



Kathleen Ann Acker

June 16, 1954 - January 3, 2026

Kathleen Ann Acker, 71, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family in Sylvan Township, on Saturday, January 3, 2026. She was born June 16, 1954, in Minneapolis, MN, the daughter of Clarence and Janet (Linehan) McGrath. She married Charles J. Acker in Elko, Nevada, on October 16, 2000.

Before settling down in Sylvan Township, she saw much of the USA with stops in Arizona, Colorado, Washington State, and North Carolina.

Then it was on to the La Farge area for 15 years where Sara Was born and raised among many friends. Also, many neighbors as her, Steve and Sara moved often throughout the vast driftless region.

For the next 30+ years, she engaged in numerous activities in the home she loved. Standing out were her house plants, which included many flowering plants and cati. There was no shortage of oxygen in any of the rooms that were full of plants. Green everywhere. Her one-acre yard was no exception. Colorful annuals blooming all summer long that followed spring bulbs, tubers, and ferns. Any blank spaces were filled with schrub's and hostas.

When the day was done, it was into the kitchen. Meal after meal with no cookbook in sight. Leftovers for days to come.

Chuck could hardly get a steak in sideways, but when he did, lots of sides appeared, including her famous potato and macaroni salads.

Other hobbies included a large collection of cobalt blue glassware and vases. And of course, shopping, a habit she picked up from her dear mother. Shoes and boots her favorite along with turquoise and southwestern jewelry.

She was dearly loved, will always be remembered, and sincerely missed by many.

Survivors include her husband, Chuck Acker of Richland Center; 2 daughters, Sara Kruser of Utah and Deambra Plumlee of Richland Center; a grandson, Deakyn Heisz; a brother, Bill (Karen) McGrath of Chicago, IL; niece, Casey (Declyn) Lynch of Chicago, IL; great nieces, Gigi and Ellie Lynch; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and Steve McCarty (Sara's father).

A Celebration of Kathleen's Life will be held on Thursday, January 22, 2026, from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home in Richland Center, WI. A special thank you to Agrace Hospicecare, Dr. Wilson, Emplify Infusion & Staff in Viroqua. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Agrace Hospicecare in Fitchburg.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life - Visitation

JAN **22**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Clary Memorial Funeral & Cremation Service, LLC

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Tribute Wall

DE

“ Sending much love and sincere condolences, Uncle Chuck <3. We all have such fond memories of Aunt Kathy from our childhood and Mom would always be so glad for her yummy food contributions to all the holiday gatherings! Hugs, Diana, Joe & Darcy

Diana Dean Evans - January 19 at 09:58 PM

BP

“ Brooke Peterson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kathleen Ann Acker.



Brooke Peterson - January 19 at 07:38 PM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Kathleen Ann Acker.



January 19 at 03:58 PM

JR

“ Janice Robel purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kathleen Ann Acker.



Janice Robel - January 19 at 11:40 AM

RT

“ To Chuck & family

*You have our sincerest sympathy.
Oh the memories our families share :*

**Chuck and Randy growing up together in Middleton,
best friends since they were able to walk,*

**Chuck moving to RC and buying Carol`s mothers house,*

**The four of us partying at the Horse and Colt show, and
the Gays Mills apple fest,*

**The weekends we spent building our deck, and it still looks
as good as the day we finished,*

**The four of us cheering on the Packers, indulging
in all those delicious meals at half, and celebrating
like crazy when our pack won the super bowl, and*

**The four of us just hanging out at all those Sunday
afternoons watching Home Talent Baseball.*

*We'll never forget you, Kathy.
And Chuck , we love ya buddy,
Randy & Carol*

Randy Thayer - January 16 at 12:48 PM

JT

“ THOUGHTS & PRAYERS FOR YOUR FAMILY! SO SORRY!

JOHN & CONNIE TURGASEN - January 16 at 10:59 AM

LF

“ Haven't seen Kathy in years. But, she was always a really nice lady. My deepest sympathy to you all. Laurie Fronk

Laurie Fronk - January 15 at 07:48 PM

MJ

“ Chuck and family, I send my deepest condolences. I always enjoyed my visits with her at the American Legion. She was very uplifting with a kind gentle soul! Please know I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. 🙏



Mindy Jensen - January 09 at 02:01 PM

KG

“ Sara and Family,
I am so very sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. Seems just yesterday, we were much younger and headed to the store on the corner, in Lafarge! I remember Kathy, her enormous heart and beautiful stain glass pieces.
You were very Blessed to have her
For a Mother! Find comfort in the memories she has left behind.



Kristine Gillingham - January 07 at 02:43 PM