



## Kathleen M. Caruana

January 4, 1949 - January 31, 2021

Kathleen M. Caruana, 72, of Rockford died peacefully in her sleep on January 31, 2021. Born January 4, 1949 in Joliet, daughter of James and Jean (Fargo) Murphy. Graduate of St. Francis Academy of Joliet. Attended Western Illinois University. Kathy met her loving husband, Joe while employed as an X-Ray Technician in Joliet. United in marriage to Joseph Caruana on July 5, 1969 in Joliet. Survived by her husband, Joe; children, James "Jay" Caruana of Rockford, Mark (Katie) Caruana of Machesney Park, Amy (Matt Makeever) Caruana of Rockford; brother, Jim (Renee) Murphy of Joliet; father-in-law, Sam Caruana of Rockford; sister-in-law, Vera (Bill) Levine; brother-in-law, Dan (Priscilla) Caruana; nephews, Jeffery Levine, Michael Levine, Ben (Michele) Caruana, Spencer (Tara Pearce) Caruana; great-nephew Everett "Rhett" Caruana and the extended Caruana family; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins; a huge circle of loving friends near and far and special dog, Chelsea. Preceded in death by her parents, mother-in-law, Kathryn Caruana, and numerous treasured family dogs over her lifetime. Kathy was the co-owner of O'Fallon's Fine Flowers, a business she started 19 years ago, with her daughter Amy. Her warm personality and kindness welcomed customers. Kathy was an amazing wife and mom, she was known to say that she "loved her boys," referring to the extended group of kids and young adults that could be found in her warm, welcoming and loving home. She was a great cook and enjoyed feeding friends and family and talented gardener, creating beautiful spaces in her yard. She was a lifelong dog lover, loving on both her own dogs, and her grand dogs throughout the years. At Kathy's request, her body was donated to the Anatomical Gift Association of Illinois for the advancement of science. A Celebration of Kathy's life and legacy will be held in the future, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family, share a message of condolence at [www.GraceFH.com](http://www.GraceFH.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ Grace Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Kathleen M. Caruana



Grace Funeral & Cremation Services - February 13, 2021 at 11:02 AM

CA

“ Amy, Joe and Family; including their dogs: I still in a state of shock as I just recently saw Kathy passed away. Knowing her was a treasure in my heart and much more. She was a loving and caring person in so many ways blessing us with her warm sincere smiles shining with wonderful personality. Forever I will miss Kathy and will often think of her as I see beautiful flowers around me. And to the family, I extend my deepest sympathy with a broken heart.  
Carl Ambruoso



Carl Ambruoso - March 01, 2021 at 09:21 AM

BB

“ Amy-and family-I am so very sad to hear this. My mom has really been enjoying getting flowers from you recently. You have been on my mind and I just found out about your mom tonight from a patient of mine who lives near your shop. I am just so very sorry and you and your family are in my thoughts and heart. hang in there chica. xoxoxo.

Bethany Breuhaus - February 18, 2021 at 07:35 PM

SL

“ I was a neighbor, friend and coworker at Village Green with Kath. I send my condolences to Joe and the whole family. She was such a great person in so many ways. I will miss her so much.

Sally (Cook) Letheby - February 10, 2021 at 02:39 PM

JJ

“ Dear Joe & Family,  
Always enjoyed stopping by O'Fallon's and visiting with Kathy, Amy and her beloved dogs. We will miss her.

Kay & Joe Marshall

Joseph C Marshall Jr - February 10, 2021 at 11:13 AM

BB

“ Always, always loved talking to Kathy, she had a beautiful smile and a warm heart. The Bella Luna ladies will miss her

bella luna bakery - February 06, 2021 at 09:10 PM



“ Dear Joe and Caruana Family,  
We share in your grief and will miss the welcoming smile and precious spirit Kathy gave to everyone. Our prayers are with you all.  
The Pumilia Family

Nick Pumilia - February 06, 2021 at 08:37 AM

AW

“ Dear Joe and family,  
I am really sorry for your loss, our prayers and thoughts are with you. Bless you and your family.

Arthur Warner

Arthur A Warner - February 05, 2021 at 06:43 PM

BW

“ Joe I was so saddened by the death of your dear wife Kathy and shocked. My thoughts and prayers to you and your family. My sincere condolences to you and your family.

Betty Warneke & Tom

Betty Warneke - February 05, 2021 at 01:13 PM

JC

“ Dear Joe and family,  
We were deeply saddened when we learned of Kathy's death. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love to you and your family.  
Ingvar and Jean Carlson

jean Carlson - February 04, 2021 at 02:07 PM

MF

“ Dear Joe, Amy, Mark, Jaime, and family,  
Thinking of all the happy memories of Kathy during the many years; I so enjoyed her.  
Kathy was such a positive, happy person and loved by the many people she touched, and will have a special place in our hearts.  
I pray that God will comfort you during this difficult time.  
Love,  
Margery Caruana Farr

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margery caruana farr - February 04, 2021 at 12:10 PM

MF

“ Margery Caruana Farr lit a candle in memory of Kathleen M. Caruana



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margery caruana farr - February 04, 2021 at 11:55 AM

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“ Dear Joe, Amy, Mark, Jaime, and family,  
Thinking of all the happy memories of Kathy during the many years; I so enjoyed her.  
Kathy was such a positive, happy person and loved by the many people she touched, and will have a special place in our hearts.  
I pray that God will comfort you during this difficult time.  
Love,  
Margery Caruana Farr

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margery caruana farr - February 04, 2021 at 11:51 AM



“ I was so sorry to hear of Kathy's passing. Your family and the Levines were such a big part of my teenage years: babysitting almost every Saturday night. She was like a fun 2nd mom to me - filled with humor and advice about navigating high school and boys. Taking care of the kids gave me solid practice for when my own 3 children were little!  
Wishing all of you strength in the days ahead.

Thinking of your family,  
Mary Ellen (Danca) Strandquist  
Atlanta, GA  
mel@strandquist.com

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**Mary Danca Strandquist** - February 04, 2021 at 11:23 AM

AJ

“ To Joe and family : Lee and I were so shocked and sorry to hear of your loss. Whenever we talk of “the old days,” our weekend at Nippersink comes up and we have a good laugh. We know that you will always carry Kathy in your hearts with all your loving memories. Lee and Arleta Juliano

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**arleta juliano** - February 04, 2021 at 10:27 AM

MP

“ I met Kathy many years ago when my daughter Karen Anderson was in nursery school with Mark. She babysat my daughter on many occasions. I always remembered her as such a warm, caring person. I am so sorry to hear of her passing.

Marilyn Paladino

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**Marilyn Paladino** - February 04, 2021 at 09:21 AM

ML

“ So sorry to hear of Kathy's passing. I remember so many fun times with all of you. Maria and I send our prayers to you Joe and all the family. ❤️

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**Mike Lungo** - February 03, 2021 at 10:11 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kathleen M. Caruana.



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February 03, 2021 at 04:39 PM

DS

“ Dennis & Kathleen Sura sent a virtual gift in memory of Kathleen M. Caruana



Dennis & Kathleen Sura - February 03, 2021 at 02:08 PM

GR

“ Dear Joe and family, I am so sorry for your loss, I have some found memories of Kathy when we went out, what a joyous person she was. My thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family in the days ahead.  
Gloria Richardson



gloria richardson - February 03, 2021 at 01:13 PM

JG

“ So sorry to hear of her passing. Thinking of you Amy and your family. Remembering some of our fun times creating weddings together.  
Jill Gleitz

Jill Gleitz - February 03, 2021 at 08:41 AM

CD

“ Joe so sorry to hear of Kathy's passing, Joanne and I give our condolences to you and your family. We will keep you in our prayers God bless, love to your family.

Chico& Joanne DeCastris - February 03, 2021 at 08:03 AM

DC

“ We would like to extend our sincere condolences and our prayers are with you.  
Dick and Suzy Cholke

Dick Cholke - February 02, 2021 at 07:35 PM

JK

“ Joe and Family:  
My condolences on Kathy's passing. Although I never met her, the obituary shows you all lost a warm and loving person.  
Jack Kenney, Lewis 1968

Jack Kenney - February 02, 2021 at 06:37 PM

CR

“ *Deepest sympathy and prayers to you Joe and your family. Connie Robinson*

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**Connie Robinson** - February 02, 2021 at 05:48 PM

ML

*I'm so sad to hear of Kathy's passing. We had a lot of fun over the years. She will be missed by so many. May God bless you Joe and all your family. Mike & Maria Lungo*

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**Mike Lungo** - February 02, 2021 at 07:04 PM

JB

*Joe so sorry for your loss our prayers are with you and the family.*

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**Joseph Battaglia** - February 03, 2021 at 09:25 AM

SW

“ *Kathy was always a joy to be around and I had so much fun with her over the years. I am so very for all of you, Joe, Jay and Mark, Amy, and all of your people and dogs. I know how heartbreaking this must be for each one of you. There is no love like a mother's love. My love and thoughts are with you. Love Sarah (Whitsitt) Werckle*

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**Sarah Werckle** - February 02, 2021 at 05:41 PM

BM

*Joe and family we are so very sorry to hear of your loss. We will pray to help you get through these difficult times. May God bless the Caruana family. Bob and Marti Marra*

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**Bob & Marti Marra** - February 03, 2021 at 04:10 AM

SS

*Joe, I was saddened to hear of your loss. May all the memories you have of Kathy help you through this difficult time. She was a special lady. Sending love,*

*Sue Stavros*

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**Susan Stavros** - February 03, 2021 at 05:20 PM

RP

*Joe, we were so sorry to hear your sad news about Kathy's passing. She was the loveliest of kind, generous ladies, ALWAYS smiling and offering to help with kids, dogs, events. Rich and I smile when we remember so many fun times with the Levines on land and ice, and I have never forgotten how sweet, sweet Amy, as a little gal, smiled just like Kathy. We all mourn the loss of a wonderful, welcoming friend like Kathy and carry our memories of her in our hearts, but we can only imagine your deep sorrow, Joe, and the sorrow of your family. Please know that our prayers and wishes are with all of you for strength and courage in these dark days. She is in God's arms, but your heart forever, Joe. Bless all of you with peace and surround you with the comfort and joy of happy memories.*

*Love, Rich and Pat Pozzi*

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**Rich and Pat Pozzi** - February 06, 2021 at 11:09 AM