

Excerpts from the memoiral guest book of

# Kaethe Kliot

Ginger Takahashi  
16:50:30 8/26/2002  
El Sobrante, Ca

I have just been informed of this sad news and all I can think about is how much I will miss her but how lucky I was to have met her. In the short time that I have known Kaethe she has been so supportive and inspiring to me. Her knowledge and generosity made me feel like I knew her for years. Her wit and great personality entertained me every time I would visit her shop. I feel a great loss, so I can only imagine what her family and workers must be feeling. My prayers and sympathy are with you all. She was a wonderful lady and I am grateful to have known her.

Cary Dictor  
15:44:08 8/26/2002  
Oakland, California

Kaethe shared my own late mother's birthday of February 6th, and she also displayed many of the same wonderful qualities. I am deeply saddened by her sudden and premature departure, and I give my sincerest condolences and best thoughts and wishes to Jules and all the family.

Donna Kooler  
15:43:14 8/26/2002  
Pleasant hill, CA 94523

I had the pleasure of meeting Kaethe only a few months ago, when she was kind enough to allow me to photograph her magnificent collection of laces. I was struck by the vitality, depth of knowledge and love she had for the art of needlework. Her driving force in the industry will be sorely missed. Please accept my sincere condolences. Donna Kooler

Lin Clymer  
11:24:43 8/26/2002  
Albany, CA

When I first met Kaethe, her warmth and graciousness was such that I felt I was with an old friend. Over the years, whenever I went to the shop, I left with the item I needed, helpful suggestions from Kaethe about how to make my project a success, and most of all the pleasure of a few minutes' chat with her. Her generosity of knowledge and of spirit enriched the lives of all who knew her, and she will be much missed. My condolences to her family on the loss of this delightful lady.

MARIE-JO QUINAULT  
10:54:16 8/26/2002

My thoughts go to you Mr. Kliot & family, who had the chance to share her daily life, and also to all the people she touched by her knowledge. She will be deeply missed by all of us.

Karen Ancona  
08:34:34 8/26/2002  
Pocono Pines, PA

The industry mourns the loss of this fine lady. I will always remember her smile and friendship. My prayers are sent out in support of her family at this sad time. Karen Ancona, editor CNA magazine

Sue Hanson  
13:57:55 8/25/2002  
SE London  
England

I was very sadden to hear of the sudden death of such a wonderful Lady. I never had the pleasure of knowing Kaethe, being the other side of the pond, but I have had great pleasure in her tatting publications. Especially Rosemarie Peels books. I will continue to have many happy hours thanks to Kaethe dedication to tatting she will be remembered fondly alway. Bless her memory :-)) Love, light & peace Sue Hanson She will be well missed... but live on in our tatting. :-))

Dale Fields  
13:41:53 8/25/2002  
Poway California

We don't get to choose when we come into this world and, despite our best efforts, we don't get to choose when we leave it. What we do get to choose is how we live our lives during the short time we are here. Kaethe chose to live her life as one who serves and loves others. This is witnessed by all of you who have shared your memories of Kaethe in her guest book. I will always remember her contagious smile. I want to thank Kaethe for loving me and being my mom over the past 23 years. I love you and I will miss you, mom. May you rest in peace.

Janet Wilson Anderson  
12:24:39 8/25/2002  
AlterYears  
alteryears.com

I knew Kaethe for the 12 years I've owned AlterYears, mostly stopping by their booth to visit with her and with Jules, while I placed orders at the various conventions. Her knowledge was vast and her enthusiasm and good humor made each encounter memorable. She was a great asset to the costuming community and will be deeply missed. Heartfelt condolences to Jules and the rest of her family.

Eleanore Schwartz  
23:45:00 8/24/2002  
San Jose, CA.

It is with great sadness that we at the Lace Museum in Sunnyvale, CA. received the news of Kaethe's passing. She was the mentor, final authority, and cheerleader for the establishment and ongoing existence of our museum. We will miss her greatly! Our thoughts and prayers are with her family as they deal with this great loss. We at the Museum will endeavor to create a memorial that is most fitting to a lady who has done so much to promote the love of lace and its history in the U.S.

Katrina Middleton  
16:42:23 8/24/2002  
Sacramento, California

Lacis is a magical place and Kaethe always the beautiful and enchanted queen. I will miss her.

Karen Whooley  
12:44:06 8/24/2002  
Western WA

Although I did not know Kaethe personally, her knowledge and love of the craft was legendary. In the world of Fiber Arts, she will be greatly missed!

Annette Webster  
12:08:15 8/24/2002  
Sacramento

I have been immersed in Living History for about 20 years now, and I was first introduced to Lacis and Kaethe at that point. What a wonderful resource and knowledgeable person Kaethe was! I haven't been able to get down to Berkeley as much as I'd like to these past few years, but when I did, Lacis was the one place I would definitely visit. Kaethe's guidance made Lacis a destination that I have heartily recommended time and time again to new Docents at Sutter's Fort, and to anyone else who was looking for a special book, or information. My most sincere condolences to Kaethe's family on their loss.

Nancy Kliot  
10:49:05 8/24/2002  
New York

I keep holding on so strongly to the image of your hands - not believing that I will not hold them tightly for one last time. Kaethe I love you so much and will so miss the big smile and hug and strength of your hands and voice. I feel so far away in New York. I see Kaethe as someone who experienced and taught others to appreciate the incredible delight in our senses and our ability to create. I see her enjoying a breathtaking scent with her whole being; loving her passions and routines with the same zeal as if it were the first experience of them -- a piece of candied ginger; the crust of the bread; the perfect spice; a fresh fresh fruit; a pure texture; a beautiful piece of handmade lace. Kaethe was an incredible Aunt and friend to me -- I lived and worked with her 15 years ago after completing college. She made me believe I could create anything I pictured in my head with my hands and she constantly created new pictures and added life and color to whatever was in front of her. Jules, I am so sorry for this great loss for you each minute. Tara, Storrie, Aleso and Perrin

-- I love you all so much and you each have a piece of your mom in you -- you are such unusually talented, competent, giving and loving people and the source of incredible joy and pride to her. Love, Nancy

Jackie Katzenstein  
09:16:55 8/24/2002  
Lexington, Ma

I have always looked forward to seeing the Kliots at the TNNA shows in their booth filled with treasures not to be found elsewhere. Just this past June afforded such a visit and I am saddened by the loss of such a gracious and knowledgeable member of the needlework community. The sympathies of all of us at Wild & Woolly go out to Jules and his family. Her memory will be a blessing...

Miriam Lewis  
23:54:50 8/23/2002  
San Francisco

I didn't know Kethe personally (although I did talk with her sometimes at Lacis) but Lacis reflected her vision and commitment--I am so grateful to her for all she has given to our community.

Alice Heim Florida  
20:20:08 8/23/2002

My sympathy to Jules and family. I only met Kaethe a few times, but know she was a very talented, gracious lady. She will be missed by many.

Mitzi Hartman  
18:15:15 8/23/2002  
Los Angeles

I have the pleasure of growing up across the street from the Kliots and being friends with the family, especially Storrie and Aleso, who are my age. Many are the slumber parties hosted by Kaethe and Jules. I loved her store, and her knowledge of the textile arts, especially lace making. I was so happy knowing that someone as dedicated as she was keeping the tradition alive. Kaethe was a true original, mother, business woman, artist. She helped raise wonderful, talented, happy children, no small task, as well as built from scratch a place that seems indispensable, Lacis. I was truly saddened to hear of her sudden passing. My condolences to her family.

Lauren Pelc  
16:44:08 8/23/2002  
Schaumburg, IL

My deepest condolences to Jules and his family. I never had the pleasure of meeting Kaethe, but I have always heard wonderful things about her. I know everyone will miss her!

Catherine Clymer Scholar  
14:37:00 8/23/2002  
Berkeley, CA

It seems so strange that Kaethe is gone. She was always so vital, never lacking for an opinion, always deeply caring. I worked for her throughout high school and college. Customers would assume that I was her granddaughter, and we would just smile at each other and let them think it... and in my heart, it was true. She was a beautiful spirit and the world is a poorer place without her. All my love and condolences to the family.

Sherry Townsend  
14:17:39 8/23/2002  
New York

I have spoken to Kaethe many times over the phone. I am glad someone did let me know of Kaethe's passing for I would have been calling Lacis and asking for her which is what I always did. I will miss her for she was a very informative person when it came to lace and other things. She will be missed by many.

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Fred Betzag  
13:53:30 8/23/2002  
New York, NY 10016 U.S.A

My deepest condolences to the Klot family. What a terrible shock it was to learn of her passing. Kaethe was always wonderful to talk to, I am so honored to have known her. My heart goes out to Jules, her family, and friends.

Julie Larrabee  
13:15:57 8/23/2002  
Stockton Springs, Maine

I am so sorry to hear the sad news of Kaethe's passing. Although I didn't know her personally, her reputation, and the reputation of Lacis, preceded her, and she was a wonderful person based on that alone. The industry has certainly suffered a great loss. My condolences and prayers for the family and friends.

Debbie Vails  
12:59:53 8/23/2002  
Oklahoma

I didn't know Kaethe but my condolences to the family. I know this is a difficult time for you but I pray that God will give you strength and comfort during this time. God Bless you, Debbie

Connie Prener  
12:23:45 8/23/2002  
Ossining, NY

What a terrible shock it was to learn of the passing of Kaethe Kliot! I am proud to have known this beautiful, intelligent, vibrant woman, but the world is a sadder place without her. My heart goes out to Jules, her family, and friends.

Patsy A. Goodman  
11:23:54 8/23/2002  
Chula Vista, CA

My deepest sympathy goes out to the family and the lace world. I never met Kaethe but she will be remembered for many years to come, with all the books that bear her name.

Angela Grimes  
twedibrd@earthlink.net  
Alamo

To the Kliot family I send my deepest regard and prayers. Kaethe was a beautiful person and her warm smile and expertise in her field will be greatly missed. God bless your family and the staff of Lacis. Sincerely, Angela Grimes

Scott Hoover  
10:07:04 8/23/2002  
Comanche, OK

I do a lot of tatting and Kaethe was always very helpful with supplies. I'm so sorry for her loss. She will be greatly missed among the multitude of friends that she has made over her years of business.

Karen Brayton-McFall  
10:07:00 8/23/2002  
Campbell, CA

Dear Kliot Family; Our prayers go to you from all of us in our area. Kaethe was always wonderful to talk to, to ask questions of, and just to have fun having someone else around who enjoyed textiles with such love, care and knowledge. Just think what Heaven has gained, and how much she will have fun catching up with those who have gone on ahead of her and all the lace makers from past history she will be with. Again our prayers go with you.....

Nancy Miller & Walter Romanek  
09:21:24 8/23/2002  
Washington, D.C.

Kaethe, you will always be a pure force of nature to us--your extraordinary drive, exquisite skill and creativity, non-stop energy, bountiful generativity and endless love will always be cherished by us. You squeezed in the utmost from every moment of life. We are so honored to have known you and will carry you in our hearts always. Jules, we grieve so deeply, for and with you, and the children We are here for you. xxxxx

Lois Hoeft  
09:19:02 8/23/2002  
Jacksonville, FL

I am deeply saddened by the news of Kaethe's death. Her knowledge and presence in this industry was a dependable tradition which will be greatly missed.

Diane Fisher "Diane's Design"

09:14:44 8/23/2002

Lancaster, PA

Dianes-Design.com

My thoughts and prayers are with you, Jules and your family. It was always a pleasure to talk with Kaethe at the Charlotte INRG shows. Her knowledge and expertise about needlework and the tools of the trade will be greatly missed. A trip to Charlotte was never complete without stopping to share ideas with Kaethe. Her memory will live on through all the wonderful contributions she has given to the needlework industry! Diane

Dorothea & Kaya Ogdemli

02:15:52 8/23/2002

Hawaii 96712

We loved Kaethe. She was full of life and active every minute. We wish we could have spent more time with her. I feel privileged to have had her as a friend for over half a century, my wife Dorothea met her about a quarter century ago and felt like family from the very first minute. The highlight of our visits to the Bay Area was always the time we spent with Kaethe and Jules. Goodbye Kaethe, we will miss you. You will always be in our hearts.

Mary Ann Lynch

21:52:42 8/22/2002

Green Brook, NJ

Lacis was Mecca for needleworkers, and Kaethe Kliot was the high priestess. She was always ready with advice, instruction, opinions (always right too) and materials for her acolytes. Any time I came to the Bay Area, I brought my work to show Kaethe, because her encouragement and advice were invaluable. Textile art has lost a guiding light. The knowledge, skill and love for the art Kaethe Kliot embodied will not be seen soon again.

Betty and Pete Alderson

20:49:11 8/22/2002

Colorado

What a shock - we just now heard of Kaethe's passing. This is a great loss for the lace world - it'll be a sadder place without this lovely lady. Jules and Perrin you are in our thoughts. Betty and Pete

Kali Pappas

18:40:02 8/22/2002

Formerly of Berkeley, Currently of Lakewood, Moving to Phoenix

USA

<http://www.strangegirlsgirlsdesigns.com>

I was just thinking of Kaethe the other day, getting nostalgic for the Bay Area and missing the nice people I knew there. She was very kind and helpful to me when I was a newbie - I didn't have much knowledge or money, but it didn't matter to her. She was one of the people who helped me find what I needed. I loved the store and enjoyed coming in to see her and the other regulars. Blessings and good luck to her family and friends. And to Kaethe, thank you!

Catherine Kehr

17:42:58 8/22/2002

Oakland, CA

My most heartfelt condolences to the entire Kliot family. Though I only spoke with her a few times a year, Kathe has been a mainstay of my lacemaking for the past 25 years. Lacemakers owe her a huge debt of gratitude -- Kathe was generous with her time, generous with her knowledge, and generous with her spirit. She will be missed.

Ralph Pine

16:43:47 8/22/2002

Hollywood, CA

About three minutes ago my associate, Ina Kohler, in our New York office called sounding shocked and sad. And now I too share those same feelings and reactions. Kaethe was a delight, a warm, friendly, and giving colleague in the publishing business. We always made it a point at trade shows to seek out Jules and Kaethe. While Jules is always a delight to gossip with it was Kaethe who wasn't the tough

guy Jules could be. We want you to know Jules that even those of us who did not see you often will miss Kaethe profoundly.

Erin Odenweller  
16:27:47 8/22/2002  
South Bay CA

Kaethe, we will go on without you, and go on with the joy you always showed us, but you will be missed.

Janice Sellers  
15:59:29 8/22/2002  
Oakland, California

I am so very sorry to hear that Kaethe is no longer with us. I enjoyed very much working with her and my recent visits to the store. I particularly regret that she was not able to come for Passover this year as we had been planning.

Christy Pascoe  
15:59:17 8/22/2002  
San Francisco

My deepest sympathies to the Kliot family for their loss. Kaethe was an incredible resource and passer-on of knowledge and she will be missed by many. Her work for the textile and lace communities will live on in all those who have been inspired by her.

jerry & Estelle Kreinik  
15:13:47 8/22/2002  
Parkersburg, W. V.

We saw Kaethe last at the Columbus Trade show. We received our special hugs and wonderful smile. She always made you feel welcome. What a special lady! Our condolences to Jules and the family. We shall always remember the wonderful time our group from TNNA had at the house, store, museum etc. many years ago. Thank you for the photo.

Janice Blair  
13:28:20 8/22/2002  
Crystal Lake, Illinois

It was so sad to hear that the lace world had lost a wonderful person. I was lucky enough to spend some time in the store on a visit to CA and to see her lace collection first hand. My thoughts are with you and your family. Janice Blair

Shelley Santa/Martingale & Company  
13:26:14 8/22/2002  
Woodinville, WA

Everyone at Martingale & Company sends their sympathies. We are saddened by the news of Kaethe's passing. Our thoughts are with the family.

Donna Giampa  
13:16:02 8/22/2002  
Lake Forest, CA

I'm sending my heartfelt sympathy to you, Jules, and your family. I cannot even imagine how much you will miss her. My memories of taking a class from her, way back in the late 70's at Casa de las Tejedoras, in Santa Ana, remain crisp and clear today. I always so admired Kaethe's excited enthusiasm about her lace and her ability to share it with so many others. She will be deeply missed. Donna

Carole Kilbride  
13:14:32 8/22/2002  
San Juan Capistrano

I only met Kaethe last month, when my friend Ann took me to meet her "Mom". I was so warmed by her immediate kindness and our mutual love of fine lace gave us much to talk about. I can't imagine the loss you as family feel, except to say, she is still with you always. Carole

Terri Fukuda  
13:11:51 8/22/2002  
San Jose, CA

I am sorry that such a great lady has passed. I will miss her generosity of spirit. She has left a great legacy of keeping the old arts alive. I

remember laughing with her about my experiments and successes in my exploration of my own creativity.

Colleen Poor  
12:11:01 8/22/2002  
La Mesa CA

My deepest condolences in the passing of Kaethe. May you be comforted in all the messages from friends far and near.

Lee Sigler  
12:08:06 8/22/2002  
Los Altos CA

Kaethe Kliot will be greatly missed as a grand, lovely lady and as a fantastic store of knowledge. I appreciated her taking time to educate and inform her customers.

Madelin  
12:00:07 8/22/2002  
Ukiah, CA

My condolences to your family in your time of loss. Kaethe helped me, over the years, to identify and repair a collection of old lace. Her generosity with her knowledge will be long remembered.

Emily Castleberry/Needlework Markets  
10:48:18 8/22/2002  
Pine Mountain, GA

Our office was given the sad news of Kaethe's passing this morning. The industry was lucky to have had Kaethe for the time we did! Her memory will live on endlessly and be enjoyed by those that knew her and those fortunate to have been made aware of her legacy. Please know that our prayers and loving thoughts are with you your family during t

Patty Parrish/TNNA  
10:29:46 8/22/2002  
Zanesville, OH

Dear Jules and Family, We are very saddened to learn of Kaethe's passing. The needlework industry will miss her greatly. On behalf of TNNA and TNNA Staff, please accept our sincere sympathy.

Charlotte Santi  
10:20:59 8/22/2002  
Hayward, CA

I was just in the store about 2 weeks ago and enjoyed listening to her explain some lace to a customer. Her knowledge, pleasant personality and thoughtfulness will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.

David Haywood  
10:08:20 8/22/2002  
Schweinfurt  
Germany

I am so sad to learn of the passing of Kaethe. We first met in 1975 at Lacis. We have since talked at lace days and IOL events and HIA shows etc. She will be greatly missed by the lacemaking community. She will be remembered in my prayers. My sincere condolences to Jules and family.

Lee Daly  
09:53:30 8/22/2002  
Newton, NJ

I met Kaethe at the 1979 IOLI convention in NYC. I had been making less for a very short time. We had a lace trip to the Cooper-Hewitt museum and she kindly pointed out different kinds of lace, how it was made, what was upside down... and we sat together during the following slide show. I learned so much from her in that short time. I am very sad to hear she is gone. My condolences to the family.

Patty Dowden  
03:39:53 8/22/2002  
Santa Clara, CA

How can it be that Kaethe's enormous energy is stilled? How can there not be a Kaethe to consult? To inquire of the best way to do anything? I'll never forget our first meeting. I thought she knew everything about everything. I still do. The store shifted over time, always restless, I thought. I will miss the pulse of Kaethe's rhythm in the place. I feel the loss of a teacher and bright light. God bless us all.  
Patty Dowden

Nicky Hoewener-Townsend  
Suffolk  
England

My condolences to Jules and the family, Kaethe will be a great loss to us all.

Rosemary Greene  
02:17:23 8/22/2002  
rLos Gatos, CA and Cheshire, England  
USA/UK

I feel honoured to have met Kaethe on several trips to Lacis. Although I could not get there very often, each trip is memorable because of Kaethe's clear love of all the beautiful things in the shop and the extent to which she generously shared her extensive knowledge of textiles. I take pleasure in each lovely thing I bought at the store which will now also remind me always of Kaethe. What a wonderful legacy she has left in all of our hearts and souls. My prayers are with her family.

Matthew Takeda  
00:44:48 8/22/2002  
Fairfield, CA

My sincere condolences to Jules, the children, and all of the Lacis friends and family. Kaethe was truly a unique and unforgettable lady. She sold me my first tatting shuttle and book back in the '70s and later helped me with bobbin lace, cardweaving, period costuming, and various other textile arts. Just a couple of months ago, she sat with me and gave me advice on how to do Youghal lace. Kaethe always knew just the right thing to help me along, and I am glad to have considered her a friend. I will always remember the way she would fix you with her eyes and deliver a pithy comment. She will be missed.

Mary Seubold Cahill  
00:42:34 8/22/2002  
San Jose, CA

I am grieved at the loss of Kaethe, and hope Jules and the family will find comfort. I didn't know her well, but she was always gracious and helpful. The lace world will miss her greatly.

Marie A. Klein  
21:03:08 8/21/2002  
San Leandro, CA

I have been a long time customer of Lacis I have had the pleasure of talking to Kaethe on every visit. She was the most wonderful person anyone could know. Her knowledge was great and she gave of herself often.

Elizabeth Ligeti  
21:01:26 8/21/2002  
Mlebourne  
Australia

I offer my deepest sympathies. I learned Reticella lace from your book, and will be forever grateful for it. A sad loss for the world of Lace.

Barbara Bulgarelli  
20:50:33 8/21/2002  
Macomb, Michigan

Deepest sympathy to the family. One of my favorite photos of a lace event was at the 1981 IOLI convention, with Jules and Kaethe taken after the banquet. My first convention and the first meeting with them. She will be missed by many.

Anne Felden  
Alameda, CA

Kaetha gone! It is so very hard to believe a world without her. She was so very good to me that a part of my heart has gone with her. I loved her. My heart felt sympathy to Jules, Perrin and the girls; their loss must be untold.



Joan Guenther  
18:42:01 8/21/2002  
davis, CA

I met Kathe oh, 23 or 24 years ago, and she was such a bulwark to me--first in searching out old crochet patterns, then beads, and tools, and I can't even think of all the ways. I feel bereft. Please accept my deep, [personal sympathy.

Lynda Klymko  
18:36:08 8/21/2002  
Spokane, WA

Our lose is heavens gain.....Now the stars and the Angels will have lovely lace to wear.

Sandra Murray  
18:25:45 8/21/2002  
Milpitas, CA  
<http://needleandframe.com>

The Lace world has lost a guiding light. I am very sad to hear the news.

Jim & Barb Foster - Handy Hands  
18:15:40 8/21/2002  
Illinois  
[www.hhtatting.com](http://www.hhtatting.com)

How sad we are to hear of Kaethe's sudden death. She has touched our hearts and lives in a way that we will NEVER forget!!! We care so deeply for you Jules and our prayers will be with you and your family though this time.

Marty Roger  
17:29:37 8/21/2002  
El Cerrito

Dear Jules, In memory of your best girl Kaethe. She will be greatly missed. Fondly, Earl and Marty Rogers Sent on behalf of Marty and Earl by their daughter Susan.

Marion Scoular  
17:27:19 8/21/2002  
Duluth, Georgia

I was deeply saddened to hear that Kaethe had left us, having enjoyed my annual hug and visit only weeks before in Charlotte. The warmth of her lovely smile will linger. Please know that you are all in my prayers.

Chantal  
17:12:46 8/21/2002  
Riverview  
Canada  
Bye Kaethe, but see you later... in the same lacey heaven.

Richard the Thread  
16:37:43 8/21/2002  
Los Angeles, CA  
USA  
[richardthethread.com](http://richardthethread.com)

With are deepest condolences to your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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bronzemom  
16:09:21 8/21/2002  
Georgia  
<http://pub46.ezboard.com/bblueuniverse67170>  
I am deeply saddened by this loss. My thoughts and Prayers are with you all.

Linn Skinner  
15:10:46 8/21/2002  
Los Angeles

My sympathies to the family on their loss. I had a lovely visit with her this spring. Little did I know it would be our last.

Elise McFarland  
14:55:10 8/21/2002  
Livermore, CA

Kaethe was an inspiration and a delight. I will miss her very much, and I'll think of her when I make lace or period costumes. I don't think a spirit like hers could ever really go away!

pat hallam  
14:37:34 8/21/2002  
Nottingham  
England  
www.roseground.com

sympathy to the family at their sad loss. My thoughts go to them and to a lady who did so much for the lace world.

Mike Hartnett  
14:33:50 8/21/2002  
Tremont, Illinois

My deepest sympathies to the family. I publish a business newsletter for the industry and will certainly include word of Kaethe's passing in my next issue, so more of her industry friends know the sad news.

Lori Howe  
14:15:53 8/21/2002  
Arlington, VA  
<http://lace.lacefairy.com>

Kaethe has touched the lives of every modern lacemaker and will be long remembered.

Deirdre Williams  
13:00:05 8/21/2002  
Berkeley

My best memories are of bringing my fair costume in its raw fabric form asking about grommets and having her sigh, look me in the eye and say "don't measure the grommets until you finish the rest and see how it hangs. She was always full of helpful advice for cleaning antique cloth and a wicked sense of humor. I can't imagine Lacis without her.

diane & willard  
12:59:54 8/21/2002  
whidbey island, wa.

we are so sorry for kaethe's passing and pray that God will be with each of her loved ones and comfort them as only He can do.

Janis Salcfas  
11:11:38 8/21/2002  
Lake Elizabeth CA

My deepest sympathies to the family, friends, and loved ones of this remarkable woman. She will be missed. Janis

Dianne Taylor  
11:09:26 8/21/2002  
Tennessee

My condolences to the family. It is never easy to see the empty place left by a loved one. Heaven has gained a stirring citizen.

Kate Henry  
09:04:44 8/21/2002

Lowell Indiana

Many years ago, when I was a young lacer, I met Kaethe and Jules at a convention. They were both very kind to make me feel at home. Their book was one of the very few available at that time. I most remember the wonderful smiles between them.

Debra Meinke

08:54:40 8/21/2002

Troy Michigan

www.meinketoy.com

I am so sorry for your loss of such a wonderful lady. She is truly an icon in the textile world.

Mary K. Fields (Kathie)

03:52:06 8/21/2002

San Leandro, CA

Very few times in my life have I had the opportunity to experience a person as unique as Katie. Far fewer times than that have I had the great honor to consider such a person a friend. Whenever I needed to recharge my spirit, I knew that a visit to Lacis would do the trick. Sometimes I would spend a precious few moments just watching her work with a client. Katie gave me my first lesson in bobbin lace. I taught her how to make a flower out of a straw thread. Sometimes we would talk about things we both loved, about what she had learned to do as a child, or even about a new treasure she had found somewhere. It really didn't matter what we did, I would leave feeling great. While I might wish that we still had her, if I were to choose between the pain of losing Katie far too soon and never having known her, there is absolutely no decision to be made. As much as I miss her now, I simply cannot conceive of never having been in her presence. I will be talking to the Lace Museum about a scholarship in her honor. I also intent to establish a special award in her name at the California State Fair in both the Lace and Wheat Art categories. She has given me, personally, so much joy that I consider it the least I can do. Katie has touched so many people in so many ways. She will NEVER be forgotten by any of us who knew and loved her. God bless. Kathie Fields

Donna Bonavito

01:38:11 8/21/2002

Oakland CA

Kaethe embodied the most incredible virtues; she was kind, compassionate, fun, generous, loving, strong, elegant, and absolutely brilliant. She had so many gifts, that she shared with the world. I was fortunate enough to be one of her many friends. Kaethe became a role model to me; she possesses the qualities that make the world a better place. Her Knowledge was endless, and so were her stories, what an amazing life. What an incredible lady. I will miss her greatly, fortunately Kaethe will continue to live in all the people she touched.

Suzan Steinberg

22:24:25 8/20/2002

Berkeley, CA

www.stonemountainfabric.com

Kaethe will truly be missed by all of us at Stonemountain Fabrics. I am so grateful that she was recently in my store and we had another wonderful connection of the heart and mind. She always had something quick and snappy to say! For over 20 years, we have created "sister" stores between us...never was there competition. We even bought our RIT dye together for years. When I closed out our high-end bridal laces, Kaethe bought what I had left - she loved a great deal! I will miss having Kaethe to talk with and share with. Her knowledge, wisdom and brilliant ability to help others and make the world a sweeter place to live inspire me greatly. My deepest sympathies and prayers go out to Jules and the children. I miss you Kaethe. Suzan Steinberg @ Stonemountain & Daughter Fabrics in Berkeley

Patrice Krems

22:06:52 8/20/2002

Emeryville, CA

I was at Lacis on Saturday and was devastated when I heard that Kaethe was in a coma after a stroke on Friday night. I knew something was terribly wrong when I received messages on Monday that the classes that I had signed up for in September and October were canceled. I was numb when I called back and found out that Kaethe had passed away. I felt like we had just lost one of our National Treasures. Kaethe had been as feisty as ever when I stopped by there on Thursday and I could not believe this vibrant woman with the indomitable spirit was gone. Kaethe gave me this sweet little cloth doll head with a little lace ruffle when she saw me admiring it, as I was about to leave the store on Thursday. It touched me so much because it reminded me of something my Mom would have made or liked. And of course I will now treasure it even more as it was the last time I ever saw Kaethe. My own Mother passed away in December and I am still so devastated by the loss. In some ways I thank God that my Mother lived for about 10 months after the diagnosis of cancer but it was horrible seeing her suffer and in so much pain. While I'm sure you are grateful that Kaethe was not in

pain or in pain for very long before she passed away but my condolences that you had so little time to say goodbye. I'm sure that Kaethe would have hated being hindered by any disabilities that she might have had from the stroke had she lived. I feel such a sense of loss not only for the potential closure/change of such an incredible store but also for the loss of such a warm, caring, unique and wonderful woman that I have gotten to know. She was like a shining star. And while we can no longer see Kaethe's bright shining face, the glow of the pixie-like dusting of knowledge that she sprinkled on so many will live on and on. You must have been blessed to have a wife and mother and employer like Kaethe. Patrice

Oscar and Florence greene  
21:35:51 8/20/2002  
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.

WE SEND OUR DEEPEST LOVE TO ALL WHO WERE TOUCHED BY KAETHE. THE LOVE AND CARING THAT SURROUNDS THE FAMILY WILL BE A SPECIAL STRENGTH AT THIS TRAGIC MOM

Diane Monnier  
20:04:33 8/20/2002  
Montgomery County, Maryland

I have such fond memories of meeting Kaethe and Jules at a "Booksellers" Convention in Chicago several years ago when I attended that meeting with Jules' sister, Rochelle Follender. Both of "Shelly's" brothers and their wives were there, and we had such wonderful dinners out together. I fondly recall being included immediately in this loving, caring family circle...truly enjoying the habit of ordering several entrees to be shared by the entire gathering. Kaethe's charming personality and giving spirit will always be remembered by those who were touched by her life. I can only imagine how much you all miss her.

Tara Kliot Fields  
19:12:52 8/20/2002  
Poway, CA

I always knew my mother was an amazing person, and reading all your kind words just confirms what I've known all my life. Thanks so much for taking the time to share your thoughts and memories of her with us and her many friends. Although at times they bring more tears to our eyes, we are grateful for your kind words. We miss her so much. There was so much more she had to share & contribute to all of us - none of us were ready for her to go. I love you momma.

Robb Shep  
18:40:12 8/20/2002  
vashon, WA  
www.rlshep.com

Kaethe was a warm, loving, and wonderful person. We always had a lot of fun together. I treasure my memories of her.

Mary Donohue  
18:14:21 8/20/2002  
Columbia, South Carolina

Jules & Family, My prayers and thoughts are with you at your time of need. May God embrace you with his warmth and love.

Rossana Gelpi-Houck  
16:48:43 8/20/2002  
South Kearny, New Jersey  
www.dmc-usa.com

My sincere and deepest sympathy to Jules, and the rest of the family. Kaethe will be missed by MANY, and remembered by ALL.

Doug Kreinik  
16:48:15 8/20/2002  
Parkersburg, WV  
www.kreinik.com

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Jules, My deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family. Kaethe was a wonderful person who I always enjoyed talking to for years. My family and I will greatly miss her wonderful smile and kind thoughts.

Sharlene Bell  
16:47:56 8/20/2002  
South Kearny, New Jersey

I wish to express my sincere condolences to you and your family. May God be with you through this difficult time. Please remember the memories you hold close will help you get through this and will be with you forever.

Meg Heydt  
16:42:46 8/20/2002  
Oakland, CA

I always remembered Kaethe when I came into the store, especially from my days working at StoneMountain. She always asked if I was working on another Victorian Gown for Gaskells, or another Elizabethan for Faire or SCA. She never batted an eye at any question, and always gave her best advice. Shade and Sweet Water, Kaethe.

Tara Hamilton  
15:41:24 8/20/2002

I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Kaethe. My deepest sympathy goes out to her family.

Perrin Klot  
15:34:00 8/20/2002  
Berkeley

Thank you all for taking the time to share your experiences with us and with each other. I can't begin to tell you how much it means to my family and all of us at Lacis. It's wonderful to read how Kaethe touched so many lives, she was an incredible person and the best mother I could have ever imagined.

Andrew Kreinik  
15:21:27 8/20/2002  
Baltimore  
[www.kreinik.com](http://www.kreinik.com)

It was very sad to learn of the loss of Kaethe. She and Jules have always been a fixture at the needlework shows and their team work has always been wonderful to see. When I would have the occasion to speak to her on the phone, I enjoyed her sense of ironic humor. We at Kreinik will miss her. Our best to Jules. May you be consoled by knowing that people have very fond thoughts of Kaethe.

Marilyn Murphy  
15:06:15 8/20/2002  
Loveland CO  
[www.interweave.com](http://www.interweave.com)

Kaethe was an absolute icon in our industry. Her knowledge, passion and generous spirit was there with every encounter. As a publisher of many craft magazines, Kaethe was an invaluable resource to us. Our deepest sympathies to Jules and their family.

Bernadette Pauling  
14:38:22 8/20/2002  
Pontiac, MI

My sincere condolences to you and your family. Though I have never met Kaethe, I feel as if I've known her for many years. She will be sorely missed from our community.

Cathe Ray  
14:29:33 8/20/2002  
Needle In A Haystack - Alameda, CA  
[www.needlestack.com](http://www.needlestack.com)

Kaethe was such a warm, giving person and we will all miss her greatly. We enjoyed visiting with each other at trade shows and especially when we had time to visit each other's shop. Kathe's generosity with her knowledge and her enthusiasm for needlework was a wonderful gift to me personally. I will miss her smiling face. Jules, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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Mary Ann Blackburn  
14:14:24 8/20/2002  
South Kearny, NJ  
[www.dmc-usa.com](http://www.dmc-usa.com)

Jules, I am so very sorry to hear of Kaethe's sudden death. I just saw the two of you in Charlotte, and as usual enjoyed speaking with you both. I feel blessed that I saw Kaethe at that time, and had a chance to see her brilliant smile one more time. Her passion for her



New Jersey  
www.EmbellishmentsOne.com

Oh My! What a shock! My deepest sympathy to Jules, the family, and all of us that will miss this generous, energetic woman. Her knowledge and devotion to the textile arts was remarkable; her smile and enthusiasm contagious. I will miss our conversations. I will miss Kaethe.

Mark, aka Tatman  
08:18:50 8/20/2002  
mark@tat-man.com  
Greenville, IL  
http://www.tat-man.com

Jules, My deepest sympathy to you and your family with the passing of Kaethe. I may not have personally met you two but have known about you and that Kaethe was always in my heart as a lacemaker and friend. {{{{{{HUGS}}}}}} Mark, aka Tatman

Art Geffen  
07:50:18 8/20/2002  
Mineapolis, MN

Dear Jules, As you may know I was at David and Harriet's when the news came about your wife. Though I hardly knew her--I think we met once at D & H's wedding--from all I've heard she was a marvelous woman. Please allow me to express my deepest sorrow in your loss.

Käthe Barrows  
04:27:54 8/20/2002  
San Leandro, CA

Ms. Klot and I got to know each other, by face, because we had the same name, and had the same problems with people mispronouncing it. I just found out on h-costume that the costuming community had lost her, and I'm still in shock. She can't be replaced.

Deb Rand  
00:50:23 8/20/2002  
New Jersey

We have lost a truly dynamic woman. Her knowledge on lace & trim was absolutely without equal. She will be missed by many.

Polly Womack  
00:47:08 8/20/2002  
Forget-Me-Knot Needle Arts, Bellflower CA

Oh, Jules, what a loss for you and for all of us who knew Kaethe. Her enthusiasm was contagious and she always wanted to share it. She was the consummate teacher. I enjoyed the classes I had with her and all the conversations. So many people will miss

Yvonne Porcella  
23:30:07 8/19/2002  
Arnold, CA  
www.yvonne.porcella.ws

What a beautiful photo of two loving people. It is very sad indeed to hear the news of the passing of such a wonderful person. I was on the Public relations committee in 1974 when Convergence 74 came to the Bay Area. With the Time magazine coverage of the wrapping of the Transamerica Building, the world knew about sprang and the people who would attempt such a giant fiber event. I love the store and have taken many visiting fiber artists there so "show off" my friend Kaethe and her amazing collection of laces and trims.

Julie Powers  
23:07:50 8/19/2002  
Sacramento, California  
KnittingDiva.com

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Dear Jules & Family The world has lost a great light. I cannot imagine what you are all going through at this time. Kaethe was such an inspiration, wonderful person. I will miss her very much. I am so very very sorry. Julie

Lew Deyong  
23:01:47 8/19/2002  
Sacramento, CA

Kaethe will be such a loss to all Lace Knitters throughout the world. I looked forward every year to behold the wonderful collection of Knitted Lace that she so willingly shared with us. I am deeply saddened by her passing.

Betty Goetgeluck  
22:41:21 8/19/2002  
Hemlock, MI

I was so sorry to hear of your loss. My prayers are with you and your family. Her knowledge of lace was amazing!!

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Annette Jimison  
21:29:31 8/19/2002  
Las Vegas, Nevada

I AM DEEPLY SHOCKED!!!! I called the shop about a week before she passed on. And she talked to me. She was wonderful. I talked to her about the Couture Roses class. And she encouraged me to do so much!!! I so wanted to meet her. How robbed I, too, feel. Sorrows expressed are not enough.....not enough.....

Gale Marshall  
21:27:51 8/19/2002  
Ottawa, Ontario  
Canada

Dear Jules, Perrin and the rest of the Klot and "Lacis" family. Kaethe's spirit took a breath of the love around her and spread her wings. She has risen to a higher place, on a cloud made of lace. She will continue to look over us and inspire us forever.

Carolyn Groves  
21:16:11 8/19/2002  
Maryland  
[www.geocities.com/mdtatter](http://www.geocities.com/mdtatter)

Our lace world has lost a true treasure. Kaethe taught me needle tatting at a trade seminar in 1986. Because of her enthusiasm and expertise I have continued to develop my skills and pass them on to my students. We will all miss her.

Edson & Maria ~ EdMar Co.  
20:26:50 8/19/2002  
[edmar@edmar-co.com](mailto:edmar@edmar-co.com)

Dear Jules, Kaethe was a sister, teacher and best friend to us. We shared so much and had the best times, the four of us, over the past 20 years. Kaethe always said "Just get over it!". It will be impossible this time because we loved her so much. Kaethe will always be in our hearts and memories and we will miss her greatly. A big hug to you Jules, Perrin, and the "Girls".

Susan Druding  
19:58:26 8/19/2002  
Berkeley, CA  
<http://www.straw.com>

Dear Jules and Family, After so many years of knowing Kaethe I cannot imagine the world of textiles without her! This is a terrible shock. I was remembering today that I bought my first stretcher bars and yarn to begin my first weaving project at Some Place in 1965! The 2nd year it was open. I still remember when Kaethe organized the wrapping of the Transamerica Tower in giant lace made from rope! I enjoyed seeing her in Columbus in June when we were both at the TNNA and we talked of getting together for dinner in Berkeley. We will all miss her terribly. Love, Susan (Straw Into Gold)

Nancy Felden  
19:44:08 8/19/2002  
Alameda, CA

How do I put into words the feelings I am experiencing over the loss of such a great light as Kaethe? I'm grateful to have known her. Grateful to have seen her recently and grateful that she passed without pain. Kaethe's kindness, dedication, tireless energy and tremendous spirit will never be forgotten. Kaethe will live on in my heart and the hearts of all who knew her. We love you Kaethe.



Dawn & Miguel  
19:18:00 8/19/2002  
Charlotte, NC

How very sad! We were fortunate enough to meet her at Needles! in July, and she was so amazing and wonderful!

Pat Stevens  
19:11:18 8/19/2002  
Kent, Washington

Kaethe was a very generous lady. Two fiends and I went to see the shop while at Stitches West a couple of years ago. Kaethe showed us everything, told us about the different laces and then gave us each a little button to remind us of the day. My button is on a lace bobbin and now it will have even more memories for me. She will be missed by all of us. Pat

Kathy Wade  
18:51:31 8/19/2002  
Maryland

Dear Jules and family: It was very sad to hear of Kaethe's passing. I never had the chance to know her, personally, but she was always very highly spoken of in lace circles and I often heard her advice passed on. She did a good many things for lacemakers all over the world and we are very saddened by your loss. May God bless you during this difficult time.

Betsy Evans  
18:37:03 8/19/2002  
Newtown, CT

Dear Jules, family and Lacis family, I remember well the first time I met Kaethe. She lovingly shared with me (probably 15 years ago) how to make the hanky bonnet given to babies for their christening to be used at their wedding. That was a treasure for me and every one I have made I have thought of her. It will be more of a treasure now. My deep felt condolences go to you all. Kaethe will be missed by all of us. Betsy

Kathy Holman  
17:48:45 8/19/2002  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Jules and family: I was so saddened to hear of Kaethe's death. She was an inspiration to me when I started in the needlework business in 1978. She had a mission to share everything she knew. She also had a knack for explaining everything. She was a fine example of what a needlework teacher and businesswoman should be. Her knowledge and energy will be sorely missed.

Georgia Seitz  
17:44:12 8/19/2002  
Anchorage Alaska  
[www.georgiaseitz.com](http://www.georgiaseitz.com)

Just days ago I visited LACIS and captured Kaethe's lovely smile to remember her by (<http://www.georgiaseitz.com/kaethe.jpg>.) She was a fountain of lace knowledge and shared so gladly with us all. I am so glad to have known her. Although mere words cannot assuage the grief we all feel, these warm memories of her are a great comfort. Georgia

Etha Schuette  
17:31:48 8/19/2002  
Blackforest, CO  
<http://maus.pinkpig.com/robin/>

Dear Jules and family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Even though I have never met Kaethe or yourself, I feel so close and have admired your work so much. Sending strength and love to you so you may be able to understand in time to come - and keep going, doing what you do so well with Lacis. HUGS Maus-

Carole Owens  
17:21:36 8/19/2002  
Hayward, CA

Dearest Jules, Perrin and family, There are no words to express my sorrow. I can't stop crying. My thoughts are with all of you. I loved her. She will always be in my heart.

Irma & Bob Cruickshank

16:22:13 8/19/2002

Tijuana  
Mexico

We are so sad of hearing this news and we will be praying for her, and Jules so that you feel comfort in this time of sadness, we will remember her as the sweet person she was. will miss you.

Ginny Frank  
15:22:38 8/19/2002

Bethesda  
Maryland

Although I only recently met Kaethe at the TNNA show in Columbus, for many years I had heard about this wonderful lady from Rochelle. Her advance publicity hardly prepared me for her warmth, sense of fun, and creativity. My deepest sympathy go to all the Kliots and Follenders and I will miss the chance I might have had to know her better.

Carol Rinehimer form EdMar Co.  
14:29:32 8/19/2002

Boise, Idaho

"The Tatting Lady" will always be in my heart. I feel so lucky to have known Kaethe for the last 24 years. She saw me grow, stumble and achieve happiness, and always gave me "sharp" advice the few times a year when we would see each other at trade shows. My heart is saddened but my mind is full of joyous memories that I will treasure for the rest of my life. I will remember Kaethe always holding hands as we walk from restaurants and the joy of having that wine after a long trade show day. My love goes out to all of "the kids" and to Jules. May God bless you all.

Rachel Foorman  
13:47:33 8/19/2002

berkeley

Kaethe was the best teacher I have ever had, or will ever have. Her kindness and generosity were unconditional, I learned more from her about textiles, techniques, and life in general then from anywhere. She always had a story to share no matter what your situation. I am so lucky to have worked for her for the last 2 years, the skills she taught me have helped me decide where i am going in this life and there is no greater gift. Kaethe always told us when sad or depressed, it was ok to be upset for awhile, but then you look in the mirror and say, "enough of this shit!" and you keep busy, scrub the floor! my house will be very very cl

Ayala Talpai  
13:31:54 8/19/2002

head of the Mohawk Valley, Oregon

I am stricken to hear of Kaethe's sudden departure. She is like a twin soul sister to me. I am so very glad of the time we did have together... each moment was full! What a blessing. Her charming self and expertise and artfulness extended so far, and anchored her into so many nooks and crannies of the fiber world-> no wonder the angels had to snatch her so quickly. Doubtless the only way they could get her out of here! Dear Family, I am keeping you close in my heart, with my arms about you, and a candle lit for vigilance and farewell to our cherished Kaethe. May she be surrounded by warmth and brilliance. All love and my deepest condolences.

Edward F. Maeder  
12:29:10 8/19/2002

Deerfield, Massachusetts

As a specialist with an infectious enthusiasm, Kathe inspired so many of us in the textile field. She will be very much missed by those who were privileged to know her. But, her legacy continues through her work with Jules and the wealth of information and publications they made available to us all.

Jean Leonard  
11:37:16 8/19/2002

Concord, NC

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We were so fortunate to have been able to spend time with Kaethe when she was here in North Carolina recently. All of us at Needles! are devastated by her loss. Dear Jules, our thoughts are with you.

Ivan Follender  
11:33:09 8/19/2002

NYC

I'm so sad to hear this. Her energy and love of life were contagious and will always be with us.

Valerie McClain  
10:53:48 8/19/2002  
San Ramon, CA

I was saddened to hear of the passing of Kaethe. I had the opportunity to meet the Kliot's on several occasions while rowing with Storrie. Kaethe was always enthusiastic and supportive of anything her children did and she will be missed by the many people she touched. To Storrie and the family, you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Denise Sangster  
10:50:59 8/19/2002  
Berkeley, CA

Kaethe, you will be dearly missed... I will think of you every time I look at my lace curtains.

Ben Kliot  
10:21:20 8/19/2002  
New York

I speak for the east coast Kliot's when I express how incredibly saddened we all are to hear of Kaethe's passing. She was truly an amazing human being and she touched us all throughout our lives. Kaethe will live on in all of our memories as the sweet angel that she was and will always remain. We will all miss her dearly.

Derinda Sangster  
00:07:39 8/19/2002  
San Rafael

Kaethe selected the lace for my wedding dress. She was so kind. My thoughts are with the family.

Makiko Tada  
19:53:18 8/18/2002  
Tokyo  
Japan

I have no word about Kaethe's long sleep. She was so generous to answer my questions after I knew her and Jules's Kumihimo book. So I was so happy to meet her finally in this April. We should study hard about textile to carry out the intention of Kaethe.

Joan Kehrer & John Webster  
17:00:25 8/18/2002  
Denver, CO

We are sorry about your loss. She enjoyed textiles and helping people, especially the brides she once told me. She always had a wonderful smile. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

