



Janine F. Kairis

December 6, 1951 - March 2, 2013

Kairis, Janine F. nee Jankowiak Age 61. March 2, 2013.

Beloved wife of Michael. Loving mother of Shawn Mindy, Shannon Alex Mourtos and Eric. Proud grandmother of Estella. Dear daughter of Virginia the late Blaise Jankowiak and the late Phil Salvatore. Sister of Brian Elahe Salvatore and Randy Christina Salvatore. Daughter-in-law of Jaye. Aunt of Sarah, Ashley and Grant. Mrs. Kairis graduated from Rosary High School in Detroit. She earned her Bachelor's Degree at Michigan State University and her Master's in Early Childhood Education from Oakland University. She taught preschool in Berkley and elementary school at St. Dennis school. A finalist for "Teacher of the Year" in Oakland County, Mrs. Kairis retired after 28 years teaching kindergarten in the Lamphere School District. Kairis Pond at Lessenger Elementary School in Madison Heights is named in her honor. The Kairis family were forty year members at St. Dennis Catholic Church. Mrs. Kairis served on the Board of Directors at Bishop Foley High School. She was a supporter of many organizations, charities and causes, who enjoyed donating to and participating in their silent actions and events. Janine gave the gift of life as a long-time Red Cross donor. She enjoyed travelling, especially going to Gladwin, visiting with family in Washington, D.C., Louisiana, and California. Her love of her family was of utmost importance in her life. She was an avid walker and loved her pets. Visitation Tuesday 2-8 p.m. with a 7 p.m. scripture/memorial service at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. 4 blks. E of Woodward, Royal Oak. In state

Wednesday 9:30 a.m. until time of Mass 10 a.m. at the St. Dennis/St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, Madison Heights. Memorials to the Solanus Casey Center are appreciated. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

TF

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The Liner Family - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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Tracey Fowler-Liner - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Mike, I am so sorry about the loss of your loving wife, Janine. I remember you from our time at Divine Providence and Janine from our time at Rosary. I knew that you were high school sweethearts but lost track of both of you after high school. It sounds like you made a wonderful life and family together. I am so sorry that you and your children have to experience such sadness. But, I am sure all of you will have Janine's love and memories forever. I will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you. Linda Ayers LaLonde

Linda LaLonde - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ Mrs. Kairis You were one of my favorite teachers At Lessenger and It was a major honor to have you gone way too soon but You will always be in my heart forever God Bless You !!!!

Alex Jenkins - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Mrs. Kairis was like a second mother to me when I was young. Upon moving to Madison Heights when I was about five or six, Eric and I quickly became the best of friends. If we weren't in front of Hiller Elementary playing roller hockey together, we were usually at the Kairis household hanging out. Anytime I stepped foot in that house, I immediately felt like I was part of the family. I remember that Mrs. Kairis would seem genuinely interested in my response when she would asked how I was doing. As a little kid, that meant a lot to me, and sticks with me to this day. In fifth grade, I was assigned safety duty to Mrs. Kairis' kindergarten class. Everyday at lunch I would walk down to Mrs. Kairis' class, gather up the kids, and walk them to the bus stop. Each and every day, Mrs. Kairis would calmly greet me with a warm, contagious smile, and send us off on our way. This had a tendency to really brighten my day. Not once did she seemed flustered, annoyed, or angry. She truly seemed to love kids, and her job of teaching them. If only everybody could share this same trait, the world would be a much nicer place. I'm sorry I cannot be in Michigan to attend the funeral, but my thoughts and prayers are with Eric and the entire Kairis family. Stay strong. ~Tim Holman

Tim Holman - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Our children were blessed to have known Janine during their elementary years. She always had kind words to say and made each child feel special. She will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

B. Pollatz - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Mike and Family, My deepest sympathy to all of you on the loss of Janine. She gave so much to so many, including me as a friend since high school. An Irish blessing: " Death leaves a heartache no one can heal; Love leaves a memory no one can steal."

Katie Heffernan Kessler - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ We are so very sorry for your profound loss. Janine was my son's kindergarten teacher and we absolutely loved the way she made each day special for him, nurturing his love for learning and caring for him in her gentle and positive way. I often told people Sam had the "perfect" kindergarten teacher and I wish all little guys could have the same first school experience we did with Janine. She touched so many lives and it was obvious to anyone who met her how important her family was to her. God bless each of you and comfort you in your sorrow. You will be in our prayers. Love, Hannah and Mike Morris and family

Hannah Morris - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ My niece and nephew were in Janine's class and I was a volunteer for two years. She was a wonderful teacher who loved what she did and the children she taught. Janine was truly a Blessing and she will be missed. May God Bless your family in his love and care

Athena Kourtesis DeMarois - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ To the Kairis Family, Words seem so empty and shallow when you are facing the reality of Janine's loss. Yet, Janine was such an inspiration and shining star in the lives of those who knew her. She was loving, gentle, and offered such encouragement to everyone. It was such a meaningful and deep experience to have the privilege of working with her at Hiller. An acrostic to remind me of her...J-Joyful attitude A-Angelic smile N-Nurturing patience I-Invigorating encourager N-Natural radiance/love E-Ever present in our hearts May the God of all comfort be a source of strength for your family and may your memories of Janine provide a loving hope for the future.

Diane Stouffer - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ We are really devastated to hear that we've lost our favorite teacher. She has gone through all of us Siba's and we couldn't've asked for a better elementary school experience with her. She's in a better place now. -with love, The Siba Family

The Siba Family - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ We were so blessed to have her for four of my children's kindergarten teacher. She is a special person and always made each child feel important. Our prayers are with you. Brian and Sharalee Schneider and family

Sharalee Schneider - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ My heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family of Janine. Sometimes it hard to find the right words to say when we lose a love one, so I hope you will find comfort in the wonderful memories you have. I also hope you will find comfort in knowing that God is near to those who are broken at heart. Psalms 34:18

Stefanie - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Mrs. Kairis was my sons kindergarden teacher 23 years ago. She was always so sweet and polite to everyone and my son just loved her. We still have pictures of her with my son. I just did a scrapbook for my son and she is in it also. What a wonderful person. So sorry for your lose.

Joyce Tom - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Dear Michael, Shawn, Shannon and Eric, Janine was a delight to know. Over the many years she worked with Barbara McGinnis and me we always marveled at her consistantly positive disposition and heartfelt concern for all her young students, our Bishop Foley students and most of all her husband and three children. Many of Bishop Foley's Soph-Out students had the privilege of assisting in her classroom. She was an extremely positive role model for them. We extend our sympathy and prayers to you and your family. Thank you for so generously sharing your wife and mom with us, Eileen Betley, BFCHS

Eileen Betley - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Our children were lucky to have had, Mrs. Kairis as their teacher at St. Dennis. We are sorry for your loss.

The Blizinski Family - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ To Mike and Family, We are deeply saddened by the loss of Janine. We remember her as a sweet, funny, infinitely loving woman. Bob and I send our deepest sympathies and will remember her, and your family, in our prayers. With love, Bob and Teddy

Bob & Teddy House - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ I was Janines nurse last year in the office. My name is Debby, I remember giving her first treatment. Her and her husband were the nicest people, and always positive. I remember discussing the upcoming wedding of your daughter. I always admired your devotion as a care giver and husband. I feel honored to know to be able to say I knew you both.

Debby Wohl - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Mike, Shawn, Shannon, Eric and Auntie Jaye, My deepest sympathies to all of you and your families. Janinie's kindness will always be remembered and her smile....I never saw her without it. God Bless all of you in this difficult time. Carol Anne, Matthew and Jeffrey

Carol Anne Mogle - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Janine had been my friend for over fifty years. We met when we were ten and I have many fond memories of her like: dance recitals at St. Sabina's; building snow forts; screaming at the Beatles concert at Olympia Stadium; Rosary High classes, dances, choir, and proms; Michigan state and Albion trips; sharing photos of our kids and grandkids; comparing teaching experiences; and just enjoying each others company. Sometimes we wouldn't see each other for years but when we finally did meet again, it was like we never left our fifth grade classroom. We just started talking and kept on talking for hours. Boy, Janine could talk! Thanks to Mrs. Salvatore for bringing Janine to Dearborn Heights and letting her be one of my friends. We had some great times at your house. I'm so sorry for your loss Mike, Shawn, Shannon, Eric, and the rest of the family. I know Janine loved all of you very much and she will continue to watch over you from heaven. God Bless all of you. Peace, Suzie Floyd Swieczkowski

Suzie Floyd - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ My heartfelt sympathies for the Kairis Family. The world has lost a truly lovely person. She was always one to have a kind word or gesture for you and was there for me when I needed her - I will never forget her. She will be greatly missed.

Kathy Kavanagh Sawtell - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Mike and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We remember Janine fondly from our days at St. Dennis. May she rest in peace and may your memories always bring a smile to your heart! God bless, Doug & Cindy Anthony

Cindy Anthony - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Dear Mike and Family, Janine's sweet, and gentle spirit touched so many and lovingly nurtured the hundreds of students she taught over the years. All of our lives are better for having known and loved her. May God bless and comfort you all. Love, Carole Pryzby

Carole Pryzby - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Aunt Jaye & Michael and family, my deepest heartfelt sympathy reaches out to all of you for losing a loved one. May you find peace in Janine's passing knowing her life was short on this Earth, but was greater because of her. Love, Janice Mosteiko & Family

Janice Mosteiko - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Mike & family, we are so sorry for your loss. Janine was a sweetheart whose smile lit up the room. She will be missed. Keeping all in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Pam Fourne & Family.

Pam Fourne - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ The world is a better place because Janine was in it. Mike and Janine have been a shining example to all of us as to what true love looks like. God bless the Kairis family. With love, Jim and Judy McCown

Jim and Judy McCown - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. Mrs. Kairis was a very special person. She taught all 3 of our children with much love and patience. I have so many memories of our conversations, helping in her classroom, and just talking about life. She was so friendly and always wore a smile on her face. Gone, but never forgotten in our hearts. Love, The Shapic family May God's blessings be with you always.

Dawn Shapic - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Janine was the nicest kindest person I have ever known. I had the pleasure of getting to know her when she taught Kindergarten next door to me at Simonds. Her kind spirit touched many peoples lives. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Suzanne Moldenhauer - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ God has welcomed one of its angels back home- Janine. She was such an incredible soul and will be missed by so very many. She touched everyone's life she met in such a positive manor and left this world so much nicer for having been in it. We consider ourselves privileged for having known her. May God Bless and keep her family in his love and care during this truly sad time. Mike, Shawn, Shannon and Eric your have our deepest sympathy and love. May her memory be eternal.

Karin and Lawrence Finn - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ So sorry Mike, you guys put up a brave fight. Chuck - Mumbai, India

Charles Strauss - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *Janine was a wonderful teacher. She truly cared about every student she had. Heaven received an angel. We will never forget how you touched our children's lives and we are grateful to have known you. Rest in peace.* ”

Janet Rutkoski - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. My children had the best kindergarden teacher ever. We were so blessed to have had her in our life. Gone far too soon. But leaves us lasting sweet memories. God Bless.* ”

The Carpenter Family - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *Janine, heaven is very lucky to have you. We were just as lucky to have you touch our lives. We love you Janine, everyone single person you have ever met will miss you very much.* ”

Richard Family - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *Heaven is very lucky to have received this angel... she will shine down on so many! Xoxo* ”

Kotz Family - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ *A hole was left in this world today, but shines in heaven for all of us. Our prayers and thoughts are with you Mike, Shawn, Shannon and Eric. Love, Ann & Terry Herron* ”

Ann Herron - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM