



## Kathi Beiswenger

September 1, 1951 - March 27, 2026

Mary Kathleen "Kathi" Beiswenger, 74, of Holland, passed away on Friday, March 27, 2026.

Kathi was born September 1, 1951, in Washington D.C., to William and Mary (O'Brien) Abler. She grew up in Southeast Michigan and graduated from St. Francis Xavier Catholic High School in Ecorse. Kathi then earned a nursing degree from Mercy College of Detroit and began her occupational calling as a registered nurse.

She married Bill Beiswenger, a fellow registered nurse, in 1998, and they lived and worked in Jackson. Kathi was keenly focused on the medical needs of mothers and babies during her U.S. based hospital work. Even in retirement she was a tremendous resource for young women and families on pregnancy, childbirth, and baby healthcare. For many years Kathi and Bill also enjoyed taking international medical trips to Guatemala to provide medical care to those who desperately needed it.

Kathi was influential in the Immune Deficiency community. She traveled to speak at keynote events, and she also lobbied persistently for Immune Deficiency legislation at the state and national level. Kathi was a longtime leader and mentor of the La Leche League.

She is survived by her husband of 28 years, Bill, her children and grandchildren: Kenny and Rachel Mehi (Emily, Owen), Kristen and Adam Slatinsky (Noah and Reilly Slatinsky, Hannah Slatinsky, Joshua and Leah Slatinsky, Emma Slatinsky); siblings: Bill and Sue Abler, Margie Olepa, Tim and Lauri Abler, Julie Abler, David and Kathy Abler, Alice Eldred-DuPont, Jim and Jackie Abler; brother in-law Ronald and Jane Beiswenger. She was preceded in death by her parents, and her sister Janie Abler.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 pm, EST, Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at the Langeland-Sterenberg Funeral Home, 315 E. 16th Street, Holland MI 49423. Visiting hours will be 11:30 am - 1:45 pm, Wednesday prior to the memorial service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Immune Deficiency Foundation, Sisters of Mercy, HELPS International.

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 1. 11:30 AM - 1:45 PM (ET)

Langeland-Sterenberg Funeral Home  
315 E 16th St  
Holland, MI 49423  
(616) 392-2306  
info@langelandsterenberg.com  
<http://langelandsterenberg.com/>

## Memorial Service

APR 1. 2:00 PM - 2:50 PM (ET)

Langeland-Sterenberg Funeral Home  
315 East 16th Street  
Holland, MI 49423

# Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Kathi Beiswenger memorial service in memory of Kathi Beiswenger*



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**Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes** - April 02 at 11:10 AM



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Kathi Beiswenger*



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**Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes** - April 01 at 09:57 AM

ES

“ *Ewing Outdoor Supply purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Kathi Beiswenger.*



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**Ewing Outdoor Supply** - March 31 at 07:40 PM

ES

“ Ewing Outdoor Supply planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathi Beiswenger.

Ewing Outdoor Supply - March 31 at 07:40 PM

DA

“ David and Kathy Abler purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kathi Beiswenger.



David and Kathy Abler - March 31 at 10:50 AM

KM

“ Kenneth M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathi Beiswenger.

Kenneth M. - March 30 at 10:18 PM

FM

“ From Jean, David, Joy and Jeff Mehi purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Kathi Beiswenger.



From Jean, David, Joy and Jeff Mehi - March 30 at 11:39 AM

SG

“ Dear Bill, my heart goes out to you on the loss of Kathi. It’s hard to imagine the void left after 28 years together. That is incredible that you worked as a team—not just as partners in life, but as nurses serving together in Guatemala. She was a lovely soul, and I am so deeply sorry for your loss. Sandy Peterson Gayk

Sandra S Gayk - March 29 at 09:45 PM

CA

“ Bill, I’m so sorry to hear that Kathy is gone. She was a wonderful, kind hearted woman of faith.

connie ayling - March 29 at 08:54 PM

TF

“ The Matthews Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kathi Beiswenger.



The Matthews Family - March 29 at 06:43 PM

MK

“ Kathi (and her spouse Bill) and I first met twelve years ago while I was serving as the parish nurse at SFdS in Holland. Over the years, we shared not only a deep friendship but also the common language and calling of nursing. She and Bill have remained dear friends, and I am so grateful for their support of parish nursing and for the gift of Kathi’s friendship. She will be deeply missed. Martha Kuyten

Martha Kuyten - March 29 at 03:37 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathi Beiswenger.*



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March 29 at 01:08 PM



“ *I just visited Kathi a few times but quickly I was in awe of her courage in facing the pain and uncertainty of her illness. We shared stories of our lives with laughter and tears. We shared our faith and feelings about the question of what happens after we die. I am glad for that time together and I will take inspiration from it for my own life. Rest in, a much deserved, peace, Kathi. Kay Marriner.*

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**Kay Marriner** - March 29 at 12:44 PM



“ *In Heaven's Arms Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathi Beiswenger.*



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March 29 at 12:29 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kathi Beiswenger.*

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March 29 at 12:29 PM

JL

“ Joe, katie, Savannah, and Logan purchased the *Enchanted Cottage* for the family of Kathi Beiswenger.



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**Joe, katie, Savannah, and Logan** - March 29 at 12:05 PM

BC

“ Bruce and Lilise Cargo purchased the *Pretty Pleasure* for the family of Kathi Beiswenger.



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**Bruce and Lilise Cargo** - March 29 at 10:52 AM

CC

“ Carol C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathi Beiswenger.

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**Carol C.** - March 29 at 10:22 AM

AM

“ *Kathi was my patient for many years and we shared a lot of conversations during her infusions. I will always cherish her resilience, faith, appreciation for good humor and her optimism despite all odds. She was a fighter and a very intelligent nurse who shared a lot of information with me. Her youngest grandchildren and mine were similar ages and we loved sharing stories about them. She made me love captain sundaes, crazy horse prime rib and jersey mikes. We shared many good meals together as well as conversations. May she fly high now without the restrictions her body had and rest in peace. Prayers for her loving devoted husband Bill as he carries on in her absence. Your nurse/friend Toni Moore*

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**Antoinette Moore** - March 28 at 09:51 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Kathi Beiswenger.*



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March 28 at 07:47 PM