



## Kathryn E. Stedman

October 7, 1941 - October 13, 2023

Kathryn E. Stedman, departed this world on October 13, 2023, at the age of 82, surrounded by her family. She was born on October 7, 1941, in Detroit, MI, to the proud parents John D. Fatt and Florence J. Ye. She was the eldest of five children and remained close to her siblings Lorraine (Evan) Stroup, Marilyn (David) Vitale, Janice Fatt, and Clifford (Debbie) Fatt.

On November 18, 1978, Kathryn was united in marriage to the love of her life, Timothy J. Stedman, in a heartwarming ceremony at Central Methodist Church, Detroit, MI. Their union was a testament to enduring love, and together they built a life filled with shared dreams and affection.

Kathryn dedicated her life's work to the noble cause of education, focusing her passion on students with special needs, particularly those with visual impairments. Her tireless commitment, innovative teaching methods, and empathy left an indelible mark on countless lives.

Above all else, Kathryn cherished her family. She was a doting mother and grandmother, her heart overflowing with love for her two grandchildren, Oliver and Eleanor, and her legacy of love and family will continue through them.

Kathryn's adventurous spirit led her to explore six of the seven continents during her lifetime. Her love for travel was a testament to her insatiable curiosity about the world and her desire to connect with people from all walks of life.

Left to cherish her memory are her devoted husband, Tim Stedman, her loving daughters Meredith (Austin) Chapman and Christina (Kristopher) Solmos, and her adored grandchildren, Oliver and Eleanor. She is preceded in death by her beloved parents, John and Florence Fatt.

A visitation to celebrate Kathryn's life will be held on Friday, October 20, 2023, at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors, from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. A Sharing of Memories will be held at 7:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that you share a cherished memory at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com) or a donation to Leader Dog for the Blind in Rochester Hills, MI <http://www.leaderdog.org/>.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **20**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
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## Sharing of Memories

OCT **20**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DB

“*Doug and I always appreciated the warm welcome that Kay gave us when we were invited to the fun Chinese New Year parties and the Dream Cruise picnics. We always enjoyed visiting with Kay and Tim.*  
*DeeAnn and Doug Bauer*”



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**DeeAnn Bauer** - October 20, 2023 at 04:44 PM



“*Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kathryn E. Stedman.*”



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October 20, 2023 at 08:14 AM



“*Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathryn E. Stedman.*”



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October 19, 2023 at 11:45 PM

LD

“ Love, Joel, Kelly and Brady DeLorge purchased the Fall Fantasia for the family of Kathryn E. Stedman.



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**Love, Joel, Kelly and Brady DeLorge** - October 19, 2023 at 07:04 PM

LE

“ I am so sorry to hear about Mrs. Stedman. I have the fondest of memories spending a lot of my High School and College years at the Stedman house. Kay frequently sat at the kitchen table with us girls and offered her advice. She was always interested in what we were all doing and always made me feel so welcome and part of the family. I was fortunate to travel to Spain with the Stedmans and had the time of my life. I love all of my memories spent with the Stedman family. I will miss Kay and our talks at Holiday. Sending lot of love and healing to Mr. Stedman, Meredith and Christina and families.  
Leanne Stadler

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**Leanne** - October 19, 2023 at 04:18 PM

VB

“ Kay was a wonderful and caring personality. She will be forever missed by many. Rest in peace.

*Vijay & Priya Baskaran*

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**Vijay & Priya Baskaran** - October 18, 2023 at 09:12 PM

VB

“ Vijay B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathryn E. Stedman.

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**Vijay B.** - October 18, 2023 at 08:27 PM

MM

“ Tim,  
So glad we got to know you and Kay thru Brodericks - Derby parties, Symphony Pops, Chinese New Years.  
Kay was always so genuinely interested in everyone and everything. Always smiling. A role model for all of us in how she accepted her difficulties with grace.  
Our condolences, prayers, and love to you and Meredith and Christina and their families. Kay will be sorely missed. Love, Jo and Mike Magee

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**Mary Jo Magee** - October 18, 2023 at 10:34 AM

MT

“ My prayers go to family and friends. I worked with Kay for many years at Kimball. Kay always cared for our special kids and was excellent at what she did.

*Michael Tomlinson  
Special Education Teacher  
Kimball High/Royal Oak High*

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**michael tomlinson** - October 18, 2023 at 07:34 AM

MF

“ We will always remember the day Kay and Tim moved in next door to us in Royal! A great friendship grew between us as their beautiful family also grew! What a joy it was sharing in their family Christmas celebrations, watching Meredith and Christina grow into the beautiful women they are! Kay and I got to share many wonderful years teaching our students at Kimball High School! She was a beautiful, loving, caring friend who will be deeply missed! Our lives have been so blessed by our friendship with Kay and Tim and we will miss her deeply! Rest in peace till we meet again precious Kay! Lots of love, ❤️ Mary and Doug

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**Mary Fry** - October 17, 2023 at 07:45 PM

KC

“ I worked with Kay for many, many years and remember her as a lovely, friendly caring woman who was a dedicated, effective educator. It was a privilege to know her.  
Kay Cornell

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**Kay Cornell** - October 17, 2023 at 04:02 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathryn E. Stedman.



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October 17, 2023 at 10:39 AM

JL

“ Aunt Kay always had a beautiful smile I know she is smiling along side her sister-in-laws Barb and Barb.



Jenny Lovins - October 17, 2023 at 10:30 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Kathryn E. Stedman.



October 16, 2023 at 08:31 PM

LR

“ Love, Connie, Steve & boys, Sandy & Roger purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Kathryn E. Stedman.



Love, Connie, Steve & boys, Sandy & Roger - October 16, 2023 at 03:09 PM

NI

“ I have such fond memories of celebrating Chinese New Year with Kay and her family throughout my childhood. I still have lucky pennies in my wallets from those get togethers, Vegas with Meredith and the fam, and so much more. She will be missed and it was such an honor to know her. Sending the Stedman family so much love and many prayers today. My thoughts are with you guys as you navigate this difficult time. <3

NICOLE - October 16, 2023 at 01:21 PM

NP

*Nicole Pajer*

**NICOLE Pajer** - October 16, 2023 at 01:19 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kathryn E. Stedman.*



October 16, 2023 at 01:13 PM

FH

“ *I met Katt over 50 years ago when we were both on a trip to Australia, New Zealand, and Tahiti . There was an instant connection. We laughed throughout the trip and shared so many wonderful experiences. Throughout the years, we have kept in constant contact. Tim and Katt came to visit me twice where I live in the San Francisco Bay Area. Once enjoying a delicious prime rib dinner at a high end restaurant and second time, a fun trip to Sausalito.*

*I will miss Katt very much, but I know her soul is eternal and lives on. She will always be watching over her family.*

**Fran Herts** - October 15, 2023 at 10:14 PM

RH

“ *Mr. Tim and family, my sincerest condolences. I am so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Kay was an amazing and kind woman and always made me feel so welcomed into your family. I am giving you all the biggest hug I can right now.*

**Rhonda** - October 15, 2023 at 10:56 AM

GE

“ Tim, What I remember most is your wife’s infectious beautiful smile.. my deepest sympathies for your loss.

gerald - October 15, 2023 at 07:52 AM

DB

“ So many great memories over the years of Dream Cruise parties, Chinese New Years celebrations, doing projects at our respective houses, get togethers in Florida, and on and on... What a loss of a beautiful soul who will be forever missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Doug & Beth Bramble

Doug & Beth Bramble - October 15, 2023 at 12:39 AM

TI

Thanks Doug & Beth

Tim - October 15, 2023 at 01:08 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kathryn E. Stedman.



October 14, 2023 at 10:39 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kathryn E. Stedman.

October 14, 2023 at 10:39 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Kathryn E. Stedman.*



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October 14, 2023 at 03:27 PM