



## Kathleen Marie O'Neill

July 5, 1952 - December 28, 2022

Kathy M. O'Neill, born Kathleen Marie Morys on July 5, 1952, was the middle daughter of the late Stanley and Evelyn Morys and the younger sister of the late Carolyn (Bob) Zielinski. Kathy departed this earthly life on Wednesday, December 28, 2022, at the age of 70.

She was the loving and devoted mother of her two sons, Ryan and the late Jamie, a proud “grandmother” of Isaac and Elliana, and the loving aunt of Rob Zielinski, Kim (Erik) Wandrie. She is also survived by her nieces, nephews, cousins and many, many friends, who she considered to be her family, too.

As a dedicated elementary school teacher for 39 years, Kathy touched the lives of many students, parents, and fellow teachers. In the classroom, she gave her students much more than just an education. Through her love and kindness, she taught her students life lessons which they carry with them today.

Kathy was a role model for many people, especially her son Ryan. She taught us all about strength, love and how to overcome barriers. Her warm and infectious personality drew people to her. Her motto was I walk in faith, not in fear. Her faith was not only in God, but also in people and because of that she would bring out the best in people. Kathy's legacy and example will continue to live on through the many lives she touched for years to come.

Visitation Friday, January 13, 2023 2-8 PM at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc.  
49150 Schoenherr Rd. Shelby Township, Michigan. Funeral service 11 AM  
Saturday January 14, 2023 at the funeral home

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road  
Clinton Township, MI 48035

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **13**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township  
49150 Schoenherr Rd.  
Shelby Township, MI 48315  
(586) 532-8600  
[shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com](mailto:shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com)

## Funeral Service

JAN **14**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township  
49150 Schoenherr Rd.  
Shelby Township, MI 48315  
(586) 532-8600  
[shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com](mailto:shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com)

## Committal Service

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JAN 14 (ET)

Resurrection Cemetery  
18201 Clinton River Road  
Clinton Township, MI 48035

# Tribute Wall

SC

“ Mrs. O'Neill was my all-time favorite teacher. Just a wonderful person with a big heart who made such an impact on my and so many other lives. Gone too soon but I'll never forget the way she made me feel ... her spirit lives on.

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**Scott** - January 15, 2023 at 06:02 PM

NH

“ 2 files added to the album Kathy O'Neill



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**Nadine Harrison** - January 13, 2023 at 01:27 PM

NH

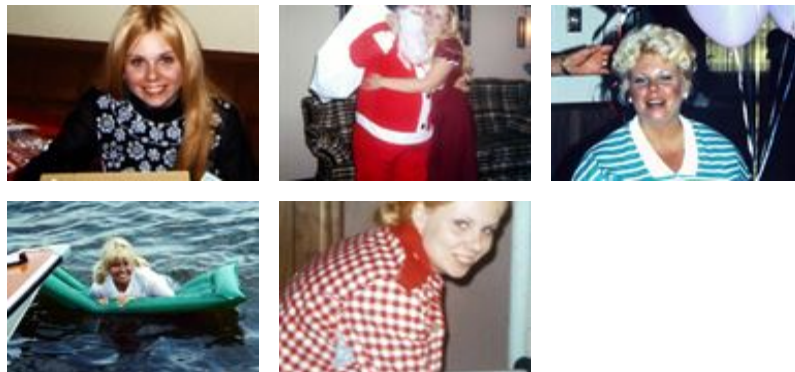
*Kathy was an incredible person...always smiling...always encouraging...and always filled with love. We feel blessed to have known her. 🤔*

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**Nadine Harrison** - January 13, 2023 at 01:31 PM



“ 348 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Wasik Funeral Home, Inc.** - January 13, 2023 at 12:38 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of *Kathleen Marie O'Neill*.



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January 12, 2023 at 09:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Kathleen Marie O'Neill*.



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January 12, 2023 at 06:06 PM



“ My dearest Kathy, may you rest in peace. I will miss you very much!! We always had such GOOD times together. You were always very generous to whom'ever you came across. Many times it was with our Birthday Club giving us unexpected gifts. You were very thoughtful. I remember when Bob was ill after his heart attack you took the time to visit him and spend time with us both. I know there were many more occasions that you did these kind deeds. I love you Kathy ! God bless you and keep your son safe and give your family comfort. Sending love and hugs to heaven from both Bob and Michele

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**Michele Wirsing** - January 09, 2023 at 03:54 PM

MD

“ Kathy was a dear friend in the early years at Clintondale. We were both starting our teaching careers and we were close as families too. We lost touch when she went to Rochester Schools but I nod my head in all these beautiful accolades on her tribute page. Kathy was a master teacher, but so much more. She taught us all by her example how to navigate this thing we call life no matter what challenges we face. She will be missed by many but will be in heavenly peace.

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**Madalyn DePonio** - January 03, 2023 at 03:01 PM

LM

“ Kathy was a wonderful woman, always exuding joy and enthusiasm. She was a great mom and teacher, caring for kids with such love and understanding. She will be missed by many.

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**Lou Moss** - January 03, 2023 at 09:13 AM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Kathleen Marie O'Neill.



January 02, 2023 at 03:40 PM



“ In life we loved you dearly, in death we love you still. Grandma Kaffy's Halloween laugh, her love for us and her extra special "soft" hugs are what we hold dear. Her life gave us an abundance of memories too beautiful to forget. We will miss you here but we know you are with Jamie watching over us. Love you Grandma Kaffy

Stephanie Mulkey - January 02, 2023 at 01:54 PM



To my most loved Kathleen , Thank you for making a difference in my life . You bestowed much love to so many . You were Gods angel on earth . You taught me to live love and laugh and to believe on myself . I could go on telling of how great of a person you were . You will always be my #1 hair client and Bestfriend ! You are home with Jamie . I will watch out for Ryan and try my best to love him like you loved me . For ever and always your should have been daughter ! I love you and Ryan ! Teresa Luks ❤️🌹❤️

Teresa Luks - January 11, 2023 at 11:51 PM



“ I feel so blessed to have known Kathy as both a colleague & dear friend. We shared many hours together during our teaching years. Wonderful memories during retirement- game nights, trips to Chicago, up north weekends- on and on. I will spend my life missing her. Love 💕 you Kathy.

sally - January 02, 2023 at 09:26 AM

AT

“ I wasn't allowed to call her Kathy, I could only call her Mom....and she was like a mother to me. I met her shortly after meeting Ryan in March 2022, and she and I had an instant connection. She opened up her house and her heart to me and my dog Chico.

She made sure I was comfortable in her home and she always reassured me that it was my home too. She always made sure I was taken care of and she loved making my favorite new breakfast dish: Finnish pancakes. She made it for me the first time I visited her and after that, it would put a smile on her face when I ask for it.

Mom was such a wonderful person. Such a warm, kind and inviting soul with a great sense of humor. She put a smile on my face every time I saw her, talk to her or just received a text from her. I loved coming to visit her and making new memories. I'm lucky to have met her and to spend her last days in this world by her side.

*I love you and miss you Mom (Kathy)*

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**Anthony Torres** - January 01, 2023 at 07:02 PM

GS

“ My dear loving precious friend. You will be so greatly missed. It is unbelievable you won't be with us. One thing that gives us a little peace is now you will be with Jamie again, your beautiful little boy. We have had many fun special memories that I will hold dear to our hearts.

Our deepest sympathy to Ryan who meant the world to Kathy. Your mom will be the best guardian Angels for you watching over you always.

*Our Love, Ginger and Roger Shtogrin xxxooo*

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**ginger shtogrin** - January 01, 2023 at 01:12 PM

MH

“Mrs. O’Neill will always hold a special place in the hearts of the Harbins. She was a 5th grade teacher to my three children. I will always be grateful for the many ways she prepared them for middle school. As an educator she challenged them academically but also saw them has humans with the highest potential. She was always supportive and brought out the best in them. As an kindergarten educator myself she welcomed me into North Hill with open arms. Her open door policy, ability to listen and amazing hugs made me feel special. I will never forget the many laughs and fun times we had with our 5th grade buddies! Rest in peace Kathy we loved you.

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**Marion Harbin** - January 01, 2023 at 12:38 PM

MB

“I had the good fortune of being Kathy's principal for 13 years at two different schools in Rochester. Without a doubt, she was one of the finest teachers I ever met. More than that, she was an incredible human being and friend. Kathy always underestimated her "academic" teaching effectiveness and, instead, emphasized the relationship aspect of teaching. The thing is, while she excelled at relationships with students, families, and staff, she was probably the best academic teacher as well. If you were a student in Kathy's class, you had the best of all worlds. You learned the "soft skills" lessons about empathy, acceptance, teamwork, kindness, compassion, integrity, honesty, hard work, etc. However, academically, you left her classroom being an incredible writer, reader, mathematician, and critical thinker. She was the best of the best. Kathy's legacy will live on forever!

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**Michael Behrmann** - January 01, 2023 at 09:39 AM

KR

“ Both of my kids had Kathy for their 5th grade teacher. She was so much more than teacher to her students. She truly cared about each and every child. I remember visiting the classroom at

Brewster at the start of the day. She would sing the national anthem and as she sang she walked around the room putting her arm around each student. The kids loved her! My kids and I visited her back in (about) 2018 at her home after losing touch with her for a few years. She remembered so many details about so many of the kids in each of the kids classes. We were blown away by her memory. My kids and I loved her and will miss her so much! She has touched the lives of so many people. Rest in peace dear Kathy.



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**Karen Rohner** - December 31, 2022 at 11:31 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathleen Marie O'Neill.



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December 31, 2022 at 09:10 PM

HB

“ From the moment I met her, Kathy felt like family. She was warm, approachable, and real. An excellent and interested listener, Kathy was always supportive and never judgmental. I will always remember her dry sense of humor and her quick wit, both of which she continued to share with us until a day or two before she made her transition. My life is better for having known Kathy and for having as my best friend her incredible son, Ryan, who is like his sweet mother in so many wonderful ways. 💜

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**Heidi Berke** - December 31, 2022 at 03:59 PM

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“ *Such a beautiful and thoughtful soul. Kathy will be sadly missed by so many but her light will forever shine on those that she held near and dear to her loving heart. Our sincerest sympathy to her families and especially Ryan.*

*Love Pat and Jim Doherty*

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P.A.Doherty - December 31, 2022 at 11:42 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Kathleen Marie O'Neill.*



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December 29, 2022 at 04:23 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Kathleen Marie O'Neill.*



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December 29, 2022 at 03:50 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Kathleen Marie O'Neill.*



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December 29, 2022 at 03:48 PM