



Katharine Pantzer Lange

April 9, 1954 - September 5, 2025

Katharine Pantzer Lange,

Passed away on September 5, 2025, she was 71 years old. Katharine was born on April 9, 1954. The second daughter of Kurt Pantzer Jr. and Elizabeth (Kennedy) Elliott. She was a graduate of Tudor Hall in 1972, Ithaca College with a Bachelor's in Fine Arts in 1976, and a Masters in Art Administration from American University in 1980. Katharine leaves behind her siblings, Elizabeth (Lisa) Pantzer, Kurt Pantzer III, and Julia (Frederick) Hess.

The arts were her passion. She worked at Arena Stage in Washington, D.C. and at Civic Theatre in Indianapolis. She was a regular performer in plays with the Dramatic Club and Civic Theatre. She also regularly co-directed productions of *The Secret Garden* as part of Orchard in Bloom.

Katharine left an impression on everyone she met. Whether longtime friends or choice encounters, people were surprised – and often caught off guard – by her witty comments and quick repartee. Often at the heart of boisterous conversation, Katharine brought out giggles and guffaws from everyone she met.

But above all, Katharine was most proud of her role raising two boys, Brendy (Anne Schutte Lange) and Eric (Anne Reed Lange). She was champion and cheerleader for their accomplishments on the sports field, in the classroom, and in life. As her boys created families of their own, her six grandchildren came to love her spunk, creativity, and joy with their grandmother. They inherited Katharine's love of the arts and continue her legacy: on their own

they write, direct, and perform original plays to perform at every family gathering.

A calling for Katharine will be held Saturday, October 25, 2025 from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Road, Fishers.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre online at <https://www.civictheatre.org/>

Previous Events

Calling

OCT **25**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel

9900 N. Allisonville Road

Fishers, IN 46038

(317) 841-7878

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<https://www.shirleybrothers.com>

Tribute Wall

MK

“ I always LOVED being on a Dramatic Club committee with Katharine.....always diligent, never a no-show and always fun! Katherine will be missed! Michelle Kahlo

Michelle Kahlo - October 25, 2025 at 01:01 PM

LR

“ Linda Alig Ray purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Katharine Pantzer Lange.



Linda Alig Ray - October 25, 2025 at 11:59 AM

LR

“ Linda Alig Ray planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Katharine Pantzer Lange.

Linda Alig Ray - October 25, 2025 at 11:59 AM

CC

“ 'All the world's a stage" and Heaven must be the same, as by now you will have organized at least one full-length play and several skits. RIP, KPL.

Christine Cattell - October 24, 2025 at 05:49 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Katharine Pantzer Lange.



October 23, 2025 at 08:34 AM



“ The Katrina Sherwood family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Katharine Pantzer Lange.

The Katrina Sherwood family - October 23, 2025 at 08:34 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Katharine Pantzer Lange.



October 20, 2025 at 01:38 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Katharine Pantzer Lange.



October 10, 2025 at 02:57 PM



“ Joyce Liu planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Katharine Pantzer Lange.

Joyce Liu - October 10, 2025 at 02:57 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Katharine Pantzer Lange.



October 06, 2025 at 09:14 AM

SB

“ I have been so wistful since learning of the passing of My Dear KPPR [Katharine Pantzer, Public Relations].

I haven't the words to describe the tide of feelings and memories that have come up at the news of her passing. As things happen, we both had long-term health issues, and I allowed mine to discombobulate my communications, as it seemed all I had to share was my frustration with my situation, and no one wants to hear that.

I met Katharine on May 15, 1978, when I became a member of the Public Relations team at Arena Stage in Washington, D.C. She was my anchor in a fast-moving, ever changing office atmosphere.

I loved Katharine immediately. She helped me in so many ways — she had organizational habits that I copied and use to this day, she guided me in the right clothes to wear for Opening Nights and Special Events, helped me remember the names of Board Members, donors, directors, actors, and other important theater personages. We had a small group of folks who would meet for breakfast (and getting theater folk up for breakfast before work is a wonder), lunch, or dinner, and visit for activities outside of work. Her sister Julie worked at Arena for a bit, and brother Kurt worked in D.C. for a while, and we'd meet at the hotel dining room on Thomas Circle for Happy Hour and dinner. Oh, my golly, I can taste the onion rings that came in a bread pan now.

I was so excited for Katharine when she got engaged and then moved on to marriage and motherhood, seeing her two sons grow up tall and handsome and then into marriages and parenthood of their own. Katharine's joy in them beamed through our letters, cards, emails, phone calls, Facebooks.

*Always in my heart,
Love,
Susan (Sioux) Baker*





Susan Baker - September 23, 2025 at 08:08 PM

CS

“ I knew Kathy Pantzer in the 1960s when she was a friend of my sister's at Tudor Hall (if memory serves). Decades later, I knew Katharine Pantzer through the Dramatic Club where she and I often paired up in theatrical performances. We were in a lot of plays together. (She loved my red socks!) I have missed her smile and her grit. She was such a nice person. The world is a lesser place without her in it. My deepest condolences to her family.

Charles Sutphin - September 17, 2025 at 07:40 PM



“ Touching Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Katharine Pantzer Lange.



September 17, 2025 at 02:11 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Katharine Pantzer Lange.

September 17, 2025 at 02:11 PM



“ *An amazing mother.
The embodiment of love.
Also, she was hilarious!
My condolences. - Cyrus Yamin*

Cyrus Yamin - September 15, 2025 at 05:49 PM



“ *I was so sad to hear of her passing. We were in a lot of Dramatic Club plays together. She was the life of the cast. So much fun.*

Julie Bookwalter - September 15, 2025 at 04:56 PM



“ *Goodness, the last time my husband Joel Davis and I, Nili Lange saw Katharine was at Lee Lange's wedding. Katharine to me was bright, funny, engaged and loved the theater. For those of us who knew you we will miss your spirit. You are in our prayers.*

Cornelia Wells Lange (Nili) - September 13, 2025 at 02:12 PM



“ *The Pantzer's were our neighbors who lived across the street from us on Ravine Road. Steve Marra is accurate that she was indeed a super Capture the Flag team member, she was really quick as along with her sister and brother, she was great to hang around with as a kid and did I have a crush on her...possibly! Condolences from the Russo Family.*

Mike Russo - September 13, 2025 at 01:11 PM

SM

“ Kathy was a backyard neighbor on White Oak Court and Winding Way back in the day. I remember we use to always be on the same team when the local kids played “Capture The Flag” on Saturday night. I wanted to be on her team because she was so damn smart. She wanted to be on my team because I was pretty bold and fearless. So many countless evenings hanging out in the back yard together. She was a gem. She will be dearly missed.

Steve Marra - September 12, 2025 at 06:07 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Katharine Pantzer Lange.



September 12, 2025 at 03:52 PM

LC

“ We met on Facebook, and I was lucky to have met our K2a in person in Chicago when I came down from BC, Canada. She was delightfully funny, and introduced me to the whimsical and dark art of Mab Graves. Every time I see a piece of that art, it reminds me of the hours spent with Katharine, and brings a smile to my face and my heart.
I'm heartbroken she's gone, and the world is a bit darker without her.
Rest well, sweet friend. I love you.

Leagsaidh Charlton - September 12, 2025 at 02:34 PM

KS

“ Katharine was a person I never actually met face to face, but our adventures on facebook will stay with me always. She had a wicked sense of humour, finding great amusement in the small things in life and never paused to share a funny little Scottish delight with me, as I shared similar about America with her.

She was a person who truly wanted to make connections and have fun with everybody.

My world will be a little less wonderful without her in it, and she'll be sorely missed.

RIP, KPL, you were a sparkling twinkle in the lights of my life.

Sincere condolences to family and friends who are mourning her loss, God bless you at this time of sharpest grief.

Kevin Stonebanks - September 12, 2025 at 12:55 PM

TL

“ Katharine was my clever, funny, and creative friend. She would be quiet for a time and then suddenly send me something totally off the wall that would have me in stitches. We both had quirky tastes. I feel like a small part of me is missing now but I know in my heart she will always be with me. Rest in peace my dear friend. You were one of a kind. ❤️

Teresa Lepore - September 12, 2025 at 11:42 AM