



Kay D. Hayward

March 3, 1939 - January 25, 2026

Kay D. (Carter) Hayward, age 86, of St. Anne, passed away on Sunday, January 25th, 2026.

Kay was born on March 3, 1939 in Pontiac, Michigan, the daughter of Emory and Bertie (Freeman) Carter. She married Joe E. Hayward on August 3, 1957, in Gingellville, Michigan.

Together for over 68 years, Joe and Kay raised their four children: daughter, Dawn Kalinowski (husband Chris); son, Timothy Hayward (deceased); daughter, Sharon DeYoung (husband Scott); and son, Benjamin Hayward (wife Cyndi).

In addition to her son, Kay was preceded in death by her parents and two siblings, Joe Carter and Clayton Carter.

Kay was active in serving in various ministries at her beloved church, Grace Baptist Church.

She was an expert seamstress and cake decorator who poured her creativity into everything she made. She loved gardening and showing off what was growing each season. Crosswords filled some of her spare time along with watching “Jeopardy.”

Throughout her life, she worked in a variety of roles—including at a bank and as a secretary for the family business—but no “job” she enjoyed more than being a wife and mother.

Kay found great joy in her family and loved watching her grandchildren grow:

Gabrielle Bulger, John Funderburg, MaryJane DeYoung, and Rudolph DeYoung; and her great-grandchildren, Oliver Bulger, Eva and Llewyn Funderburg, Amberley, Benjamin, and Gavin DeYoung.

Her life was one of faith, family, and quiet strength, and she will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Visitation will be held from 11:00 am until the time of the 1:00 pm funeral service on Friday, January 30, 2026 at Grace Baptist Church in Aroma Township. Burial will follow at Aroma Park Cemetery in Aroma Township. Arrangements are being handled by Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Grace Baptist Church.

Cemetery Details

Aroma Park Cemetery

2585 S. Sandbar Rd
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-8638

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Grace Baptist Church
2499 Waldon Road
Kankakee, IL 60901

Funeral Service

JAN 30. 1:00 PM (CT)

Grace Baptist Church
2499 Waldon Road
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall

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“ I loved Kay with her big smile and engaging conversations always followed with a laugh. She was delightful. Have really missed her and Joe at church. With love, Cathy Reed

Cathy Reed - January 27 at 06:01 PM

MH

I'm sorry we missed her service. We planned on being there, but had not seen service times. Always thought a lot of your parents. Prayers for all of you and especially your dad. Loved your family.

Marlene Heagle - January 31 at 02:47 PM

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“ MR MRS lit a candle in memory of Kay D. Hayward



MR MRS - January 27 at 01:54 PM