



Kay Darst-Schnell

May 6, 1948 - April 3, 2013

Kay Rene Darst-Schnell, 64, of Zanesville, Ohio died Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at her daughter's residence following a sudden illness.

She was born May 26, 1948, in Pierre, South Dakota, the daughter of the late Benjamin and Irene (Hirsch) Hins, and was a 1966 graduate from T.F. Riggs High School. She also attended South Dakota State University, and graduated from Nazareth College in Kalamazoo, Michigan, with her BSN, and worked as a registered nurse in many settings. Kay served in the U.S. Army for many years, as well as the Reserves following active duty, and retired as a Major. She truly enjoyed helping others, and one of her most gratifying jobs was working as a manager at the Hospitality House in Kalamazoo, where she provided comfort for families with loved ones in the hospital. Kay was featured in several newspaper articles during the time she worked there, particularly for the emotional support she provided to guests with her "therapy" dog, Slick, as well as some of the special meals she prepared and shared with them.

Kay had resided in Zanesville since 2001, and worked for Genesis Healthcare, area nursing homes, and finished her career with occupational nursing. She had recently retired, and enjoyed cooking, reading, and spending time with her dog Sophie, and her family, especially her grandchildren. Kay had a big heart, and will be remembered most for her quiet acts of kindness, and her irrepressible sense of humor that propelled her through life.

Kay is survived by one daughter, Susan (Steven) Kimberly of Zanesville, and one son, Christopher (Kellie) Schnell of Kalamazoo, Michigan; four

grandchildren, Emma and Nolan Kimberly, and Caleb and Makena Schnell; one brother, Judson (Kit) Hins, one sister, Kris (John) Gilkerson and one brother in law: Wendell Malsam both of Pierre, SD. In addition to her parents, Kay was preceded in death by her infant brother, Ben, and one sister, Mikelyn Malsam of Pierre, SD.

Arrangements are being handled by the Hillis, Combs & Nestor Funeral Home, 935 Forest Ave., Zanesville, Ohio. A private family service has already been held.

The family wishes to express their gratitude and appreciation to all of the physicians and staff who cared for Kay, with special thanks to Dr. Williams and Dr. Pool, as well as the staff at Adams Lane Care Center and Genesis Caregivers. To sign the online guest book or leave a personal condolence please visit www.hilliscombsnestor.com

& Nestor Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Kay Darst-Schnell*

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“ *We have many fond memories of our growing up years with Kay. She was a good friend. Great picture with a smile we remember well. Rick & Nancy (Tobin) Boyd*

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“ *Kay was truly a beautiful person and friend. I am saddened to learn of her passing much too soon. May her family be granted solace and comfort during their time of grief.*

Barbara Weaver Simon

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