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Biographical Sketch of Kathy (Kraack) Kahn

A native of north Idaho, Kathy Kahn was born 60 years ago in Coeur d'Alene, the second child of Dean and Loretta Kraack. She spent her early years in southern Kootenai county and attended Rose Lake Elementary and Kootenai Junior-Senior High School until moving closer to Coeur d'Alene and attending Coeur d'Alene High School. She graduated from Post Falls High School in 1973.

In 1977 she met in Moscow and married Raph Kahn, a recent graduate of the University of Idaho, who went on to become a Naval flight officer. While Ralph was stationed at various naval installations she pursued her higher education, attending colleges such as Northwest Nazarene, the University of Maryland, College of Central Texas, and the University of West Florida, from which she graduated in 1989 with a degree in English Education. She has pursued post-graduate courses at the University of Idaho and the Western Governor's University.

She began teaching English at St. Maries High School in 1989 and is planning on some part-time teaching after retiring in June. She currently is chairman of the English Department at the high school and she also teaches a dual credit English class through North Idaho College. She has been honored as the teacher of the year at St. Maries on four separate occasions.

After an almost 24 year career, Ralph retired as a Lt. Commnder, and now serves as a school district trustee and also manager of their small ranch on the south ide of Cave Lake.

She and Ralph have two children, Nathan, a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy who was a Naval Aviator and now flies "Hurricane chasers" for NOAA; and, Amanda, a recent graduate from Lewis Clark State College. They have one grandchild, Brooklyn, age six