

Kathy Somers, age 60, of rural Webb, Iowa, died on Saturday, August 15, 2009, at her home.

Nada Kathryn Partlow, the daughter of Y.G. and Cora Lee (Walker) Partlow, was born on October 23, 1948, in Eddy County, Artesia, New Mexico. She attended school in New Mexico on the Navajo Indian Reservation where her father was a carpenter at the Indian Mission School and her mother was a homemaker. The family lived in a trailer most of Kathy's childhood. Kathy's sister, Frances, was 12 years older, and she and her husband, Jim, became like second parents to Kathy. Kathy's brother, David, was 10 years younger than herself and she became like a second mother to David, carrying on the legacy that her sister had started. In 1957, the Partlow's settled in Farmington, New Mexico, where Kathy completed her education, graduating from high school there in 1966. While in high school, Kathy was president of home economics and lead alto in the choir. Kathy accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at the age of 10 at Sherwood Baptist Church in Odessa, Texas, where her sister was teaching Vacation Bible School. She was baptized at Calvary Baptist Church in Farmington, New Mexico, and she and her mother became members of that congregation.

Later, Kathy moved to Dallas, Texas, where she met the love of her life, Dennis Dwain Somers. Denny did construction work with Custom Homes in Dallas. Following his building career, Denny entered the telecommunications business where he remains today. Kathy and Denny were married in Dallas, Texas on January 30, 1982. It happened they moved to Gunter, Texas to be close to Denny's son, Nathan. They attended First Baptist Church where they rededicated their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ. They were taught there by Brother Scott Jordan. In October of 1991, Kathy and Denny moved to their farm near Webb.



Throughout their lifetime, they have had many good pastors and Christian friends who have supported them and they praise God for that gift.

As evidenced by her participation in choir during high school, music has been important to Kathy throughout her lifetime. She always enjoyed singing and she worshiped the Lord by singing on various praise teams. Other interests of Kathy's included doing crafts and scrapbooking. Kathy especially enjoyed dancing and traveling with Denny.

She was a member of the Riverside Presbyterian Church in Linn Grove, Iowa. She was also very active in SYC- Special Youth Challenge of Northwest Iowa. This organization provides handicapped children hunting experiences and out of love and compassion for these children, Kathy would have the opportunity to share her faith in Christ with them.

Those who are forever grateful for having shared in Kathy's life are her husband: Dennis of Webb, Iowa, her son and daughter-in-law: Nathan and Rochelle Somers, of Burnsville, Minnesota, and their two children: Olivia and Carter, her sister and brother-in-law: Frances Elaine and Jimmy Davis of Midland, Texas, her brother and sister-in-law: David and Linda Partlow of Spencer, Iowa, and their children: Jesse and Micah; her brother-in-law and his wife: Greg and Eveline Somers of Plano, Texas and their daughter, Kelli and her husband Mike Billingsley and their three children: Michelle, Katie and Mikey; her brother-in-law: Jeff Somers and his wife, Vicki, of Sioux Rapids, Iowa and their children Lauren and Garrett; nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews: Steve and Jennifer McFadden and their children: Angie, Kyle, and Emily-Jaden, Bud McFadden, Larry and Angie Davis and their children: Kyle, Kole and Larry Dale Jr., Jim Davis, Jr. and his wife Amanda and their children: Katie and Bradley, many cousins, Christian sisters and brothers, and her many friends.

Kathy was preceded in death by her parents and one son: Benjamin Dwain Somers.

**A Memorial Fund has been established for the
Special Youth Challenge of Northwest Iowa.**

A Celebration of Life



For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Philippians 1:21

Kathy Somers

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My Home Journey

By Kathy Somers

I'm taking a journey to my home in the sky.
I have to leave you here now and say goodbye.
But since Jesus has given
us the Truth and the Way,
I know before long we will be there to stay.

Jesus said, "you believe in the trinity all three,"
And there is room aplenty in my Father's House you see.
If it were not true I surely would have said,
But I have told you truth and you will find the way ahead.

If I go there and you come too,
It will be wonderful for me and for you.
We'll walk and talk and see God's face,
In a land made for us, what a beautiful place.

*W*e wish to express our sincere gratitude for the many kindnesses evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service. Please join us for lunch at the Sioux Rapids American Legion Building immediately following the burial.

Kathy's Family

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October 23, 1948  August 15, 2009

FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, August 22, 2009 at 10:30 a.m.
First Lutheran Church
Sioux Rapids, Iowa

CLERGY

Pastor Scott Jordan

ORGANIST

Minnie McKeever

PIANIST

Bill Safely

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

"Because He Lives"

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Beulah Land"
"Wish You Were Here"
"Look for Me"

CASKET BEARERS

Josh Warkentin, Craig Weier, Josh Weber,
Steve Meyers, Paul Clapp, Tyler Thomsen

INTERMENT

Barnes Township Cemetery
Linn Grove, Iowa



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