

## Kathryn Wright

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*Written by Pat Fromberger from the June 2017 LITS*

Our dear sister and fellow parishioner, Kathryn Wright passed away very suddenly and unexpectedly on Monday, June 15th in her home in Bellows Falls, Vermont.



Kathryn was born in Denver, Colorado in 1948 and became an Episcopalian at the age of twelve. She told her family she wanted to go to church, so her dad directed her to “shop around.” Choosing the Catholic Church after her research, he suggested the Episcopal Church. The rest is history.

Kathryn lived and traveled to many places from Albuquerque, NM where she married her late (first) husband and for more than a decade of foreign postings to Bahrain, Singapore, Malaysia, Norway, Scotland and England. I don’t know when Kathryn made Vermont her home but she came to St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Chester via a “Saturday Night Supper Event” in 2005 and was a member ever since. Prior to St. Luke’s she worshipped at Immanuel Church in Bellows Falls, VT and St. John’s in Walpole, NH. No matter where she chose to worship, Kathryn was always fully involved and committed to her faith communities as well as the broader community—with a special interest in outreach and assisting those in need.

Kathryn was a bright and talented woman. She earned her B. S. in Accounting from the University of Nebraska as a correspondence student through the American Embassy, and then pursued her MBA at the London School of Economics. An at-home mother as much as possible raising her two children (a daughter, Heather and son, Dana), Kathryn had twenty-five years experience using her business and accounting skills in the private sector. Administration, human resources and finance work in small area businesses in the ski industry, the travel industry, the engineering field, and the natural foods industry allowed her to go into offices in evenings and to work at home. Even in retirement she continued with one client’s accounting work.

During her twelve years at St. Luke’s, Kathryn generously shared her talents and commitment to the Lord, serving on the Vestry in the roles of Christian Education Coordinator, Junior Warden, Senior Warden, Assistant Treasurer, Treasurer, Finance Committee and was a Diocesan Convention Delegate. She was a member

of the discernment team and as the Senior Warden during that 21 /2 period, guided us through the new rector search process after Paul Brannock-Wanter resigned in 2012. Kathryn was a licensed Eucharistic visitor and served on the Diocesan Council, with a special interest in The Rock Point Summer Camp, where her grandson, Hayden, was an enthusiastic attendee and later a camp counsellor.

Kathryn will be remembered for her direct approach, take-charge personality, and her deep and abiding love of the Lord. She may have appeared abrupt at times, but she always maintained a loving commitment to reaching out to others in the Lord's name. She loved to cook and did catering jobs on the side to help support herself. Her richly, deep-chocolate cake became a favorite at the August Supper and other food events and will especially be missed by Norm Harrison, who ordered one every year for his birthday.

In her Senior Warden Column in the October 2011 LITS, Kathryn wrote about how nothing is small if God asks for it and how those simple words turned her into an evangelist-by-example. She quoted some words written by Mother Teresa in "The Blessings of Love" and shared how they confirmed her belief in those small things:

*"Each time anyone comes into contact with us, they must become different and better people because of having met us. We must radiate God's love."*

Perhaps this is a fitting legacy that Kathryn leaves to us as well. Hopefully we have become better people in knowing Kathryn and by her example will continue to radiate God's love. We will miss Kathryn's presence in our lives at St. Luke's and pray she finds peace and rest in her heavenly Father's arms.

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