



Katherine Mester-Luzzi

October 10, 1970 - November 29, 2007

Katherine Lynne Mester, formerly of Royal Oak, born October 10, 1970, died in a fatal car accident in Rhinebeck, NY. Her daughter, Isabel Katherine, was born following the auto accident. Katherine is survived by her loving husband, Professor Joseph Luzzi of Bard College, Annandale, NY; her parents, the Honorable Fred M. and Lynne M. Mester of Bloomfield Hills; her siblings, David & Jeneth Mester and Karen Mester of Bloomfield Hills. Kathy taught Pilates in the Hudson Valley, NY area. She received her A.A. in Liberal Arts from Dutchess Community College and was completing her B.A. at SUNY New Paltz. She worked for many years in the performing arts in New York City. After graduating from Cranbrook-Kingswood Academy, she completed studies in acting from the Neighborhood Playhouse, New York. She was a member of Actor's Equity and performed for Williamstown Summer Theater Stock in Williamstown, MA. Her many stage credits included "Bee-luther-hatchee," "The Boy Friend," "Marat/Sade," "Of Mice and Men," and "The Visit." She was especially glad to return to Michigan to perform in "Bee-luther-hatchee" at Meadowbrook Theater at Oakland University.

Tribute Wall

LI

“ To the Mester Family, My family and I are so sorry to hear of the tragic death of Kathy, who was one of my most cherished friends from childhood. Kathy was always full of happiness, warmth and talent, and she will be greatly missed. I am very thankful of the wonderful memories I have with her, whether it was sleeping over at your house on Hendrie in Huntington Woods, having her to our house up north, or bringing her to England with my family. She was a wonderful person who I feel lucky to have known. I wish you all strength during this difficult time, and wish you many happy times with your new granddaughter Isabel. Sincerely, Lizzy Isaacson-Cohen, friend of Kathy's from grade school

Lizzy Isaacson-Cohen - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Joe, WeÆre terribly sorry for the loss of your wife, Katherine. We loved seeing the two of you on your visits to Westerly showing your love of family. You always looked so happy when you went on those long walks together. It is a miracle that you have a lovely baby girl, Isabel Katherine. May you always be reminded of Katherine when you look at your daughter. YouÆll never walk alone, Joe. There will be Isabel and there will be Katherine watching over you; and trust that Jesus will be there, too. May God bless all of you and may God rest KatherineÆs soul. Love, Joey & Sue DeSantis and kids

Joey & Sue DeSantis - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Dear Fred & family, I was so sorry to hear about your daughter's death. I can empathize with you as I lost a son at age 26. You and your family are in my prayers, especially baby Isabel. God Bless. Your ROHS classmate, Darlene Parent Lane

Darlene Parent Lane - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *Giuseppe, nostro vicino e amico per tanti anni, Ti amiamo. Essiamo tante dispiaciute noi e i nostri figli per questo male destino che avuta la tua affezionata sposa. Ni dispiace assai per te e per lei per questo male fortuna che la tua cara sposa avuta. Pero, Giuseppe, tu ci deve fare coraggio assai che ti a lasciato uno grande ricordo per tutta il tuo vita una gioia di figlia e per questo tu devo fare coraggio. Noi lo sapime che non e tanto facile, ma voi dovete tirare avante con la tua vita e la tua figlia. Speriamo che Dio vi danno questo coraggio. Ti amiamo noi tutti vostre vicine e amice, Cristina & Mike DeSantis e famiglia.*

cristina and michael desantis - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *To Judge & Mrs Mester, the Mester and Luzzi families: I want to express my most heartfelt and sincere condolences on the loss of Kathy. I have the fondest memories of her from back in high school and especially during our post-college years here in New York City when we shared so many unforgettable fun times. When Kathy came to do a play reading with some friends of ours a few years ago, everyone was so struck by her warmth, grace and incredible talent. I will so miss hearing from her. My thoughts are with all of you and I know that Isabel Katherine will carry on all of the wonderful attributes that made Kathy so loved by all who had the fortune to know her. In deepest sympathy, Brad Hampton Cranbrook-Kingswood '88.*

Brad Hampton - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ To Katherine's family, I'm so sorry for your loss. I treasure the connection I had with Katherine, and my favorite recollections are the ways we laughed together. I'm grieving the loss of my friend while celebrating the miracle of Isabel Katherine . Sincerely, Erica Chase-Salerno, New Paltz

Erica Chase-Salerno - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ I cannot begin to think what to say. Kathy was my student at Kingswood as a music student, in the woodwinds singing group. I particularly enjoyed a visit in my home a couple of years ago. she was a lovely, gracious, yet determined young girl when I knew her, and I especially send my condolences to her father, who I know was so proud of her. I am sure she has a wonderful husband and a beautiful daughter who will follow in her footsteps.

nina machus - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ Dear Fred & Lynne, Please except my sincere condolences, on the lost of your daughter, Katherine. She was the most loving , sweetest, caring, person i have ever met. And i will miss her very much. I simply cannot believe she is no longer with us. I have such fond memories of our holiday celebrations together. when we would all get together, and sing and laugh. Katherine will be in my heart forever.

Paul Amato - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Dear Fred, Adair notified the GANG about your daughter's tragic death. I am very sorry. Now is the time to remember old friends and the fun we all had at ROHS in the 50's. Fondly, Sue Hill McClenachan

Sue Hill McClenachan - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ Judge Mester, Lynne, Karen, and David û please accept my heartfelt condolences on the loss of Katherine. Your family is in my thoughts at this time of grief.

Gennadiy Goldenshteyn - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Judge Mester, You, your wife, children and grandchildren and Kathy's husband are in the prayers of the Prybys family. God Bless. Lynne Prybys

Lynne Prybys - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ Dear Fred and Lynne: Please accept my sincere condolences on the loss of your daughter Katherine. I can relate to your feelings as I lost my 43 year old daughter, Lynn, in May of this year very unexpectedly. If you do not recognize my name, I was at your swearing-in ceremony and party with Rob and met your lovely family several times during the year that Rob and I dated. Eleanor

Eleanor Miller - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Dear Mester and Luzzi family: My heartfelt condolences to you for your tragic loss. Katherine is a wonderful person whose gentleness touched us all. I felt fortunate to have known her and she will always occupy a special place in my heart.

Ding Xiang Warner - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Katherine was a lovely presence at the National Humanities Center when Joe was a Fellow in 2004-05. We mourn her loss.

Kent Mullikin - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ We're so saddened by this terrible loss by such a good and giving person and his family.

neil munro cheryl crandell - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ To the Luzzi and Mester families, God bless you in this time of terrible loss and sorrow. The memorial yesterday at Bard was beautiful. Katherine was loved by all and she will be sorely missed by all. Her love will live on with you, and especially with Joe and Isabel. Yours in grief, Matthew Giancarlo and all the 2004-2005 fellows of the National Humanities Center

Matthew Giancarlo - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Judge Mester and Family We are sorry for the loss of your daughter, Katherine. You are in our thoughts and prayers. John & Karen McCrary

Karen McCrary - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ i know the pain of losing a child. my deepest condolences to the Mester family **MAY GOD BE WITH YOU ALL**

maureen thackery - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Crystal Galloway Robinson - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ To the Honorable Judge Mester, and family, It is with such sadness that I send this message to you and your family. I have two daughters, Erin and Stephanie and two grandchildren I adore. I cannot fathom your loss at this time and send my prayers for your healing, and recovery from this painful event.

Dr. Brenda O'Brien - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ To the Mester and Luzzi families, We are so terribly sorry that Katherine was called home so suddenly and untimely. As you celebrate Katherine's life and legacy, we hope you find comfort in the many lovely memories you have of Katherine and take joy in the new life she left behind in her precious daughter. Amid your grief and pain we pray you are uplifted by the love and support of your many friends and family members. Our deepest sympathies, Neil and Dorothy Strefling

Neil & Dorothy Strefling - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Judge and Family. I'm so sorry of the loss of Katherine. My prayers are with you and your new baby Granddaughter Isabella Katherine Luzzi and family.

Rick Bush - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ Judge, Lynne, David & Karen, Words cannot express our sorrow over your loss of Kathy. From the first time that I met her in your chambers she was so full of life and happiness. She never had a frown on her face and she was always smiling. She brought so much life into a room when she walked in. I imagine that Isabel will have those same traits that her mother had and as she grows up they will come more and more apparent. If there is anything that we can do please do not hesitate to ask. With love and sympathy,
Archie & Jessica Emmons

Jessica Escobedo-Emmons - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM