Stoia Edlinger purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kitty Marjorie Kathryn Stoia.*



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**Susan Stoia Edlinger** - October 24, 2022 at 10:13 AM

LS

“Kenny Cross and I shared in Kitty's joy of her family almost every time she came to the hospital fitness center. Kenny and I would see her heading towards us with the latest pics and antics of her children and especially her grandchildren and it provided us with many wonderful, inspiring moments. My personal favorite was when she would tell us how her grandkids would call her "Mama Kitty," mainly because her smile and love of her grandkids just beamed from every pore-and it was so contagious. Thank you, Mama Kitty, for sharing your family with us!

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**Laurie Smith** - October 22, 2022 at 10:39 AM



*Linda, and Family.... I don't have words. No matter how long we have them it is never enough. One more day.... ♡*

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**Kimberly Osment** - October 24, 2022 at 04:01 AM