



Kay Ellan Preston

December 6, 1941 - June 25, 2023

Kay Ellan Preston, 81, passed away at her nursing home in West Bloomfield, MI, on June 25, 2023.

She was born in Detroit, Michigan, on December 6, 1941, to Harold and Marian Petiprin (nee Holtzhauer). The second of seven children, she loved and admired her siblings: Nancy Barkkari; Dianne Brady (Tom); Henry (deceased); Mary Anne Dame (Jim); Patricia Austin; and Chris (Nan).

She attended Nazareth College in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and Mott Community College in Flint. Early in her career she was a secretary at Fisher Body, but left to have children. Years later she returned to the workforce and worked her way up to head cook at Wheelock Hospital in Goodrich.

Kay was young at heart and had a soft spot for mischievous children and dogs. For all of her adult life she was fascinated by nutrition and the effects of the environment on human beings. She loved watching Lifetime movies at Christmas and took great joy when A Charlie Brown Christmas came on. It was important to her to send birthday cards to everyone in her large family; she had these dates memorized.

Kay is survived by her three children, Lisa (Karl Suni), Bill (Julie Pfeiffer), and Leslie Robare (Bill); her grandchildren, Kian and Sasha (Preston-Suni);

Lauren and Jordan (Preston);

Delaney and Madeline (Pfeiffer); Abrielle and Ari (Robare); and her two great-granddaughters, Ayla and Kaia Suni.