



## Kathleen Lucas Slofkosky

November 11, 1948 - October 10, 2016

Kathleen Lucas Slofkosky (Jennings), age 67, of Knoxville, passed away on October 10, 2016, at the Knoxville Hospital and Clinics.

Kathleen was born on November 11, 1948 to William and Mary (Ostreko) Lucas in Albia, Iowa. She grew up and attended Albia High School and graduated with the class of 1967. She then went to college in Kirksville, Missouri and obtained her teaching degree. On August 28, 1993 she was united in marriage to Paul Slofkosky at their good friends Skip and Karen Maas's house in Oskaloosa.

Kathleen taught English at the Oskaloosa Middle School for most of her life. She also took a job as an auxiliary police officer for the city of Eddyville. She retired from teaching after 29 years. Kathleen was very talented at cross-stitching and would spend countless hours in her favorite chair relaxing and working on her newest projects. She enjoyed her flower garden and spending time with her family and friends.

She is survived by her husband, Paul Slofkosky of Knoxville; her two sons, Matthew (Amanda) Jennings of Oskaloosa and Graham Jennings of Des Moines; a step-son, Michael (Helen) Slofkosky and their son Brody Slofkosky of Pleasant Hill; two grandchildren, Ryon Jennings and Nicole (Andrew) Cowell; three great-grandchildren, Emersyn Cowell, Jaxon Cowell, and Nolan

Johannes and a brother, Terry (Ramona) Lucas of Omaha.

She is preceded in death by her parents, William and Mary.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, October 22, 2016, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Fr. Mark Yates C.P.P.S. officiating.

Burial will follow services at St. Peter's Cemetery in Lovilia.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday, October 22, 2016, at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia prior to the service starting at 3:00.

Memorials may be made to the St. Peter's Cemetery in Lovilia.

Condolences may be left for the family at [www.tharpfh.com](http://www.tharpfh.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **22**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home  
116 Benton Ave.  
Albia, IA 52531  
(641) 932-3129  
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

## Memorial Service

OCT **22**. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Kathleen Lucas Slofkosky

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ Kathleen Lucas Slofkosky

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Kathleen Lucas Slofkosky.



October 19, 2016 at 04:52 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ramona Lucas - October 14, 2016 at 07:30 AM

RL

“ Matt and Graham, I found this poem and instantly thought of you and your mom.

*Your Mother, Your Angel*  
By Natasha Jordan

*You look back on memories you forgot you had,  
And at times you'll smile even though it hurts so bad.*

*Your mother is a special woman and no one can take her place,  
You'll find a piece of mind when you remember her smiling face.*

*Your mother is an angel now she flies high above the rest,  
and in your hearts always and forever she will be the best.*

*She has earned her wings and it's time for her to fly,  
I know it hurts no one is ever ready to say good-bye.*

*She knows you do not understand and that you cry at night,  
But as you finally drift off to sleep let her memory hold you tight.*

*She will be your guardian angel through the rest of your life,  
Helping lead you on the path between what' wrong and right.*

*Your mother loves you so very much and her love will always  
remain true,  
Please don't ever think for a second that your mother will forget you.*

*A mother's love is like no other in the whole world,  
And she has the most wonderful memories of her two little boys.*

*She has taken them with her as she's flown away,  
Up to Heaven free of pain which is her new home to stay.*

*So although you cannot see her and you wish she could be there,  
Your mother can always hear you and your mother will always care.*

*A mother does not forget the two greatest loves of her life,  
And she loved nothing more than being your mom and Paul's wife.*

*She is so proud of her family and that's in her heart to stay,  
Even though she's an angel and has had to fly away.*

*So as you cry your tears remember your mother's love,  
Being sent to you from her, from the beautiful Heaven above.*

*She will be there through your good times, she will be there through  
your bad,  
She'll be there when you are happy, she'll be there when you are sad.*

*Your mother has become an angel now, it is her time to fly,  
And you will never know how bad it hurt me to watch you have to  
say good-bye.*

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**Ramona Lucas** - October 14, 2016 at 07:05 AM

RL

“*My heart is filled with sadness on the loss of Kathy. Kathy was the best sister-in-law anyone could ask for. She welcomed me with open arms into the Lucas family. I always enjoyed family gatherings and talking with her. She was caring, funny, witty and always had the right words to comfort or inspire you. She gave me great tips on how to keep her brother in line. God has taken her under His wing to bless her with eternal peace in Heaven. She has not left us but is always in our memories and hearts. We will see her again. Love You Much, Ramona*

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**Ramona Lucas** - October 14, 2016 at 06:59 AM

RL

“ *Ramona J. Lucas purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Kathleen Lucas Slofkosky.*



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**Ramona J. Lucas** - October 14, 2016 at 06:58 AM

 Mike  
Horback

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of the loss of Cousin Kathy yesterday. Although I had never met her face to face, we had managed to connect several years ago through our mutual interest in researching our family ancestry and found our roots intertwined in the Iowa based Ostreiko line. I remember quite vividly the opening line of her first email which caused me to smile about my new found cousin – “Dear Mike, Holy buckets!” We continued to share the successes of our family finds which also included the other not oft spoken of family relatives who had all made the journey to the United States in the hopes of a better life and began it in Iowa. We recently rejoiced when we were able to finally locate the ancestral village, Pesochoe Belarus, where our grandparents immigrated from, complete with photos and interviews. The tip of this proverbial iceberg was just being uncovered and more genealogical adventures were on the horizon as we were attempting to connect with our international relatives thru Facebook and discover as much of our heritage as we could. We always congratulated each other on the use of our special detective skills to discover these secrets. Since we were both grandparents and retirees, I included Kathy as one of the recipients of my weekly joke mailings. On multiple occasions she would reply with her appreciation of a certain joke that either managed to either caused her to spit out a sip of coffee on her keyboard or simply the one line reply of Baahhhhaaahhha. She was always quick to “like” my posted family photos and will miss her gracious comments as well. Fully understanding the progression of the terrible disease which took her life too early, I admired her spirit when she first informed me of her illness and that she was “fighting like hell” and not giving up. We had discussed with sadness of the subject as to who would be the successors our family genealogical interest in our stead and continue our efforts so as not be in vain. I can only hope that someone in the Iowa branch of the Ostreiko family (spelled Astreyko in Belarus) will step in and continue this legacy for Kathy. Our condolences to the family of Kathy, may she rest in peace – we will miss you. Mike and Gail Horback- the Michigan branch of the Senkevich/Ostreiko family.

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**Mike Horback** - October 13, 2016 at 08:42 AM

PV

“ *Kathy was always so kind. She was a teacher with a warm heart and she touched many lives, including her colleagues. She had a smile and a quip each day and it was a joy to know her. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. - Pam (Armstrong) Vogel*

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**Pam Vogel** - October 12, 2016 at 10:49 PM



“ *She was one of the first teachers to take me under her wing in 1989 when I became a new teacher. We had great, deep conversations. I loved being her friend!  
I will miss her. Love you, Kathy!  
Liz*

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**Liz Foster** - October 12, 2016 at 09:01 PM

KI

“ *She was a wonderful instructor and a lovely, compassionate woman. My sincerest condolences to her family.*

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**Kimberly** - October 12, 2016 at 07:56 PM

KV

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Kathy's passing.*

*I had Kathy as a teacher toward the end of her career at Oskaloosa Middle School. I remember her enthusiastically theatrical presence in the classroom and for her passion for teaching.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.*

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**Keegan Joël VanDevender** - October 12, 2016 at 06:25 PM

AS

“ Terry & Ramona--so sorry to hear of your sister's passing. I will be out of town Saturday, so will not be able to attend her services. My sympathies to you and all of her family. Ann & Mark

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**Ann Simms** - October 12, 2016 at 10:02 AM

LB

“ We lived in same end of town going to school. Her mom worked with my youngest brother when he got in high school. She was as soft and sweet as her mom. Always we giggle with delight when we saw each other after we graduated and would meet because it would be time in between our by chance visit. I considered her one of my dear friends and loved her dearly. She will always have a place in my heart.

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**Lois Behrens** - October 12, 2016 at 09:51 AM