

# Culpepper Place

## *Senior Living*



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*A Premier Senior Address*

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**Kathryn  
Lee  
Kelley**

**“Did you know there are 13 ways to spell Kathryn? I guess you would have to be a Kathryn to know that!”  
From the day I was born I was called, Kay, my dad said I was not going to be called, Katy.”**

Kathryn Lee Kelley was born on July 18, 1930 to Florence and Floyd Kelley in Mildred, Kansas. Next to the youngest, Kay grew up with three brothers and one sister living in the hotel that her father managed. “My father always thought he was running the place, but my mother was the brains of

the operation,” Kay laughs.

Kay’s home was the central place for all of the neighboring kids to come and play because of the half block of cement they had. All of the kids would come over to roller skate, and play all kinds of games till dark. It was located on Highland Street. “Highland Street I call the street of my life because even though I moved four times, I always lived on the same street.” explains Kay.

Growing up in the hotel business and living there, my dad always used to say to us kids, “ As soon as your head was above the counter, it was time to start working.”

Kay shares that she was never very much the sporty type but she was on all of the committees and was the President of any club she was involved in at the Chanute, High School, which she graduated from in 1948.

Kay had a passion for the medical industry and medicine and attended the Junior College in Chanute to study Medicine. People would sometimes suggest that it would be very hard for her to get into the field of medicine because the men would not work with women, but she continued her studies. In the mean time she worked for SWBT telephone company.

At a local VFW convention, she met Keith Groskinsky, who would become her future husband, marrying



in 1950. Keith was discharged early from the service before Kay met him due to an injury.

Losing four boys during pregnancy, Kay and Keith welcomed a beautiful strong baby girl into the world named Debra, who today lives right here in Branson.

While her daughter grew up Keith worked for the Government in the small business administration and Kay continued working for the telephone company.

The family took joy in simple everyday pleasures and enjoyed the new industry of the television. About



once a month they would make special visits to the Grandparents and enjoyed vacations and traveling as a family as well. "Of course we went to Disney World and Disneyland!" "One time as we enter the big gates of the park, we passed a short man, my husband said, do you know who that was? I said, no. My husband quickly told me that the man we had just passed was Mr. Walt Disney!"

Today Kay enjoys two Grand Daughters, one a lawyer and one a Doctor. Kay chuckles and says, she has no Great Grandchildren yet because her Grand Daughters, "are too busy being Professionals!"

After retiring, Kay and a friend even traveled all around Europe filling their days with new adventures.



*Kay's 80th Birthday!*

Kay is very involved in the activities here at Culpepper Place and enjoys crafts, arts, oil painting, embroidering and crocheting. Currently she is busy working on a Christmas stocking for the newest member of the family.



Kay tells about a T-shirt that she owns that says, "Please don't let me volunteer again." Kay spent much of her time being involved in and volunteering for everything she could. She also shares about an afghan that is in her room that has embroidered in it, "You have touched our hearts." which was given to her by the Neosho Memorial Medical Center in Chanute.

Kay really enjoys living at Culpepper Place Senior Living and enjoys being close to her daughter. She also really likes her apartment because her patio looks out at the gardens and the fountains. Her cat Genesis also really enjoys the scenery too because it overlooks the birds feeding station!



*What a wonderful way to spend fall afternoons filled with painting, decorating relaxation and laughter.*

*Halloween festivities were found around every corner!*



*We really enjoyed the special talent and lyrics, "Crosswalk" performed, including all of us in the afternoon.*



*We enjoyed a nice afternoon during our visit with "Rossi" the therapy dog.*



*Making our Halloween scrapbooking pages to add to our collections was so much fun!*



**Health and Wellness**  
**Take everyday preventive actions to stop the spread of germs:**

Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.

Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.

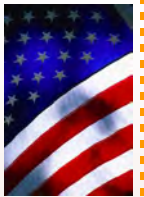
Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.

Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

If you are sick with flu-like illness, CDC recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities. (Your fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.)

While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them. Lisa

**According to Wayne's World**



It is easy to live our everyday lives and not appreciate the awesome country we live in. As we recognize veterans, here are powerful quotes from Navy Chaplain Denis Edward O'Brien:

"A vet is the cop on the beat who spent six months in Saudi Arabia sweating two gallons a day, making sure the armored personnel carriers didn't run out of fuel."

"A vet is an ordinary and yet extraordinary human being, a person who offered some of his life's most vital years in the service of his country, and who sacrificed his ambitions so others would not have to sacrifice theirs."

"A vet is the POW who went away one person and came back another...and many times did not come back."

Please recognize your family member or neighbors, and help honor our heroes. Let us remember the true great men and women of our times. Wayne

**Celebrating November Birthdays**



*Betty Owens 11-6, Anna Seed 11-14, Virginia O'Dell 11-17*