



Kathleen Zdroj

September 19, 1936 - April 23, 2023

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Kathleen "Kay" Zdroj on April 23, 2023, at the age of 86. Kathleen was predeceased by her husband Jerome, whom she was married to for 34 years, as well as her son Steven Zdroj. Kathleen was a loving and devoted mother to her children Kristine (Michael) Young, Karen Cenderquist, Dave Wilson, and Mary (Jason) Zook. She was a proud grandmother to Renae Conlin, Sara Wilson, Katie Agee, and Lily Zook, and a great grandmother to Harlow Conlin. Kathleen was a dedicated and hardworking individual who spent 34 years of her life working at Oakland University in university services. She was well-respected by her colleagues and made a lasting impact on the university community. Kathleen was also a docent at Meadow Brook Hall, where she shared her love of history and architecture with visitors from all over the world. One of Kathleen's greatest passions was the greenhouse at Meadow Brook Hall, and she was an active member of their garden club. She loved spending time tending to the plants and watching them grow. Kathleen will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all who knew her. Her legacy will live on through the many lives she touched and the memories she created. A committal service and burial will take place on Monday (May 1st) at the Utica Cemetery, 46327 Cass Ave. Shelby Twp., MI 48317 at 1pm. Donations may be made to the Osteoarthritis Foundation of America (www.arthritis.org) in Kathleen's honor at 1355 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 600, Atlanta, GA 30309. Please share a memory with her family at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com

Cemetery Details

Utica Cemetery

46325 Shelby Road
Utica, MI 48317

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JU

“ Loved Kay. She was a great asset to Oakland University and we will miss her.

Julie McCarrel

Julie - May 08, 2023 at 05:11 PM

AH

“ Sending my Condolences.

Andree (Zdroj) Hill - May 07, 2023 at 04:40 PM

CG

“ Kay was always a joy to be around! As a volunteer captain at Meadow Brook Hall, I always enjoyed seeing her and talking to her about our common interests. She had a truly giving nature and shared her many stories and memories with us. Her great disposition and smile has and will be missed.

Carla Kennedy Giddings

Carla Kennedy Giddings - May 01, 2023 at 05:52 PM

DI

“ When I worked the front desk and had the task of calling volunteers to do shifts for events, Kay always said yes. She was at the top of my list of volunteers to call. Even a last minute call had her springing into action to be at an event. Will miss you Kay,
Diane Berry

dianeaberry - April 29, 2023 at 05:27 PM

RC

“ As a captain at Meadowbrook hall I had the personal privilege to work with Kay many times over the years. Her love of Oakland university and Meadowbrook was tremendous. We always enjoyed her stories and knowledge of Meadowbrook . I particularly remember when she told me the story of how she and professor stamps were the first 2 to go into Meadowbrook after the death of Matilda. Her knowledge of the hall made me a better captain. Ironically I was thinking of her a couple of weeks ago remembering that day when we were working at Meadowbrook together and she told me she was going to be moving away and no longer would be volunteering at Meadowbrook It was a sad day to learn that we wouldn't be seeing her smiling face and working with her. Thank you Kay for being a wonderful friend and person. May you rest in peace

ralph collins - April 29, 2023 at 11:18 AM

SM

“ I was lucky enough to meet Kay early in my time at Meadow Brook Hall. I spent many hours with her in the MBH Gift Shop and was totally engrossed in her stories of being one of the first to see MBH after Matilda had passed.
Kay was kind and always willing to help.

She is missed.

Sue May

Sue H May - April 29, 2023 at 11:15 AM

DV

“ Kay was a great person and always willing to help others. She was devoted to her family, OU, and Meadow Brook Hall. We had great times in the 1980's and will always remember her smile. RIP Kay

David Vartanian - April 28, 2023 at 01:38 PM

JC

“ *Kay was such a sweet person. She always had a cheerful hello. My deepest sympathy for your loss.* ”

Jenny Cloutier - April 28, 2023 at 11:49 AM

CJ

“ *Carolyn J. Johnson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kathleen Zdroj.* ”



Carolyn J. Johnson - April 28, 2023 at 10:22 AM