



Kathy Zanley

November 11, 1944 - August 14, 2019

Kathy Zanley, of Beaverton and formerly of Warren, passed away Wednesday, August 14, 2019, at the age of 74. She was born November 11, 1944 in Highland Park, Michigan to the late Joseph and Helen Kowalski.

Beloved wife of Dennis for 49 years. Loving mother of Dennis Bryan Zanley. Dearest sister of Elaine Berardi, the late Joseph Kowalski, and the late Michael (Pam Nelson-Kowalski). Dear sister-in-law of Al (the late Shirley J.) Zanley and Geraldine (the late Marvin) Resztak. Cherished aunt of many loving nieces, nephews, great nieces, and a great nephew.

In her late teens and early 20's, Kathy was very involved in the USO, where she would eventually meet her husband Dennis. During her time as a resident in Warren, she worked for 15 years as a para-pro in the Van Dyke School System. She loved drawing and making homemade greeting cards, making sure birthdays and Christmas were celebrated with cards with her personal touch. In addition to holiday cards, Kathy would regularly make and send cards to the children at St. Jude's Children's Hospital, a cause that was very dear to her. She also loved her dogs; Kathy spent close to 20 years with her canine companions, Lady and Sandy, and was a strong supporter of the Michigan Humane Society. In the warmer weather, Kathy and Dennis enjoyed spending much of their time going to classic car shows together, showing off their 1940 Ford.

Memorial visitation Saturday, September 7, 2019 from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m., with a 2 p.m. Memorial Service at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc., 11470 13 Mile Road (West of Hoover) Warren. In loving memory of Kathy, donations may be addressed to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital or the Michigan Humane Society.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

SEP 7. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Warren
11470 Thirteen Mile Road
Warren, MI 48093
(586) 751-3131
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Memorial Service

SEP 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SW

“ I am so sorry,we had spent time together. But distance got between us.She was so talented with arts and crafts and loved kids.Blessed to have known her. My prayers Dennis1 and2.

Sheri Walsh - September 19, 2019 at 08:27 AM

DZ

Thank you, Sheri.

Dennis B. Zanley - September 23, 2019 at 11:55 AM

TW

“ Though I have not seen Mrs. Zanley for years, I cherish the care that she, Mr. Zanley, and Dennis shared with me in the times I spent with them. My truest and most heart felt condolences to all who were loved and loved her. I was saddened to learn just now of the loss of one more kind soul in this world.

Thomas Walsh - September 18, 2019 at 12:57 PM

DZ

That means a lot. Thank you, Tom.

Dennis B. Zanley - September 23, 2019 at 11:54 AM

MB

“ To the Zanley family and the Kowalski family. I give you my most heartfelt and my deepest, sincerest condolences for your loss. The loss of such a beautiful, loving, selfless, funny woman. Mrs. Zanley treated me like I was part of the family, even though, biologically I wasn't, I still felt loved by her just as if I were her own child. Many times I felt alone and lost. But Mrs. Zanley always made sure to remind me that I was loved and appreciated. I cherished her home-made cards and hand-written notes(still do). Letting me know that she was thinking of me. They filled me with hope and encouragement. I will miss that a great deal. But mostly I will miss her. Hearing that warm inviting voice, that smile that was waiting for me on the other end of the telephone line. Her lovely laugh that chased those dark clouds away. You made sure I wasn't forgotten Mrs. Zanley. And for that, and so many other things, I will always love you and be so very grateful for. Kathy Zanley left an impressionable mark on my life. As I know she did for the whole family. Most especially her husband Dennis C. and her son Dennis B. And for that, I know you would all be less without her. God's blessings, healing, courage and strength to you all.

Mona Stephanie Benedetto - September 07, 2019 at 06:58 PM

DZ

Beautiful. Thank you, Mona.

Dennis B. Zanley - September 07, 2019 at 09:42 PM



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



September 06, 2019 at 07:12 PM

LJ

“ Aunt Kathy was a great and caring person. She was always there for me and my sisters, Whether it was prayer, advice or just to share a laugh or two. When I was growing up my mom was a single parent and there wasn't any extra money for trips or parties and things like that so Aunt Kathy would always make sure we had extras like pizza on Saturday nights or a special trip to the show to see a movie and my very favorite a trip to the Ice Capades for my birthday. Love You Aunt Kathy. You will be greatly missed and never forgotten. Thank you for all the precious memories. Love and kisses good by, Linda

Linda Jarrell - September 05, 2019 at 08:33 AM

DZ

Thank you for the kind words, Linda.

Dennis B. Zanley - September 06, 2019 at 12:22 AM

DP

“ I was so very sad to hear of Kathy passing. 😞 I wish I could have been there with her when she was in the hospital. Kathy was the best friend and neighbor you could ever ask for. I was sad when she moved, but she was happy as she was ready for a change. We promised each other that we would write, and that we did. Kathy knew i had a love for 🐸 frogs. In just about every letter there was in it and sometimes in her homemade cards she loved making. It's hard to say goodbye to someone so special as Kathy. I know she is in heaven with her loved ones she lost and they are all together. Kathy was truly a true genuine friend that I will miss dearly. I will miss our long letters and getting them in the mail. Until we meet again..rest in peace my dear 😊 friend.

Lots of Love,
Deanna Patterson

Deanna Patterson - September 04, 2019 at 08:39 PM

DZ

Thank you, Deanna.

Dennis B. Zanley - September 06, 2019 at 12:19 AM

CH

“ *Aunt Kathy always sent me her home made cards and never forgot a holiday to send them..I have many nice memories of Christmas Eve with the family parties to coming over to our house for birthday parties with cake and ice cream. I will always remember her and pray that God is now with her and blessing her. 💕*

Cherylin - September 01, 2019 at 09:49 PM

DZ

Thanks, Cherylin. I am glad that you have such fond memories.

Dennis B. Zanley - September 02, 2019 at 12:27 AM

SC

“ *Barb and I extend our most sincere and heartfelt condolences to Mr. Zanley and Dennis. We are neighbors of Dennis and met the Zanley's about 1 year ago. Kathy was very kind and cheerful. She always had a smile when I saw her. Kathy had a love of life and for her family. I am sure that not only will her family miss her but her many friends.
Blessings in the days and months ahead to Mr. Zanley and Dennis.
Sam and Barb Connon - Freeland, Michigan*

Samuel A Connon - August 31, 2019 at 07:35 PM

DZ

Your kind words are greatly appreciated. Thank you,

Dennis B. Zanley - September 01, 2019 at 01:04 AM

CP

“ I was saddened to hear of Kathy's passing. We met in 1986 at Carlson. Both of us were the same age and both had had only one son in our thirties!!! Kathy eagerly and often helped out in the classroom and was an invaluable assistant in working with the 5 year olds! Then, Dennis was in my 2nd grade! So, lucky for me, I was able to have Kathy assisting when she could! Carlson was able to keep Kathy on as an assistant in many different capacities. My deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Kathy as I'm sure she will be sorely missed and feel blessed to have had her in their lives!

Cindy Panza - August 23, 2019 at 06:40 PM

DZ

Thank you very much, Mrs. Panza.

Dennis B. Zanley - August 24, 2019 at 12:05 AM

DT

“ Kathy was a very giving and kind person. She loved working with the children here at Carlson Elementary. She was always positive and was a pleasure knowing and working with. I will truly miss her!

Deedie Tedeschi

Deedie Tedeschi - August 23, 2019 at 01:58 PM

DZ

She greatly enjoyed working with both the children and staff of Carlson. Thank you, Mrs. Tedeschi.

Dennis B. Zanley - August 24, 2019 at 12:12 AM

JH

“ Kathy was a very special lady and friend. She will truly be missed.

Janet Herrmann - August 21, 2019 at 06:57 PM

DZ

Thank you for the kind words, Janet. I know that she thought quite highly of you.

Dennis B. Zanley - August 22, 2019 at 12:09 PM

ST

*“ Kathy was one of the most giving, caring, loving people I have ever met. We have been friends since I moved into my home on Cloie, just a couple houses down from Kathy and Dennis. My son, Michael, and their son, Dennis, were best friends for a long time. I will miss Kathy very much. She was more than just a friend and she gave her all to everyone.
I love you, Kathy. You will always be in my thoughts and my heart.*

Suzi Thomason

Suzi Thomason - August 17, 2019 at 10:47 PM



DZ

Your thoughtful words are much appreciated, Suzi. I could not agree more. I hope that you and the family are well.

Dennis B. Zanley - August 22, 2019 at 12:14 PM