



## Katherine Colburn

February 8, 1927 - July 21, 2021

Katherine L. Colburn, age 94, passed away at her residence on Wednesday, July 21, 2021 surrounded by her family. Katherine was born in Columbus, Ohio to the late Fred and Lillian Lee. Also preceded in death by husband Joe and sister Barbara (Phil) Rea. Katherine was a graduate of The Ohio State University. She was very active with (DAR) Daughters of the American Revolution where she was Chapter and State Regent, National Vice-Regent and National Historian General; Senior Chapter and State Regent for Children of American Revolution and National Vice Regent; National Society of the Colonial Dames of America; National Society United States Daughters of 1812; The Ohio Eastern Star; Kiwanis; Ladies Oriental Shrine; and a member of Maple Grove United Methodist Church. Katherine loved cardinals and had quite the collection of cardinals. She and her husband loved to travel, having visited 49 of the 50 states. Katherine will be deeply missed by her loving sons Joseph (Cyndi) Jr, David (Nancy), Andrew (Becky); loving daughter Julie (Jonny Pond); grandchildren Benjamin, Peter (Beth), and Molly Colburn, Katherine (Adam) Humphrey, Ian (Jennifer) Colburn, Lauren (Brad) Springer, Mark (Erin) Colburn, Maggie (John Baumgardner), Joe (Rachel), and Miles Cummings; great-grandchildren Benjiman (Erika) and Jason Colburn, Lillian Sidelinger, Shaelen Cantrell, Gabrielle, Isabella, and Emelia Springer, Carter and Jackson Colburn, Lillian Weakley, and nieces Sarah and Amy Rea. Family will receive friends from 4:00-7:00pm on Monday, July 26, 2021 SCHOEDINGER MIDTOWN, 229 E. State Street, Columbus 43215. Funeral Service will be held at 10:00am on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at SCHOEDINGER MIDTOWN with burial at Kingwood Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Shriner's Hospital for Children in her name at <http://www.donate.lovetotherescue.org>. Please visit <http://www.schoedinger.com> to share memories and condolences.

# Events

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**JUL Visitation 04:00PM - 07:00PM**

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Schoedinger Midtown

229 East State Street, Columbus, OH, US, 43215

**JUL Funeral Service 10:00AM**

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# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



**Schoedinger Funeral Service** - July 25 at 01:56 PM

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“ An external video has been added.



**Schoedinger Funeral Service** - July 23 at 02:06 PM

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“ To the large family of Katherine Lee Colburn:.

I was a classmate of Katie's in 1945 at Linden Mckinley. I graduated in January and she in June. I enlisted in the Air Force and she went on to OSU and started having babies. Our paths crossed briefly in 1985 when I came to Columbus for our 40th alumni gathering. She was teaching school and I was an executive with a large Los Angeles real estate firm having gone to USC.

I came to Columbus in 2010 for another alumni gathering. In 2019 Katie had contacted me through Classmates an alumni organization.source. We then exchanged several emails as she was very well informed of the whereabouts of our classmates. She and I and Izzy Brinkman, her very dear friend had dinner at the Cheesecake Factory in New Albany.

When I returned to Orange County Katie and I exchanged emails and we both realized that we felt the same about many things. This started a regular Sunday night call from me to her where we discussed anything and everything, politics, Trump body ailments. etc. During the week we exchanged hundreds of emails .After over ten years of this it will be an adjustment to life without Katie. I miss our Sunday calls already. She was an extremely intelligent person and a joy to me..

I have been very verbose but I want to say one more thing. We speculated one night on what might have been between us. I Thought she was a cute little brunette but might be unapproachable because she was the leading lady in all of the plays be it musical, drama or whatever. She was a National Honor Society Member, etc, etc. I was the most bashful guy in Linden but she thought I was full of myself because I never spoke to her. I was a big sports star and All City in Basketball and Baseball and the first class President in Linden's history.

I really miss her but I offer my most heartwarming condolences to you one and all.

George Keeling  
keelinggeorge@yahoo.com  
(949) 770-7794.

George Keeling - August 07 at 05:14 PM

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“ Katherine was one of the first ladies I met upon joining US Daughters of 1812. She was so friendly, vivacious, and a dynamo for the organization. I enjoyed each and every time I met her. She was a lovely lady and will be missed by many.

Tacy Lewis - August 01 at 07:05 PM

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“ Praying for your peace and comfort during this time of grief and loss. She had such a beautiful sense of heritage and family that she so generously shared with us all!  
Sarah (Conkel) Schooley

Sarah Schooley - July 28 at 02:45 PM

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“ Jill Troike lit a candle in memory of Katherine Colburn



Jill Troike - July 27 at 05:20 PM

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“ A former Kiwanian, Bob Nevel, will miss Katherine, who I knew through her husband Joe, my sympathy to his and her sons I knew through Kiwanis. You are in our prayers.  
Sincerely,  
Bob & Jeanne Nevel

wendyellis - July 27 at 10:25 AM

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“ To the Colburn family,  
We're so sorry for the passing of Katherine. We have so many memories of her. She was my 12th grade English Lit teacher and became just "Teach" to me. She was a fellow choir member to Rita and Tom. Katherine will always be remembered as a great friend.  
Ray, Rita, and Tom Armstrong

Ray Armstrong - July 27 at 07:43 AM

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“ Dear Family,  
I'm sure I couldn't name all my Branch 3 cousins if you begged me, but I have always known Katherine. Even seeing her only annually at the McCullough Reunion, she's a person who leaves a real impression! She was joyful and kind, and always eager to share a family story. She's one of the last of that generation of McC. cousins; I will remember her fondly for the rest of my days. Blessings to you all.  
Susan Westenbarger (4-2-1-1)

**susan westenbarger** - July 26 at 04:27 PM

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“ She's a loving and kind wife, mother, grandmother and friend; she will be missed. I know she will watch over everyone until everyone meets again in heaven.

**Karen Bruno** - July 26 at 03:10 PM

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“ Katherine was always vivacious and had lots of enthusiasm for what is important : God, family and nation. McCullough cousins are grateful for all the genealogy information she provided for us from all the research she did. No doubt, she now knows great joy in being present with the Lord, Joe and other loved ones. My sympathy to her family!  
Donna McCullough Ballmer (Mrs. Kenneth)

**Donna** - July 26 at 01:59 PM

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“ Katherine and I served together on the NSDAR Executive Board during the Love Administration, and I had the privilege of knowing her over the years prior to that. She visited Iowa on numerous official occasions. Katherine was, hands down, one of the most fun-loving, intelligent and many faceted persons I've had the privilege of knowing.  
~~~Sara Jane Harwood



**Sara Jane Harwood** - July 26 at 11:54 AM

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“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Katherine L. Colburn.



July 26 at 10:55 AM

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“ Peggy & Nelson Foucht purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Katherine Colburn.



**Peggy & Nelson Foucht** - July 26 at 09:06 AM

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“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Katherine Colburn.



July 25 at 07:08 PM

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“ My condolences to the entire Colburn family on the passing of a truly great woman and friend. It has been a blessing to know her through your family's abiding friendship with the Armstrongs for many decades. I cherish her memory as my 12-grade English teacher way back in 1968-1969 and am so grateful to have shared musicianship with her talented children. Rich Tenaglia

**Richard Tenaglia** - July 25 at 11:04 AM

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“ To the Colburn family,  
We're so sorry to hear about Katherine. Thoughts & prayers sent during this difficult time. We have many, many precious memories over the years being with her, Joe, & their children during our years at Linden Heights Methodist Church, especially their singing in the chancel choir. Much love to all,  
Linda & Dick Nash



Linda Dick Nash - July 24 at 10:56 PM

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“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Katherine Colburn.



July 24 at 05:32 PM

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“ Jerry Goslin & John Tyo purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Katherine Colburn.



Jerry Goslin & John Tyo - July 24 at 05:15 PM

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“ Katherine was a warm and wonderful person and I always enjoyed talking with her at family gatherings and other places. She was a curious, intelligent, loving and dedicated individual who I respected a great deal. She'll be greatly missed.

**debra conkel** - July 24 at 05:10 PM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Katherine Colburn.



July 24 at 12:14 PM

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“ Lucas Sullivant Chapter USD1812 purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Katherine Colburn.



**Lucas Sullivant Chapter USD1812** - July 23 at 08:11 PM

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“ Katherine Colburn was OSDAR Regent when I was Muskingum Chapter Regent. She was a wonderful person and will be sadly missed.

**Janice McMillan** - July 23 at 10:59 AM