



Katherine Lynn Hopping

September 15, 1955 – July 22, 2012

Kathy Hopping, 56, of Paxton, died Sunday, July 22, 2012 in her home surrounded by her family and friends.

Katherine Lynn Hopping was born September 15, 1955 in Fort Collins, CO, the daughter of Alvin "Curly" and Leora (Blake) Schieldt.

Kathy graduated from Poudre High School in Fort Collins, Colo. in 1974. While in high school she participated in musicals, band, orchestra, Impalaphonics Show Choir and All-State Chorus. She was also an accomplished oboe player who was awarded a music scholarship to attend the University of Northern Colorado. While there she became a member of Kappa Kappa Psi, an honorary music sorority and then received her degree in Music Education in 1978.



She moved to Lewellen, NE to teach in 1979 and then on to Paxton in 1981. Her career as a music teacher spanned 27 years and also included time in Sutherland. The past five years Mrs. Hopping was a legal assistant for McGinley, O'Donnell, Reynolds and Korth.

On August 1, 1998 Kathy married Jim Hopping. Together they built a home where they loved to spend time.

Life was filled with music and the outdoors. Kathy loved being with family and friends especially at the lake and in the mountains. She played piano for the United Methodist Church in Paxton and accompanied students for competitions and performances. Kathy was also a member of the National Education Association.

Preceding her in death was her father Alvin Schieldt and her stepfather Hal Klaus.

Survivors include her husband Jim Hopping of Paxton, her children: Kara (Zac) Brashears and their daughter Brooke of Valentine, Gwen Stokey of Omaha, and Nicholas Stokey of Lincoln. Her mother Leora Klaus-McBride and her step-father Bill McBride of Fort Collins, Colo.; two brothers: Wayne Schieldt and his wife Dawn of Montrose, Colo. and Marvin Schieldt and his wife Alison of Fishtail, Mont. Two stepsons: John McConnell of Mexico and Brennen Hopping of Jacksonville, Wyo., as well as nieces, nephews and dear friends.

The family chose cremation. The Memorial Service will be Saturday, July 28, at 10 a.m. in the Ogallala New Hope Worship Center on East "O" Street. Kathy's brother, Pastor Marvin Schieldt will preside. A luncheon will follow at noon at the United Methodist Church, 310 North Oak Street in Paxton.

Online Condolences may be sent by clicking [here](#). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the United Methodist Church, PO Box 335, Paxton, NE 69155.

Online condolences may be sent to webmaster@drauckerfh.com. Draucker Funeral Home of Ogallala is in charge of arrangements.