



## Kathie Lynn Gamlin

November 21, 1954 - July 15, 2025

Kathie Lynn Gamlin, 70, of Rockford-formerly of Belvidere-passed away peacefully on July 15, 2025, surrounded by the love of her family. Born on November 21, 1954, in Belvidere, she was the cherished daughter of James and Barbara (Anderson) Ohlsen. Kathie was a proud graduate of Belvidere High School, Class of 1972, and went on to earn her nursing degree from Parkland Junior College following a lifelong calling to care for others.

Kathie was united in marriage to the love of her life, Richard Gamlin, on August 10, 1974. Together, they built a home full of laughter, love, and the comforting chaos that comes with raising a family. She was a woman of quiet strength and deep compassion-traits that served her well throughout her career as a nurse. Later in her professional life, she retired as the Head of Purchasing and Supplies from Van Matre Health Rehabilitation Institute, where her warmth and dedication touched many lives.

Kathie attended First United Methodist Church in Belvidere and grounded her life in kindness and faith. She had a soft spot for animals-especially her beloved dogs Maggie and Pepper-and took great joy in tending to her yard. In quieter moments, you'd often find her lost in a Stephen King novel, with a pup by her side.

Above all, Kathie was a devoted mom, grandma, sister, and friend. She leaves

behind her sons, Jonathan (Heather Knoll) Gamlin and Erik (Melissa) Gamlin; her adored grandchildren, Lani (Kolton) Oakes, Skylar, Hunter, Kendall, Bennett Gamlin and Thorin Knoll; and her great-granddaughter, Millie Oakes. She is also survived by her siblings, Linda (Larry) Lyford, Jamie Hoium, and Lisa (Dion) Torio; many nieces, nephews, cousins; and her loyal Yorkie, Pepper.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Richard, daughter-in-law, Sara Gamlin and her dog Maggie.

Memorial Visitation will be held on Friday, July 25, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., followed by a Celebration of Life at 11:00 a.m. at Grace Funeral & Cremation Services, 4301 N. Main St., Rockford. Pastor Erik Ness, from Cornerstone Family Church in Byron will officiate.

Kathie's family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the compassionate staff at Anam Memory Care and Mo Cara Hospice, who cared for her with such tenderness.

Memorials may be made to UW Health for Melanoma Research <https://www.wiscmedicine.org/cancer>

To share a memory or leave a condolence, please visit [www.graceFH.com](http://www.graceFH.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JUL 25. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

Grace Funeral & Cremation Services  
4301 N. Main St.  
Rockford, IL 61103

## Celebration of Life

JUL 25. 11:00 AM - 11:45 PM (CT)

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## Reception

JUL 25. 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Kathie Lynn Gamlin.*



July 21, 2025 at 10:24 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kathie Lynn Gamlin.

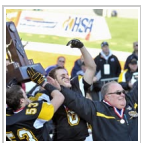
July 19, 2025 at 05:39 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kathie Lynn Gamlin.*



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“ *I met Kathie when she studying to be a nurse at Parkland College. What wonderful fun loving lady. So sorry to hear she passed. We did talk a couple times about going to school in Champaign. We had a great time and fond memories. Wish her family the best. Rick Reinhart*

**Rick Reinhart** - July 18, 2025 at 04:55 PM