



## Christopher F. Kole

August 4, 1951 - November 4, 2016

Christopher Fredrick Kole, age 65, of Royal Oak, passed away on November 4, 2016, at William Beaumont Hospital. He was born on August 4, 1951 in Detroit, Michigan to Fredrick and Margaret Kole, (formerly Kowalewski). Christopher graduated from Holy Redeemer High School, Detroit, received an Associates Degree from Macomb Community College, had worked as a Computer Data Entry Operator for several companies, and was happily retired. He and his wife Sylvia have been long time parishioners of the National Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak.

Christopher is survived by his beloved wife Sylvia (Holubeck) Kole, who he married on October 17, 1975 at St. Suzanne Parish, Detroit. He was the eldest of three children, brother Kenneth (Christine) Kole and Andrea (Gerald) Murawski (deceased). He deeply cared for his in laws Gertrude and Joseph Holubeck, (deceased). Christopher heartily enjoyed his brother in law and sister in law Robert and Patricia Holubeck, his nieces Kelly (James) Holubeck-Gotts, Leah Doslea, Amber (James) Quesenberry and nephew Austin Fredrick Kole. Chris and Sylvia were blessed with Grand Nieces Ashleigh Holubeck-Gotts and Madelyn Quesenberry, and Grand Nephews Braden, Carson and Rowan Quesenberry. Chris was a very proud Godfather to Kelly, Austin, Ashleigh and Braden. Christopher leaves behind many loving cousins and friends, especially Elaine and Arnold Mackowiak and family.

Cooking, gardening and decorating were favorite past times of Christopher's. He loved classical music, and studied piano for many years. Chris and Sylvia traveled often, enjoying northern Michigan, especially Douglas Lake, Petoskey and Traverse City. They cherished the many pets that brought joy to their home through the years.

Memorial gathering at 9:30 am on Friday, November 18, with memorial mass to follow at 10:00 am at the Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, 2100 W. 12 Mile Road, Royal Oak, 48073 (248) 541-4122

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, any memorials be kindly sent to the American Heart Association, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674 (<https://donatenow.heart.org/>) or Tigerlily Cat Rescue, P.O. Box 815, Sterling Heights, MI 48311 (<http://www.tigerlilyrescue.com/donations/>).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

NOV **18**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica  
2100 W. 12 Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48073

## Memorial Mass

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# Tribute Wall

LF

“ *Linda And Walter & Family lit a candle in memory of Christopher F. Kole*



Linda and Walter & Family - November 13, 2016 at 09:29 AM

MD

“ *My condolences to the family. No one is ever totally prepared for the death of a loved one. The pain and the feeling of helplessness can seem unbearable. May you find comfort in Jesus words, "I am the resurrection and the life."-John 11:25*

Ms. Dee - November 08, 2016 at 06:51 AM

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“ *Pam & John Richards(Rylee&Skylars GP) lit a candle in memory of Christopher F. Kole*



Pam & John Richards(Rylee&Skylars GP) - November 08, 2016 at 05:59 AM

 Fabiola Robel

“ *Chris was a very nice man with a big heart . A great husband to her Lovely wife Sylvia . A kind soul that touched our lives, specially my little daughter's life with amazing generosity and tenderness that will make him unforgettable to us . We will always be grateful for the friendship and kindness with what you enlightened our hearts during your presence in this life .*

Fabiola Robel - November 07, 2016 at 06:30 PM

CK

“ Christopher, you were one heck of a big brother to Ken and Andrea, and you took your "job" very seriously! You and Ken were polar opposites, he the car loving, trouble causing, mechanical, sports loving, rebellious middle child, while you were the artistic, classical music and book loving, computer literate, conventional, and dutiful first born. Yet, you brothers shared your pride in all things Polish, your Catholic Christian faith, love of your wives, family, holidays and the north woods, and your goofy senses of humor. You made us laugh, again and again. You consistently filled us up with great food and libations like a Polish Busia.. You stood up for our wedding, and you took over as the Patriarch of the Kole family when we lost your parents before they got to be grandparents. You cared for your Mom throughout her illness, settled the estate, and took us on our first trip to Chicago where we unknowingly brought home that little souvenir who would happen to become your nephew. You and Sylvia generously threw that grand baby shower for we bewildered older parents to be. You were with us minutes after "Auschook" (as you named him) was born, you and Sylvia visited every day that you could. How warm and safe he felt in your big embrace, and you hardly ever wanted to put him down! You treated my girls as your cherished nieces, and embraced our son in law and grand babies. We all loved celebrations in your comfy, gracious home. How you showered all the children with far too many gifts, toys and clothing at birthdas and Christmas! You were the perfect model of faith for all of our babies that you were a Godfather to. Your love, loyalty and kindness will never, ever be forgotten, and "Uncle Christopher" stories will be told for many years to come. Please know that we are here for your beloved, as we know that you are looking down and watching over us. In Eternal Life, we understand everything, forgive everything and are filled with perfect peace and contentment. We know that someday, because there is no sense of time in Heaven, you will look up and say "There you are! Come on in, wait till the rest of the family sees you! I've got to show you around this place, you won't believe it!" Until then, good brother, we will try to emulate



*your example, especially that nephew (who you also called "Rollo) of yours! We love you, Chris. We always have, and we always will.*

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**Christine Kole** - November 07, 2016 at 12:45 PM

EG

“ *Christopher was a warm hearted, kind, and generous man who touched the lives of those who had the pleasure of knowing him. He will be missed dearly.*  
*Love, The Guido Family*



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**Erica Guido** - November 06, 2016 at 05:34 PM

EY

“ *Our prayers and thoughts are with you during this difficult time.*  
*Frank and Elaine Yager*

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**Elaine Yager** - November 06, 2016 at 05:35 AM