

Obituary

Kerry L. Brosius 1944-2026

Kerry L. Brosius, 81, of North Platte, passed away peacefully on Wed., Jan. 21, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of love, laughter, and tireless devotion to everyone she held dear.

Born on December 5, 1944, to Kathleen Spargo and Orace Fitzgerald in Arnold, Nebraska, Kerry entered the world alongside her beloved twin sister, Jerry Miller. Weighing no more than three pounds each, the two tiny miracles spent their first months snuggled in shoe boxes heated by the warmth of a gas oven. "The Twins," as their community affectionately called them, were inseparable soul mates.

Kerry discovered her passion at the University of Nebraska in 1963 when she found organized athletics, a lifeline for a young woman ahead of her time. She thrived in collegiate 3-on-3 AAU basketball, competing in tournaments and earning recognition as an AAU All-Tournament team member in 1964 in Omaha. Kerry was among the pioneering women who fought to carve out space for female athletes.

On October 1, 1964, Kerry married Kenneth Dean Brosius of Stapleton. Together, they built a beautiful life rooted in hard work, faith, and unwavering commitment to their community. They raised two children, Jacques (Jim) Harms and Todd (Dawn) Brosius, on the family farm south of Stapleton, growing corn, wheat, and beans, and eventually building their own hog operation. When the farm crisis of the 1980s tested their resolve, Kerry and Kenny simply adapted, moving to North Platte where they spent fifteen years managing Allura Gardens while maintaining their farming business.

Kerry's faith and generosity extended far beyond her own family. She and Kenny opened their hearts to strengthen other marriages, hosting Marriage Encounter weekends for eight years. At St. John's Catholic Church in Stapleton, she shared her musical gifts and served as a devoted member of the Altar Society. She volunteered at Stapleton Public Schools, cheering on Jacques and Todd through every activity, game, and performance.

Some of Kerry's happiest memories were made at Lake Maloney, where she and Kenny became water skiers. They performed tricks that made people smile, while generously teaching countless friends and family to wa-



ter ski and tube. Even at seventy years old, Kerry glided across the lake, a testament to her athletic spirit.

But Kerry's greatest love was reserved for her grandchildren: Morgan and Alex (Alyssa) Harms, and Andrew and Brooke Brosius. She was present for every moment, celebrating their triumphs. From teaching them piano and music, to throwing a ball, mastering board games and conquering homework, Kerry invested herself fully in their lives. She traveled the length of Nebraska to watch them compete and perform.

Kerry is survived by her husband, her sister Jerry Miller of Houston, Texas, her cherished children and grandchildren, stepsister, Terri Geiser, Aunt Jo Keyser, sister-in-law Bonnie & Gary Sadi, Denny & Trudy Brosius, and a large extended family of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister and brother-in-law, Kathy and Phil Fager, step brother-in-law, Lannie Geiser, and stepfather, Speck Sanders.

In honor of Kerry's life, the family requests that memorial donations be directed to North Platte Catholic Schools or the Alzheimer's Association.

The family would like to thank the countless caregivers who guided her through the last year of her life.

Rosary services were held at Holy Spirit Catholic Church on Sunday, January 25, at 6:00 p.m., with the Mass of Christian Burial on Monday, January 26, at 10:00 a.m. After a lunch at the church at 11:00 a.m., family and friends were invited to the grave site at St. John's Cemetery near Stapleton, Nebraska, for a 1:00 p.m. service.

Adam & Swanson is in charge of arrangements.