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On Thursday, April 30, 2026, at the age of 79, Kate passed away peacefully with family by her side after a lengthy illness at Bethesda North Hospital.

Those surviving who will honor Kate's legacy include her husband of over 57 years, Don Bader; two sons, Chris Bader (Arianna Newone) and Steven Bader (Kimberly Rose Fender); three grandchildren, Ella Rose Bader, Steven (Jessica) Bader, and Arianna Zurtia; three great-grandchildren, Parker Boehl, Carson Bader, and Gunner Bader, as well as several nieces. In addition to her parents, Kate was preceded in death by one sister, Audrey Butler.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, May 5 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Cook Rosenberger Funeral Home, Brookville. Pastor David Smith will officiate funeral services beginning at 1 p.m. and cremation will follow.

Memorial contributions in honor of Kate may be directed to the Franklin County Humane Society. Donations will be accepted in person at the visitation, or they can be made online at their website.

To share fond memories, offer personal condolences, or to sign the online guestbook, please visit [www.cookrosenberger.com](http://www.cookrosenberger.com). The staff of Cook Rosenberger Funeral Home are honored to care for Kate and her family during this time.

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Funeral Services

*1:00 pm Tuesday, May 5, 2026*

*Cook Rosenberger Funeral Home*

*Brookville, Indiana*

Officiating

*Pastor David Smith*

Services In Care Of

The logo for Cook Rosenberger Funeral Home, featuring the name in a serif font with a decorative flourish above the 'R' and 'BERGER'.

"How lucky I am to have something that makes saying  
goodbye so hard."

- Winnie the Pooh



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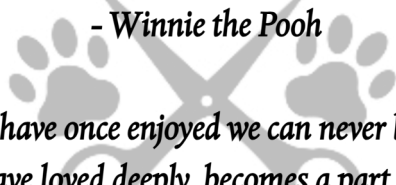
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