



## Kathleen A. Heikkila

October 16, 1948 - June 23, 2022

Kathleen Anne Heikkila, age, 73 a resident of Warren and Port Sanilac, formerly of Royal Oak, entered into eternal life on June 23, 2022 at William Beaumont Hospital, Troy. She was born October 16, 1948 in Providence, Rhode Island to the late Thomas A. and Grace Marie (Dillon) Conley.

A resident of Royal Oak since 1950, Kathy chose to raise her family there, later working for the city and becoming the Director of the Royal Oak Senior Center in 1993 until she retired in 2009. A natural athlete, Kathy loved to play golf (achieving two holes-in-one), Pickle Ball, and kayaking on the waters of Lake Huron. She was also very artistic, creating jewelry and other artwork with the sea glass and Petoskey stones that she would find on the shores of Lake Huron. She was a gifted photographer and was never seen at an event without her camera. She will forever be remembered as a devoted mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend.

She is survived by her beloved sons Joseph (Carrie) Heikkila of Bloomfield Township and David Heikkila of Dallas, Texas. Cherished grandchildren Patrick, Caitlin, Conor, Carys, Aubrey, and Elise Heikkila. Dear sister of Thomas (Donna) Conley of West Palm Beach, Florida, Gail Conley of Royal Oak, Barbara Quinn of Warren, Charles (Vira) Conley of Vero Beach, Florida. She is preceded in death by her brother Paul Conley.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, July 8, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic Church 32340 Pierce, Beverly Hills, MI 48025. Visitation begins at 10:00 a.m.

The City of Royal Oak has approved a memorial bench at Whittier Park. Donations can be sent payable to Amy Kessler at the Royal Oak Senior Center, 3500 Marais Ave., Royal Oak, MI 48073. Deadline for donations is July 22, 2022.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

JUL 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs  
32340 Pierce  
Beverly Hills, MI 48025

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Kathy’s passing. She was a big part of our street gang on Edgewood. We had so much fun as kids and as adults. I will miss you my friend! My thoughts go out to the rest of the family. Kim Kroll Smith

Kim Smith - July 07, 2022 at 06:02 PM

LS

“ Lisa Shima lit a candle in memory of Kathleen A. Heikkila



Lisa Shima - July 07, 2022 at 11:38 AM

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Chuck, I'm so sorry for your loss. Keeping you and your family in my prayers. -Lisa Shima

Lisa Shima - July 07, 2022 at 11:39 AM

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“ Kathy will be remembered for being a kind and gracious person. She had a pleasant personality and was nice to everyone. Playing pickleball against her was a challenge because Kathy was such a talented athlete, but we always had fun. She did a lot to help pickleball grow in Royal Oak. Kathy will be missed by all her friends on the courts at Whittier Park.

Lee Fedel - July 06, 2022 at 12:46 PM



“ *Strength and Wisdom Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Kathleen A. Heikkila.*



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July 05, 2022 at 05:07 PM



“ *We knew Kathy as a good pal and a loyal junior member of the Rockwood Hounds Camping Club. Just saying her name makes you smile.*  
*Red and Sandy Smith*

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**Sandy Smith** - July 01, 2022 at 08:21 PM



“ *John & Jeanette Gulbernat lit a candle in memory of Kathleen A. Heikkila*



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**John & Jeanette Gulbernat** - July 01, 2022 at 07:14 PM



*So sorry for the passing of your mother God needed another Angel and now when you look up at the night sky there is another shining star and she will always watch over your Family and you...love you Joe & Carrie*

*Uncle John & Aunt Jeanette*

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**John & Jeanette Gulbernat** - July 01, 2022 at 07:18 PM

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“ There are so many memories of Cathy that I will treasure. I hated leaving as Director of the Community Center in Royal Oak, I loved watching it grow into a place where older Americans are honored and cherished, Cathy had been chosen after deliberation and input from many seniors. I knew she would carry on the work we had started. My deepest sympathy to her family and friends who surrounded her with their love and compassion during her final illness .  
Marguerite Kane  
Former Director of Royal Oak Community Center

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maggie kane - July 01, 2022 at 02:44 PM