



## Kathryn Preisel

July 14, 1918 - February 1, 2018

Kathryn Preisel (nee Rosenbaum), age 99, of Bourbonnais, passed away Thursday, February 1, 2018 at Riverside Senior Life in Bourbonnais. She was born July 14, 1918 in Joliet, the daughter of Carl M. & Mary Seibert Rosenbaum.

Kathryn attended and graduated from St. John's grammar school and Joliet Township High School. At one time, she clerked at the candy counter of Kline's Department Store. She worked and traveled for The National Association of Real Estate Board of Chicago, and commuted every day from Joliet to Chicago on the Rock Island train.

She earned her pilot license at the Joliet Airport.

Kathryn married Wayne Preisel on July 11, 1959 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Bradley. They honeymooned in New York City.

Wayne headed the Preisel Construction Company in Kankakee and he built a new home for them that they lived in and enjoyed for many years.

Kathryn and Wayne were busy travelers and took many trips over the years to Florida, Hawaii, Arizona, Oklahoma, Colorado, and Northern Michigan.

Kathryn and Wayne were known for their philanthropy. They were long time supporters of Riverside Hospital and The Mayo Clinic. They received the Samaritan award in 1985 from Riverside Medical Center.

Wayne passed away in 2008. A surgical suite at Riverside is named in honor of The Preisel's. In 2016, Kathryn received the Samaritan award for the second time.

She was an active volunteer at Riverside and served two years on the hospital board. She was a member of the Arthritis Foundation as well as former president of the Crusaders Study Club.

Kathryn was honored at The Mayo Clinic in April of 2011 as a Philanthropic Partner. She was invited with a group of benefactors of the Mayo Clinic on three different occasions to private receptions by President George H. Bush and his wife, Barbara at their home in Kennebunkport, Maine.

In 2016, Kathryn moved to Riverside Senior Life in Bourbonnais. She stayed busy by furnishing the community room there. She also prepared the courtyard with tables, chairs, and the American Flag and service branch flags. Whenever you drive up to the building, the flags greet you and it's like a "hello" from Kathryn.

Surviving are many nieces and many nephews.

Private services will be held.

# Tribute Wall

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“*Kay was a very special lady and a good friend. I will miss our time together. She was a true gem!*”

*Pauline Ryan*

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*Kay used to come in to my gift store several years ago. She was such a gracious lady. We had some wonderful visits. I thought of Kay this week, trying to remember her last name and wondering if she was still in the area. As I had not thought of her in over fifteen years, and seeing her obituary the same week that she had come to mind, I could only smile. Bless you Kay! Eileen Boudreau*

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