Kathlyn Ann Heit Heustis was born on May 8, 1958, in Devils Lake, North Dakota to Larry and Kay Heit. She attended grade school at St. Joseph Elementary School and graduated from Devils Lake Central High School in 1976.

Kathy started taking piano lessons at a very young age. By the time she graduated from high school, she was a very accomplished pianist and performed for many people on many different occasions.

While growing up, Kathy enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She especially loved spending time at her family’s cabin at Wood Lake and enjoyed the outdoors very much.

She began working at Ramsey National Bank and Trust Company in 1976 as a teller. She married Lamont Heustis in June of 1976 in Devils Lake. She enjoyed gardening and taught piano lessons in her home to many young people.

On July 20, 1983, Kathy was killed in a tragic car accident in Devils Lake on her way home from work. At the time of her death, she had been married for seven years to Lamont and had worked her way to head of the Bookkeeping Department at Ramsey National Bank and Trust. Kathy’s outgoing personality and her friendliness had touched many people.

Kathy had two younger sister—Lynn, who died in 1965 at the age of five, and Jackie Heit Jaeger—and one brother, Dann Heit.

The Kathlyn Ann Heustis Memorial Scholarship was established by her husband Lamont and Ramsey National Bank and Trust Company. Kathy’s parents, both recently deceased, and family saw this scholarship as a way to help students attending Lake Region State College who have an interest in music and wish to share that special talent with others.