



Kathy Childs

January 30, 1954 - April 27, 2023

Kathy Childs, born on January 30th, 1954, passed away on April 27th, 2023, surrounded by her loved ones. Married to her beloved husband of 26 years, John Childs. Daughter of William and Elsie Stover. Loving mother to four children, Christopher (Irene) Childs, Autum (Paul) Manelis, John (Kelly) See, and Mike (Tabitha) See. Cherished Nana to Jessica, Vanessa, Ava, Parker, Mya, Ella, and Scarlett. Dear Sister to Tim (Pat) Stover, Roxie (Wayne) Tanis, and Rhonda (David) VanStempvoort.

Kathy was a beautiful woman of many accomplishments. She graduated as salutatorian of her class in high school and went on to receive a full scholarship to Wayne State University, where she earned her Master's Degree in Social Work. Kathy had a long and fulfilling career, working as a social worker where she helped those in jails, schools, and nursing homes. She was undoubtedly brilliant, but she had wisdom that was so frightening and glorious, the world was not always ready for it, but needed it. Kathy had a deep and intimate love for Jesus, and her faith was evident in all aspects of her life. She had a vibrant personality and could light up any room with her infectious smile and positive energy. Her strength and determination were unmatched, and she would go to bat for anyone, always advocating for those she loved, never backing down from what is right. Kathy and her husband, John, shared a love of travel and visited all seven continents together. Despite her many accomplishments, Kathy always remained grounded and never forgot the importance of family. She loved and honored her mother and father, and her

devotion to her children and grandchildren was unwavering.

Kathy was a remarkable woman who touched the lives of so many. Her passing is deeply felt by her family and friends, but her legacy will continue to shine bright in the lives of those who knew and loved her.

A memorial visitation will be held on Monday, May 15, 2023 from 10:00am until the time of the service at 11:00am at Shelby Bible Church, located at 47905 Hayes Rd. Shelby Township, MI 48315. The family would also like to invite you to a luncheon at Cranks Catering Banquet Center, located at 46915 Hayes Rd. Shelby Township, MI 48315, which will take place at 12:00pm, immediately following the memorial service.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAY 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Shelby Bible Church
47905 Hayes Road
Shelby Township, MI 48315

Memorial Service

MAY 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

Shelby Bible Church
47905 Hayes Road
Shelby Township, MI 48315

Memorial Luncheon

MAY 15. 12:00 PM (ET)

Cranks Catering Banquet Center
46915 Hayes Rd
Shelby Township, MI 48315

Tribute Wall



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Kathy Childs.



May 10, 2023 at 08:57 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Kathy Childs.



May 10, 2023 at 03:57 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Kathy Childs.



May 10, 2023 at 12:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Kathy Childs.



May 06, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Kathy Childs.*



May 05, 2023 at 02:21 PM



“ *I am truly heartbroken. It was my honour to be Kathy's coordinator. She lit up the room with her vibrant personality. I will always remember what a fashion plate she was. The last time she was in the Dresner clinic she had on a bright fuchsia pink hat and her cute cheetah boots. I am sending my love and prayers to all of you. She will be greatly missed by her Karmanos family*
Stacey xoxo

Stacey Dubs Prieur - May 05, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kathy Childs.*



May 05, 2023 at 10:33 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Kathy Childs.*



May 05, 2023 at 08:07 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathy Childs.



May 05, 2023 at 08:04 AM



“ Prayers and condolences for Kathy, John and family's. May you find peace in your love and memories

Michael Rudolph - May 04, 2023 at 04:43 PM



“ John, I am so sorry for your loss. May she Rest In Peace. Julie T told me about your loss. I use to work for Bernard Calka many years ago in Fire Prevention. Irene K.

Irene Kranick - May 03, 2023 at 02:50 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kathy Childs.



May 02, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ What a gal! Always kind, such a beautiful and welcoming smile, Teri and I always enjoyed seeing her and John.

Greg and Teri Thomas - May 02, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ Praying for God's comfort and peace through this difficult time. Kathy was a beautiful woman, inside and out. Her faith was evident to all, and I pray that somehow others will come to saving faith through her testimony. Please accept our most sincere condolences.

Gail Mankiewicz - May 02, 2023 at 08:26 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Kathy Childs.



May 01, 2023 at 05:06 PM



“ I golfed for a few summers with Kathy on the Lucky Ladies golf league at Plumbrook. What I recall most about Kathy is how she was always put together beautifully...hair, makeup, outfits always matching. She looked and always acted like a lady 😊. A lovely lady with a beautiful outlook and a beautiful smile. While sitting and chatting with her one week after golfing we found out we had someone we knew and loved in common...her son, John, who I worked with and was a close friend to me for years. He has his mommas beautiful eyes and smile. Small world, isn't it. My deepest sympathy to my dear friend, John, and Kathy's entire family. You will be missed by so many. RIP dear lady, you've earned your wings, so fly high

Nancy Rutledge - May 01, 2023 at 03:55 PM

BL

“ Kathy will always be remembered as a beautiful and very special person. Ray and I have so many wonderful memories of great times together with John and Kathy over the years! My heart goes out to John and their family as they begin a future without her. She would absolutely insist on none of them narrowing their lives, altering their goals, or in any way lessening their quality of life because of her absence. She lived and loved to the max until she couldn't, thereby setting the example for all of us to follow.
Indeed, it will take time to adjust to that mindset.
God bless our Kathy! (as she has blessed us....)
Sending love and prayers, Ray and Barbara Lohmann

BARBARA LOHMANN - May 01, 2023 at 03:18 PM

CS

“ Kathy I will miss your post on Facebook. You were so inspirational. I wish I could be at your service. We will be out of town till the 30 of May. But all of your family are in my prayers!! Love your cousin cherylynn Stroup!!

Cherylynn Stroup - April 30, 2023 at 05:36 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kathy Childs.



April 30, 2023 at 02:46 PM

DU

“ We met up with Kathy and John after 50 years at our 50th class reunion last Summer, we sure enjoyed sitting and visiting with Kathy, and after the reunion we continued to pray and read her post everyday, which were so inspirational, and made such an impact on us, and I'm sure many more, she was an Amazing, Beautiful, Classy Lady and her unwavering faith was so powerful, no more pain and suffering, at forever peace with our Heavenly Father. Our sincere condolences to her Family, Love, Howie & Debbie Upleger

Debbie Upleger - April 30, 2023 at 11:24 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathy Childs.



April 30, 2023 at 09:16 AM

PS

“ Kathy and I shared a common bond because of the ugly cancer and knew how each were feeling. She was my prayer warrior and I was hers. She was such an inspiration to me and gave me such wonderful hugs. I wanted one more. I will truly miss her uplifting spirit.

Pat Simms - April 29, 2023 at 10:10 PM

BL

“ I am so very sad to see she lost her battle to cancer. She amazed me at her beauty and grace in dealing with this. She was so strong in her faith and I am sure many could see Jesus when they looked at her! She was even encouraging to me and I sure many others when she was going through the unthinkable. Again, an amazing Godly woman. I am so sorry for your loss, John and her children. Thank God you will see her again!

BARBARA LEFFEL - April 29, 2023 at 09:05 PM

RL

“ Kathy was an extremely beautiful woman, both inside and out. She was a beautiful soul. The Earth is the lessor for losing her and Heaven has gained a Saint!

Rebecca B Lenz - April 29, 2023 at 08:24 PM

DU

“ Kathy (and John) worked many times for church dramas. She was in one of them and we would hold hands and pray for those coming to see them that they might be touched by the Holy Spirit of God through them. She was both sweet and tough and certainly loved our Lord.



Darleen Urbanek - April 29, 2023 at 05:34 PM

LS

“ I was able to see cousin Kathy at our Imlay City High School reunion last August. I have many fond memories of growing up together in Imlay City. I am saddened to hear of her passing. My sincere condolences to Kathy’s family.

Leonard Stover - April 29, 2023 at 03:45 PM

LS

“ I was able to see cousin Kathy at our Imlay City High School reunion last August. I have many fond memories of growing up together. I am so sorry to hear of her passing and send condolences to the family.



Leonard Stover - April 29, 2023 at 03:40 PM

BP

“ Linda and I are so sorry to hear of Kathy’s passing. I had the privilege of knowing this wonderful woman from our days at Ballys on Schoenherr and Hall road where she worked out with such determination and intensity.

I was so happy for both John and Kathy when they became a couple and got married; they were a wonderful couple together and you could easily see their love for one another. Linda and I so enjoyed being with her and John at our cottage and sharing so many happy hours together in years past.

God has now taken home a precious child, rest in peace Kathy, you will be missed by all.

Brent Paterson - April 29, 2023 at 12:02 PM

LW

“ We met Kathy and husband Chief John on the classic "Voyage of the Vikings" cruise a few years ago. The wonders of the long cruise were made enduring by the sparkle and wit of Kathy who made each day an exciting adventure. She will never be forgotten, and we are comforted in knowing she is now in the arms of her Lord and Savior.

Larry & Linda Weidkamp - April 29, 2023 at 09:26 AM

DG

“ Chief Childs, I am so so sorry to hear of your loss of your wonderful wife Kathy. Having gone through similar things with my leukemia I felt we had a kindred sole bond. It was always so wonderful to read her updated posts, and feel the love and belief in our Lord and Savior Jesus. From all her posts I really believed she was going to pull through and achieve complete remission. Once again I am so sorry. I will keep you and her in my prayers always. Dave Gonczar

David Gonczar - April 28, 2023 at 05:44 PM

MR

Please accept my condolences. I am so sorry to hear of Kathy's passing. She was one, and will continue to be one of God's warriors. Rest peacefully my friend.

Mark Reaves - April 28, 2023 at 06:07 PM

CS

Kathy didn't just know the Word of God, she lived it. She was certainly an epistle written on our hearts and read by all who met her. She was a living example of Proverbs 31. Janelle and I are praying that you and your family will feel His presence and His strength. We love you John.

Carl Seitz - April 29, 2023 at 07:37 AM

SL

We have no words that could begin to comfort you at the loss of your precious Kathy.

A pure and shining light has gone out, and yet, its radiance continues to glow brightly in the lives of all she touched.

Her smile, her laughter, her warmth, her heart and soul, are what we cling to in our sadness and what we will miss the most.

This world is a much emptier place without Kathy in it.

She's exactly who we would turn to in a time like this.

So...as we wipe our tears, we will dwell on her radiant smile and hope she whispers in the Lord's ear to ask him to place some peace upon our hearts.

God Bless her.

Sending you all much love,

Syl and JoAnn Lucido

Syl & JoAnn Lucido - April 29, 2023 at 03:34 PM