



Kathryn "Kay" E. McTaggart

February 19, 1931 - March 12, 2026

Kathryn Ellen "Kay" McTaggart, age 95 of Port Hope, passed away peacefully, in the comfort of her own home, on Thursday, March 12, 2026, surrounded by her loving family.

Kay was born on February 19, 1931 in Grindstone City, Michigan, to the late Alvin and Jeanette (McCachen) Woolner. Kay graduated from Cass City High School in 1949. Soon after graduating, Kay got a job at Frutchey Bean Co. in Cass City as the office girl. Her boss, Art Atwell, gave her the nickname Kay, because it was easier for him to remember.

Kay and some friends travelled to Bad Axe one night, to the roller rink, where she met a handsome, young man, named Harold McTaggart. Harold and Kay were united in marriage on May 5, 1951 at the Gagetown Nazarene Church. Harold preceded her in death on May 2, 2016, just a few days shy of their 65th wedding anniversary.

Kay then got a job working at Bad Axe Grain, where Harold also worked til 1956, when they moved their family to Port Hope. Together Harold and Kay founded Thumb Farm Service Inc. in 1971 with grain elevators in Port Hope, Ubyly, and Ruth. Kay was the secretary/treasurer for Thumb Farm Service for over 40 years.

Kay was a member of the Port Hope United Methodist Church, the Port Hope United Methodist Women, where she served as the treasurer for many years, and was a Sunday School teacher for many years. She was also a member of the Grindstone Port Hope Sportsmen Club, the Port Hope Chamber of

Commerce, and the Port Hope Community School PTA. Kay and Harold travelled to Florida for over 30 years, spending much of their time in Zephyrhills, Florida, where they made some amazing friends.

Kay is survived by her three children: Alan (Judy) McTaggart, Jean Norton, and Debra (Jerome) Lackowski, all of Port Hope. Six Grandchildren: Lindsey (Greg) DeJonge of Zeeland, Mark (Amanda) McTaggart of Traverse City, Autumn Norton of Mount Pleasant, April (Nick) Osburn of Mount Pleasant, Thomas (Kate) Norton of Port Hope, and Alex Lackowski of Fillion. Eight great grandchildren: Fynlee DeJonge, Olive McTaggart, Henry DePottey, Carter Osburn, Charlotte Osburn, Michaella Norton, Londyn Norton and Piper Lackowski, sister-in-law: Donna Woolner of Capac and many nieces and nephews. Kay was a very loving Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother, and will be deeply missed.

Kay was preceded in death by her parents Alvin and Jeanette Woolner, her husband Harold, brothers: Kenneth, James, Bernard, Alvin, Francis and infant Clarence, and her sister infant Sarah, father and mother-in-law: Donald and Luetta (Gray) McTaggart, brothers and sisters-in-law: Neil McTaggart and Donald McTaggart, Ellen Jean (Thomas) Maus, her step mother Lorraine Apley Woolner, and nieces and nephews.

The family would like to extend a very big thank you to Kendra, Deandra and Brittany, the wonderful caregivers who showed Kay so much love and compassion over the past few years and especially in her final days.

Funeral Services for Kay will be Monday March 16, 2026 at 11 am at the Port Hope United Methodist Church, with Pastor Karen Kinney officiating. Burial will follow in the New River Cemetery. Friends may call at the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach, on Sunday, March 15, 2026 from 2-8 pm. Visitation on Monday will be at the church, beginning at 10 am until time of services at 11 am.

Memorials may be offered to the Port hope Chamber of Commerce Fireworks Fund, the Grindstone Port Hope Sportsmen's Club, the Port Hope United Methodist Church, or to a donor of your choice.

Memories can be shared at www.RamseyFH.com

Cemetery Details

New River Cemetery

Port Austin, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 15. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ramsey Funeral Home, Inc
425 State St
Harbor Beach, MI 48441
(989) 479-3407
<https://www.ramseyfh.com>

Visitation

MAR 16. 10:00 AM (ET)

Port Hope United Methodist Church
Port Hope, MI 48468

Funeral Service

MAR 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

Port Hope United Methodist Church
4521 Main St
Port Hope, MI 48468
(989) 479-6053

Tribute Wall



“ *"God Has You" 21" Sonnet Chime was purchased for the family of Kathryn "Kay" E. McTaggart.*



April 07 at 09:00 PM



“ *May the Lord comfort you all with your dear Mother's passing. When Duck lost his job at Agrico, we were very grateful to be hired at Alan's elevator. Your parents blessed us even more in Florida at our Mobile Park. What a beautiful attitude they had, loved every body and brought joy and laughter to all the neighbors! They were at all activities and made our winters happier, though away from families. We enjoyed the Christmas Parties with Star of the West with them. My kids are related to the Mc Taggart clan from Canada. Thank you for sharing this Sweet soul who smile lifted up all who knew her. God bless. Duckie and Marie Kiehl*

Marie Kiehl - March 20 at 08:12 PM



“ *Kay and Harold were significant contributors to Port Hope over so many years. They also were just plain good people. Kay is among the last of a special generation. Her memory will be treasured.*

Garth Kriewall - March 15 at 03:33 PM

DP

“ We remember Kay and Harold as really good people - kind and caring - fun to be around. They loved their family and the community. They are now both at rest and will be remembered and missed. God's blessings and peace to all the family and friends. Dr. Gary and Carol Pawlitz

Dr. Gary and Carol Pawlitz - March 15 at 12:49 PM

CA

“ Condolences from the James/Sharon Fuhrman families. Condolences from the Robert/Corinne (Fuhrman) Abraham families. We pray that everyone feels the loving arms of Jesus enfolding them through the actions and words of others. The Port Hope community has lost another endearing member that helped the agricultural area grow and she will be missed. Her smile brightened the day for many.



Corinne Fuhrman Abraham - March 14 at 11:00 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Kathryn "Kay" E. McTaggart.



March 14 at 10:24 AM

BR

“ Kay was a kind and caring woman, I have many memories of her stories about the adventures of Harold and Arthur (my husband) so funny!



She's probably making a snack for them....
Farewell my friend, you made a difference in this world!

Brenda - March 13 at 09:07 PM

MK

Yes.

Marie Kiehl - March 20 at 08:15 PM

SF

“ Selene Woolner Porcelli and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Kathryn "Kay" E. McTaggart.



Selene Woolner Porcelli and family - March 13 at 05:11 PM



“ Jean; Your Mother lived a full life at her age. Sorry for your loss. It is never easy to let go, but quality life is no longer, it is time for rest.
Peace be with you and your siblings

Kgg Gorn - March 13 at 04:17 PM