

Kathleen S. Kropp

Kathleen Susan Kropp was born on March 14, 1987, in Wheat Ridge, Colorado, to Patrick and Kendell Kropp and passed away in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on July 29, 2025. She attended Limon Public Schools, where she graduated as class valedictorian in 2005.

Music was very much at the center of Kathleen's life, and music provided many of her most profound connections with others. From a young age, she excelled at both the piano and the flute. Later, she would go on to teach herself to play the guitar. Kathleen's passion for music took her from Limon to Orange City, Iowa, where she obtained her undergraduate degree in music education. From there, Kathleen continued in her pursuit of music and using music as a tool for healing. She returned to Colorado, where she obtained a master's degree in music therapy from Colorado State University in Fort Collins.

Spending time in the Colorado Mountains was a special part of Kathleen's life. Rocky Mountain National Park and the YMCA of the Rockies in particular held precious memories for her. It was during a summer at the YMCA that she met and later married her former husband, Evan Marsh. To this union a son, Maxon Wayne, was born in 2019.

Professionally, she spent much of her career bringing cheer and joy to hospice patients, elderly, and disabled individuals through the gift of music. One particularly profound memory of hers was singing "Peace in the Valley" with a music therapy group during the COVID 19 crisis via zoom when they were unable to gather in person.

Kathleen was always ready for a jam session and greatly enjoyed the countless sessions she organized and shared with friends and family members over the years. She shared many of her musical tastes with her brother and enjoyed attending concerts together, creating mixtape CDs, and playing guitar together or listening to him play for her son.

Kathleen is survived by her son, Maxon; her parents, Patrick and Kendell; her brother, Toby (Ana) as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Wayne and Jane Parton; and paternal grandparents, Daryl and Rita Kropp.

Kathleen will be fondly remembered for her crafting hobbies, thoughtful gifting, creative talents, kindness and grace toward all individuals, and her love and devotion to her son.

Kathleen's music is preserved on her YouTube channel:
<https://m.youtube.com/@celebratetheeveryday>

A Gathering for Remembrance



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March 14, 1987–July 29, 2025

“I know that the fact that I am always searching for God, always struggling to discover the fullness of Love, always yearning for the complete truth, tells me that I have already been given a taste of God, of Love, and of Truth.”

—Henri Nouwen

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Saturday, September 6, 2025 | 4:30 p.m.
St. Paul's United Methodist Church

Prelude Music

You Were Born Robert Seaberg

Wildflowers Laura Seibert & Laura Fehr

Welcome Rev. Jonathan Heifner (St. Paul's)

Hymn: *Abide with Me*, UMH 700 (stanzas 1 & 3) Joel Reeves (First Lutheran)

Reading by Howard Thurman Rev. Carin Bringelson (Peoples Church)

Naming Rev. Katie Lowe Lancaster (First Lutheran)

Hymn: *This Is My Father's World*, UMH 144 (stanzas 1–2) Chris Emery

Reading: *Life After Death* by Laura Gilpin Cleo Sullivan (Nourished)

Hymn: *There'll Be Peace in the Valley* by Thomas A. Dorsey Laura Seibert

& Chris Emery

Psalter Reading: *Psalms 23* Rev. Katie Lowe Lancaster (First Lutheran)

Eulogies Laura Seibert & Marly Melsh

Hymn: *Psalms 91 (On Eagles' Wings)* by Shane & Shane Laura Fehr

Toby's Eulogy read by Laura Fehr

Song: *Amazing Grace* Slayton Thompson

Supporting One Another in Difficult Times Shanna Hawkins (Foundation2)

Reading by John O'Donohue Rev. Kristina Roth-Klinck

(Nourished & Lovely Lane)

Hymn: *How Can I Keep from Singing* Laura Seibert

Benediction & Invitation to Gather Rev. Jonathan Heifner (St. Paul's)

Postlude: *I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For* by U2 Kathleen's friends

Additional Opportunities to Honor Kathleen

Foundation2's Light the Night: On Wednesday, September 10, at 7:00 p.m., Foundation2 will honor World Suicide Prevention Day with Light the Night (305 2nd Ave SE). There will be a Legacy Wall Reception to gather to remember those who have died by suicide and to support their loved ones. At 8:00 p.m., a luminary will be lit representing a life remembered, including Kathleen's. RSVP is encouraged but not required. All are welcome to attend. You can find more information at <https://foundation2.org/lightthenight/>

Nourished's Fork & Folk: Nourished is a local spiritual community of which Kathleen was a part; she deeply cared for this group, and was a frequent accompanist. Nourished leadership invites anyone from today's memorial to join us for an event that speaks to Kathleen's love of music and community. Fork & Folk will be held Friday, September 26, from 5:30–8:30 p.m. It is a seasonal gathering for musicians and anyone who enjoys playing and singing music together, with an accompanying potluck meal. We will be meeting in a community member's backyard or inside (1932 B Ave NE), depending on the weather. Please bring your instruments and/or a dish to share.

You are invited to join us at NewBo City Market immediately following this gathering as we share a meal, tell stories, and strengthen the bonds of community.