



## Kathleen Gay Thiel LeVeck MD

April 12, 1948 - April 8, 2024

Kathleen Gay Thiel LeVeck, MD of Bentleyville, Ohio, formerly of Mattoon, IL passed away on Monday, April 8, 2024, at the age of 75 after a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease.

A funeral mass in her honor will be held at 10:00 AM, Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 320 N. 21st Street, Mattoon, IL 61938; a committal service will immediately follow in Calvary Cemetery in Mattoon, IL. The visitation will be Monday evening, April 15, 2024, from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938.

Kathleen was born in St. Louis, MO on April 12, 1948 to the late Stanley William Thiel, MD, and the late Marianne Link Thiel. She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Thomas Ransom LeVeck of Bentleyville, OH; son, Damien Thomas LeVeck and wife Natalie Jane LeVeck of Dallas, TX; daughter, Danielle Perrine LeVeck and husband Jonathan Buckley Glaab, MD of Aurora, OH. She was a proud and devoted grandmother to Calvin, Steven, and Chloe LeVeck and Roark and Burke Glaab. She was the loyal sister of Andrea "Onnie" Wisotsky (David) of Palm Harbor, FL, Christopher William Thiel, MD (Melanie) of Minneapolis, MN, Stanley Kurt Thiel (Beth) of Colleyville, TX, and Gretchen Ann Thiel of Minneapolis, MN. She cherished her nieces and nephews, Sarah Wisotsky-Hernandez (Ralphy), Colin Thiel, Kristen Dill (Josh) and Stephen Selzler (Kristin), and Michael and Erin Doyle. Kathleen grew up in Mattoon, IL and graduated from Mattoon High School

Summa cum laude. After receiving her baccalaureate in French from Indiana University, she attended St. Louis University School of Nursing, earning her nursing degree. Subsequently, she participated in a pioneering program at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital and was awarded one of the first certificates as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. St. Louis University Medical School followed where Kathleen chose the specialty of OB/GYN. She was a life-long caregiver, first as a Registered Nurse and Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, and then as a revered physician. Her compassionate, caring approach endeared her to all her patients. She gave back further by going on several mission trips to Honduras, performing OB/GYN surgeries.

She was a gourmet cook and baker, a zealous bird watcher and gardener, and throughout the course of her life, she rescued many animals. Her vibrant presence was felt by all who encountered her.

Memorials may be made to the Coles County Animal Shelter, 6818 N, Co Rd 1120E, Charleston, IL 61920.

Please visit [www.mitchell-jerdan.com](http://www.mitchell-jerdan.com) or [www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome](https://www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome) to light a virtual candle in her honor or share a memory with a family.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

Mattoon, IL 61938

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home Ltd.  
1200 Wabash Ave  
Mattoon, IL 61938  
(217) 234-8828  
contact@mitchelljerdan.com  
<https://www.mitchell-jerdan.com/>

## Service

APR **16**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Church  
320 N 21st St  
Mattoon, IL 61938  
(217) 235-0539

# Tribute Wall

SS

“ Unfortunately, I only recently learned of Kathy's passing. I knew Kathy Thiel and her entire family when I was in my early teens living down the block from them. They were a close-knit family, and her dad was my pediatrician. Kathy being the oldest, often rode herd on her 4 younger siblings much like a surrogate mother. She often participated in our driveway basketball games, and she was highly competitive. She was extremely smart, compassionate and full of life and energy, never letting any life-barrier slow her down. My deepest sympathies to Onnie, Chris, Kurt, and Gretchen, along with her adult family and friends. Kathy was a dynamic lady and a role model for all women!

Stephen Sestina - April 13, 2025 at 02:53 PM

FO

“ During my years of growing up in Mattoon, IL, I am familiar with this family, which includes: Dr. Stan and his wife Marianne Link Thiel. As a child my family received their medical treatments at the Link Clinic in Mattoon. I was so surprised by the passing of Dr. Kathleen Thiel LeVeck. Their house was at the corner of 2700 and Western Ave. I didn't know most of the family members that well but I grew up with Gretchen Thiel. The Mattoon area will always maintain good memories of the Thiel Family. My prayers for all the members of the Thiel, living and deceased. Eternal rest grant unto to their souls of Dr. Kathleen and the decease members O Lord and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God. Rest in peace. Amen. Fr. Edward Ohm.



Fr. Edward Ohm - September 06, 2024 at 03:36 PM

LW

“ Dr. Leveck delivered my first born son. I loved her! She was an extraordinary, caring doctor. I was so sad to find out she passed away recently. Her dad was my pediatrician when I was a child. He was the best. I'm so sorry for your loss. May God give you all strength and comfort.

Laurie Wise - April 20, 2024 at 07:06 PM

VD

“ Dr. LeVeck was my OB-GYN, as well as my mother's and grandmother's. We all loved her. She was professional and caring. I'm sure her family will miss her greatly! Your family are in my thoughts and prayers through this time and the days ahead.

Vonnie Davis - April 15, 2024 at 04:06 PM

CM

“ Christine Habersaat & David Muñiz purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kathleen Gay Thiel LeVeck MD.



Christine Habersaat & David Muñiz - April 14, 2024 at 02:00 PM

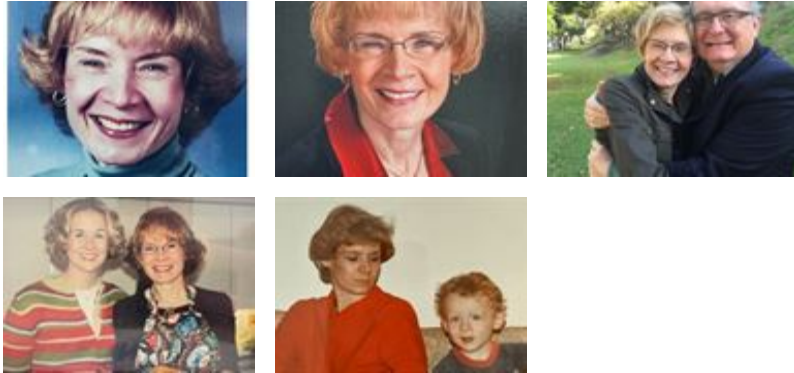
TP

“ Dear Tom, Damien, and Danielle, I remember your wife and mother as a wonderful professional as well as a beautiful Mother. Danielle, she once baked a Yule Log and you shared a picture of it with me. It was as beautiful as she was. I am sorry I will be unable to attend your services. I will am thinking of you all. Take care. Kindly, Terrie Pelham

Terrie Pelham - April 13, 2024 at 10:20 AM



“ 140 files added to the album LifeTributes



Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - April 12, 2024 at 04:31 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Kathleen's passing. One of my fondest memories was visiting my cousins home in Mattoon. Such a wonderful family! I remember Kathleen as always smiling with a great personality, just like her mother, Marianne (alias Aunt Barney to our family!) The world is a little dimmer without her bright light shining among us. Rest in piece knowing you lived your best life and made the world a better place because you were here. 📖🙏💧

Cathy Miller Cullmann - April 11, 2024 at 08:22 PM



“ I knew her fairly well when I was growing up in Mattoon. I knew her family very well. I am saddened by the news. Eternal rest grant unto her soul, O Lord and let the perpetual light shine upon her, May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen. I extend my deepest sympathy to the Thiel-LeVeck Family. Fr. Edward Ohm.



Fr. Edward Ohm - April 11, 2024 at 03:53 PM

AN

“ Dr laveck was very kind and knowledgeable, had great respect for her patients.  
Anonymous



Anonymous - April 11, 2024 at 02:31 PM

MM

“ Dr. LeVeck was my OB-GYN and delivered my children. She always listened well, answered questions, and remembered you between visits. She attended my fistula surgery in part because she knew I was scared, and also because she wanted to learn from it, since it doesn't happen much in our country (lucky me, right?). She spoke to my Changing World of Women class at EIU about the history of her profession and childbirth in general. She was simply a joy to know, both personally and professionally. May she rest in peace.

Melanie Mills - April 10, 2024 at 10:18 PM

AA

“ Alex A. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen Gay Thiel LeVeck MD.

Alex A. - April 10, 2024 at 04:37 PM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathleen Gay Thiel LeVeck MD.



April 10, 2024 at 04:32 PM

DR

“ Dept. of Intensive Care & Resuscitation planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen Gay Thiel LeVeck MD.

Dept. of Intensive Care & Resuscitation - April 10, 2024 at 04:32 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Kathleen Gay Thiel LeVeck MD.



April 10, 2024 at 04:26 PM

DA

“ David G. Anthony planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen Gay Thiel LeVeck MD.

David G. Anthony - April 10, 2024 at 04:26 PM

CT

“ Cleveland Clinic CVICU NP Team purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Kathleen Gay Thiel LeVeck MD.



Cleveland Clinic CVICU NP Team - April 10, 2024 at 01:38 PM

CT

“ Cleveland Clinic CVICU NP Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen Gay Thiel LeVeck MD.

Cleveland Clinic CVICU NP Team - April 10, 2024 at 01:38 PM

AH

“ Dr LeVeck delivered my first child on April 12, which is also Dr LeVeck’s birthday. Dr LeVeck was an amazing OB/GYN and I was in her care until she left Carle.  
Dr LeVeck will be missed dearly.  
Rest In Peace my friend and physician 🤍🙏

Anita Hayden - April 10, 2024 at 12:00 PM

TS

“ Kathy was our Maiden of Honor at our wedding in 1968. Such a good friend. (Heidi (Linda) Hildreth Shafer & Tom) Kathy your concerns and caring for others was awesome. Thank you Lord for Kathy!!

Thomas Shafer - April 10, 2024 at 11:51 AM

BE

Dr LeVek was a great Dr and a gracious lady. We exchanged stories of bird watching we both loved. Her father, Dr Thiel was my three sons Dr, also a great one.

BettyBasham - April 11, 2024 at 08:06 PM

SL

“ She took fantastic care of me just as her wonderful father, Dr. Stanley Theil did when I was a baby.

Rest easy.

Sheila Reed Littleton - April 10, 2024 at 10:42 AM

EW

“ Dr. LeVeck delivered my Daughter in 1989. She was a great Dr., and a classy lady. She won't soon be forgotten!

Eric Wilson - April 10, 2024 at 10:05 AM

KP

“ Dr. Level was an amazing doctor with the best bedside manner. She delivered my girls in the 90s. She also worked with my mom in OB at Sarah Bush. She will never be forgotten by me. May you rest in peace. God bless the family. I am praying for a calm heart during this most difficult time. ❤️

Kim Pforr - April 10, 2024 at 09:48 AM

KP

Sorry for the spelling error 🙏♀️

Kim Pforr - April 10, 2024 at 09:49 AM

FD

“ Amazing woman, amazing doctor. She delivered one of my babies. She was my doctor for years til she retired which was sad. She will be missed and was a blessing.

Fran Decker - April 10, 2024 at 07:38 AM

KG

“ Kyle & Charlott Glaab purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Kathleen Gay Thiel LeVeck MD.



Kyle & Charlott Glaab - April 09, 2024 at 10:52 PM

ES

“ I am so sorry about the passing of Dr. LeVeck, what an amazing physician! I worked closely with her Dad and what a privilege to know them both. May the precious memories you have of Dr LeVeck bring comfort now and in the future.

*Eneatha "Ernie" Secrest*

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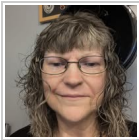
**Eneatha Secrest** - April 09, 2024 at 10:21 PM

 Leslie Schupbach

“ Although I knew Kathy, I knew Onnie best as I was in the class of '67. May your family know you are loved and may you feel God's arms holding you tightly as you walk this journey with Him. Leslie Icenogle Schupbach

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**Leslie Schupbach** - April 09, 2024 at 07:56 PM



“ I had my nursing clinical rotation with Dr. LeVeck and she was so caring, comforting, and nurturing. She was very welcoming into her office and was eager to help us learn. I appreciated her so much. My condolences go out to her entire family. I'm taking care of my father with Alzheimer's. You have my deepest sympathy.



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**Deborah Carman** - April 09, 2024 at 05:27 PM

MD

“ I have fond memories of Kathy starting at St. Joe , Girl Scouts, and dance class. Prayers to her friends and family. Mary Gover Gray Drewek

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**Mary Gover Gray Drewek** - April 09, 2024 at 05:18 PM

MM

“ *Very sad to hear of Dr. Levecks passing. She was such a kind, caring, and compassionate person. I remember meeting her for the first in 2005...I was so nervous starting a new job at SBLHC and she welcomed me and told me how wonderful it was to work at Sarah Bush. She was a wonderful Provider...had deliveries with her. She and her family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Margarita Martin - April 09, 2024 at 04:59 PM

DP

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Dr. Kathy's passing. She was my doctor for several years, and I always found her to be caring, gentle, and empathetic -- more like a big sister than a physician! Before her, Dr. Stan was my pediatrician, and he was a wonderful role model for his family. I send deep sympathy to the family and pray God will comfort you in your time of grieving.*

Debbie Pierce - April 09, 2024 at 02:36 PM

RM

“ *I absolutely loved Dr. LeVeck! She was the most gently, trustworthy, caring OB/GYN ever! I hated when she retired! There were big shoes to fill with the next. May you RIP, you will always be remembered!*



Rinda Meyer - April 09, 2024 at 12:30 PM

CR

“ *Dr. Theil was my pediatrician. He and Dr. Golden were family friends. Dr. LeVeck delivered my son Kurt. These three doctors will always have a special place in my heart. They were doctors that loved and cared for their patients.*

Cynthia Rogers - April 09, 2024 at 10:00 AM

KB

“ Dr. LeVeck was my physician for many years. She truly met her calling in life becoming a doctor. Caring, compassionate and a brilliant mind. She always made me feel like a friend rather than a doctor/patient relationship. I absolutely loved her. The heavens above will be radiating with her bright beautiful soul up there. I hope her family can remember her with a smile on their face because I never saw her without one. My deepest sympathy to her family.

Kimberly Brookins - April 09, 2024 at 09:54 AM

LL

“ It was sad to hear of the passing of Kathleen. She was a very bright and wonderful classmate at Mattoon High School. May she rest in peace. LLoyd M Leonard, President MHS Class of 1966.

LLoyd Leonard - April 09, 2024 at 09:26 AM

RC

“ I'm sorry to know of this untimely death, such a beautiful and amazing woman, may God bless all who mourn with the knowledge that we have been fortunate to have had her in our lives. Peace and comfort being prayed, sincerely, Rebecca Craig

Rebecca craig - April 09, 2024 at 06:46 AM

PP

“ Dr. LeVeck was such a genuine lady with an ability to connect with all walks of life as a physician. She delivered my son and was my OB GYN for many years. She was kind, compassionate and an excellent doctor. There won't be another doctor with her knowledge of and compassion for her patients. Dr LeVeck will be greatly missed.

Paula Pogue - April 08, 2024 at 11:48 PM

EF

“ To Tom and the entire family. We are saddened to be reading of Kathy’s passing. Ted and I send our sincerest condolences. She was a friend and became my Dr . She delivered my children and continued to be a wonderful friend. She made this world a better place. What a wonderful human being she was. Ted and Elsa Fifer

Elsa Fifer - April 08, 2024 at 10:03 PM

CH

She was wonderful with my special needs Daughter.... I will never forget her kindness...

Cheryl Hall - April 08, 2024 at 10:17 PM

KO

“ Kurt, so sorry to hear of your sister's passing. Your family was a big part of our Immaculare Conception , family. We all knew each others siblings, and it hurts when we lose one as special as Kathleen. I had never heard of her Alzheimer's battle, unfortunately it seems we all have been touched by that unforgiving disease. You know you and your family are in our prayers.

Kathy Hinchee Osborn - April 08, 2024 at 09:55 PM

MR

“ What a beautiful human she was. A friend to me. My sincere condolences to her family. She be a bright star in heaven

Marianne Rybicki - April 08, 2024 at 08:51 PM

KO

“ Dr. LeVeck was my physician for decades, and, became a friend after being part of so many of my life's most meaningful experiences. I respected, admired, and really liked her. I send my condolences to her family.

Kathy Olsen - April 08, 2024 at 08:19 PM

DM

“ Danielle Maltby purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Kathleen Gay Thiel LeVeck MD.



Danielle Maltby - April 08, 2024 at 08:18 PM

DM

“ Danielle Maltby planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen Gay Thiel LeVeck MD.

Danielle Maltby - April 08, 2024 at 08:18 PM

KJ

“ Danielle & family, I first knew your mom as my doctor and then met her later as Danielle & Brianna would have play dates! I remember loving our fun times together often playing outside in your woods! Now we live just a couple miles away and I often think of your mom and family fondly when I pass by! It is never easy to lose a mother- cherish the memories you have with her— you will be able to keep her alive in the hearts of your children! Kim Janssen



kim Janssen - April 08, 2024 at 07:48 PM

KC

“ Kathi Janssen Cobble lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Gay Thiel LeVeck MD



kathi janssen cobble - April 08, 2024 at 06:57 PM

BD

“*Dr. LeVeck was a lovely person; and a caring professional and knowledgeable physician! I was sad when she left Mattoon and very sorry to hear of her passing. I know she will be greatly missed by her family and pray for strength and comfort!*”

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**Brenda Diepholz** - April 08, 2024 at 06:42 PM