



Kay A. Kalmanek

June 20, 1954 - November 17, 2017

Kay A. Kalmanek, age 63, of Sterling Heights, passed away on November 17, 2017. Kay was born in Highland Park, Michigan and graduated from Kimball High School in Royal Oak. She later worked as a credit union manager with Warren Municipal Federal Credit Union for thirty-one years. In her spare time, Kay loved knitting and sewing. She also had a particular talent for crafts in general - whether it was creating beautiful gift baskets for others or perfectly wrapping presents for birthdays and holidays, she always made it look so easy. Kay also loved to garden and cook, especially for her family.

Kay also loved to read-she was a member of a book club-and would never pass up an opportunity to go "floating" in whatever lake she could get to. She was also an avid Detroit sports fan. Baseball was her favorite, but she also loved watching the Red Wings and the Lions.

In particular, Kay loved spending time with her grandchildren-she would always say that she needed to get her "grandkid fix." She also had a strong faith in God and loved going to church.

Kay is survived by her loving husband, Jim, of over 40 years. She is additionally survived by her loving children: Carolyn Kalmanek, Amanda (James) Owens, and Gabriel Kalmanek; her beloved grandchildren Abigail and Calvin; her siblings: Dave Krueger, Sue (Doug) Bowers, Janet (Buck)

Edwards, and Dan (Katharine) Krueger; and nine nieces and nephews. She will be dearly missed by her family and many close friends.

A memorial visitation will take place on Tuesday, Nov 21, from 2-9 pm at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road, Utica (3 blks. east of Van Dyke). A memorial service will take place on Wednesday, Nov 22, at 11 am at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions to the Salvation Army are appreciated.

Please share a memory on the Tribute Wall tab directly above.

Cemetery Details

Detroit Wilbert Cremation Services, LLC

44481 Groesbeck Hwy.
Clinton Township, MI 48036

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

NOV **21**. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
(586) 731-2411
utica@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Memorial Service

NOV **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ I recently heard of Kay's passing. I knew Kay for many years from our work in the credit union system. Kay was very kind and worked hard to serve the members of her credit union. She will be missed very much.

*Vicki McIntosh
CEO
Belle River Community Credit Union*

Vicki McIntosh - November 27, 2017 at 11:51 AM

KM

“ Dear Jim, Caroline, Amanda, and Gabe.

So many thoughts are in my mind today. One day I had a concern as how to handle a sensitive situation. The first thing I did was go to Kay she said and I can still hear her say this to me. "Karen, if you do what is in your heart it can never be wrong "

My heart today wishes to say Thank you to Kay for giving me the opportunity to work in such a beautiful environment. 25.5 years ago to be exact I was hired by Kay and I can honestly say that each 365 days if each of those years I thanked the Lord and Kay for this offer to work at the Credit Union.

We had many talks about everything. I have come to know Kay's family and friends and know what each of you ment to her. I will miss the stories of her adventures with each of you. Please know my thoughts are with you as we all prepare for the next few months of holidays without her. She is missed by all of us so as we share our thoughts it is my hope that these memories comfort each of you.

Kay cared deeply about the members of the credit union. She loved to be the go to girl if they needed anything. And they new it. receiving the news of Kay passing hit many of our members hard not because of the 31 years she worked but because of the 31 years of heart she gave to each of them. They have told us that it's like they themself have lost a family member.

What a legacy ❤️❤️

*My love to each of you
Karen.*

karen dimaria mollison - November 23, 2017 at 08:47 AM

CK

♥ *Thank you Karen.
Love Carolyn*

Carolyn Kalmanek - November 29, 2017 at 02:14 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of
Kay A. Kalmanek.*



November 22, 2017 at 09:48 AM

RW

“ *I knew Kay from making deliveries to the credit union....hearing of
her passing hit me really hard and still can't believe it....she will be
greatly missed*

Rochell Williams - November 22, 2017 at 12:22 AM

SB

“ *Carolyn, thank you for taking the time to speak with me today. Your
mother was a beautiful person who brightened the room when she
talked about her children and grandchildren, and I can understand
why. I am sure that March 10, 2018 will be a beautiful day with the
sun shining upon you and your husband. She will make sure that
happens. May she rest in peace and forever be in our hearts.*

Sandy Billings

Sandy Billings - November 21, 2017 at 05:27 PM

CK

Thank you for sharing your memories. I love to hear stories about my mom.

♥ Carolyn

Carolyn Kalmanek - November 29, 2017 at 02:15 PM

DI

“ *I met Kay many years ago as a Board member of the Credit Union. We both had little baby girls. As a new first time Mom, Kay helped me by answering all my baby questions. I was alone unmarried and had been fired from my job with the City of Warren. Kay didn't really know me, but she cared and told me if I needed any help, just call her. She prayed for me and my baby girl. Later I won my job back through the court system. When I saw her at the Credit Union she hugged me and said the power of prayer. My heart breaks for her family and I'll miss her kind words. She was a very special lady.*

Deb Ivey - November 21, 2017 at 12:45 AM

CK

Thank you for sharing this beautiful memory of my mother ♥

Carolyn Kalmanek - November 29, 2017 at 02:17 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kay A. Kalmanek.*



November 20, 2017 at 03:31 PM

GS

“ Kay was an awesome person. She will be missed. There are no words to say how sorry I am to hear of her passing. My heartfelt prayers go out to her family. Rest In Peace Kay.

Gail Sage - November 20, 2017 at 02:03 PM

PW

“ Sincere condolences to your family, Kay. We will miss your smiling face at the Warren Credit Union. We have know you for many years and were very surprised to hear of your passing. GOD bless you and your family.

Peggy and Tom Williams

Peggy and Tom Williams - November 20, 2017 at 01:23 PM

JJ

“ Jessica and Julian purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Kay A. Kalmanek.



Jessica and Julian - November 20, 2017 at 10:58 AM

TB

“ Words cannot express the true sadness we feel. Aunt Kay always had the best wrapped presents, her bow skills were on point always. We always told her that she should start her own business with her amazing gift baskets. And during Christmas she always spear headed our Christmas Caroling, even though we are terrible and out of tune. We will miss your smile, sense of humor and your love for tradition. Love, Eric & Tricia Bischoff (Krueger).

Tricia Bischoff - November 20, 2017 at 09:48 AM

LJ

“ *Luann Janowitz purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kay A. Kalmanek.*



Luann Janowitz - November 20, 2017 at 05:17 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Kay A. Kalmanek.*



November 19, 2017 at 10:37 PM

CO

“ *"Mrs. Kalmanek" was like a second Mom to me as Carolyn has been my best friend since we were in first grade. There were years growing up that I spent more time "at Carolyns" than at home. Mrs. Kalmanek always had a way of making me feel like part of the family. There was so much love and peace in their home because of her. From Youth Group in the basement, to listening to records on a real record player, to family trips, to camping, to many slumber parties, to being silly (Winston eating a hot dog from a rope tied around our waste - I can still hear her laughing about this), I will always remember her as a second loving mother. She always had a hug, a smile, and a genuine heart. I know she is in heaven now and that brings me some peace, but my heart is aching for the family right now. I love you Mrs. Kalmanek, thank you for treating me like your own.*

Cindy O'Brien - November 19, 2017 at 09:00 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Kay A. Kalmanek.*



November 19, 2017 at 08:25 PM



“ *Dear Carol Ann, I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. I worked with you at Hutzel hospital when you were studying to be a Nurse. I know your mom must have been so proud of you.*

*Sincerely,
Deborah Kloos from Canada*

Deborah Kloos - November 19, 2017 at 06:37 PM



Thank you Deborah. She was very proud and always supportive. ❤️

Carolyn Kalmanek - November 29, 2017 at 02:20 PM



“ *Aunt Kay was always smiling! She was so creative and so kind. Her family was the focus of her life and she loved them all so deeply and she knew how to have fun. We will miss her so much. Brad, Laurie, Nick and Owen Krueger*

Laurel Krueger - November 19, 2017 at 02:32 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Kay A. Kalmanek.*



November 19, 2017 at 12:41 PM



“ *Heartfelt Memories was purchased for the family of Kay A. Kalmanek.*



November 19, 2017 at 10:34 AM



“ *Our hearts are saddened to hear of KAY's passing. There's a special place in heaven for her.*

Betty Kolinski - November 19, 2017 at 10:03 AM