



Kathleen A Fesh

June 30, 1939 - July 21, 2022

Kathleen A. Fesh was born June 30th, 1939 in Elmira, New York to Joseph and Susan Sullivan. She died peacefully, at the age of 83, on July 21st, 2022, at Hospice of NW Ohio. She was a graduate of Notre Dame Academy in Elmira, New York, and had dreams of becoming a nurse, but life (also known as Mike) had different plans for her. She married Michael J. Fesh in 1958. She and her husband eventually moved to Toledo with three of their four children, and completed their family with their fourth child, while residing here. She held many professional positions throughout her life, but raising her children was always her greatest accomplishment. She was the epitome of a MOTHER—being her children’s moral compass throughout their lives.

She loved to travel all over the world with her husband, Mike, and their best friends. She volunteered as a Brownie, Webelo Leader, and at St. Vincent Hospital. She was a proud member of St. Agnes Parish for many years, later becoming a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Sylvania. Cursillo retreats and being involved in marriage programs with Mike were some of her favorite things to volunteer at. Later in life, she looked forward to having breakfast with her church group every Saturday morning and attending mass with her friends and family. You could always find her at a sporting event, cheering on her family, and taking so much joy in capturing everything on film. She also loved spending time at home with all her family over for dinner. The kids especially loved her Italian meals, which she learned from her in-laws in

New York. She had an affinity for classical music, and all things Christmas. Anytime you stopped by to say hello to her, you could almost guarantee she was watching a tennis match. She was affectionately known as “Bubbles” by her grand and great grandchildren.

Kathleen is survived by her children, Elaine Sweet (Ray Peterson), her children Angela Sweet-Etolla and Phil Etoll, their children –Tatum and Quinn Operasz, and Nolan Etoll. Megan and CJ Taylor. Katie and Paul Barnett, and his daughter Carina Barnett. Michael Fesh and Lora Johnson, his children, Tony and Kristen Fesh. David and Jessica Fesh –along with their children –Tyler Shular and Alyvia Fesh. Mark and Rose Fesh, their children, Brian Fesh, Mandee and Joe Bair, and their children –Eleanor and Veda Bair, and Mitch and Zeny Fesh. John and Vicki (Sedlak) Fesh, his children, Nicholas (Jeana Kingsbury) and Jordan Fesh (Marshall Garcia). Her children –Jimmy, Jessica, and Alex Sedlak. She is also survived by her beautiful friends, Kay Vogel, Oma, the members of the Saturday Morning Church/Breakfast Club, and extended family in Upstate New York. She is preceded in death by her husband Michael J. Fesh, who passed away March 17, 2010, and her parents, and brother Larry Sullivan.

Friends are invited to visit from 2:00PM to 8:00PM on Thursday, July 28th, 2022, in the Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 W. Sylvania Avenue, where a memorial service will commence at 7:00PM. Mass will be held at 11:00AM Friday, July 29th, 2022, at St Joseph Catholic Church, 5373 Main St, Sylvania, OH 43560. You may pay your final respects prior to mass, from 10AM-11AM. Interment at Resurrection Cemetery.

Special thanks to the amazing staff at Hospice of Northwest Ohio on Detroit Ave,

(especially Michelle and Erica), for providing such wonderful care to our mom/grandma and showing such compassion and kindness to our family in her final days.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Kathy's honor to Hospice of NW Ohio, or the charitable organization of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 28. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ansberg-West Funeral Home
3000 W. Sylvania Ave
Toledo, OH 43613

Memorial Service

JUL 28. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Ansberg-West Funeral Home
3000 W. Sylvania Ave
Toledo, OH 43613

Visitation

JUL 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Church Sylvania
5373 Main Street
Sylvania, OH 43560

Mass of the Resurrection

JUL 29. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Joseph Church Sylvania
5373 Main Street
Sylvania, OH 43560

Tribute Wall

KD

“ Hello to the Fresh family. My apologies, I am just now seeing this. I also remember Mrs. Fresh huge smile. I am sorry for the loss of your Mother

Karen Dick - August 13, 2022 at 05:22 PM

JB

“ Elaine, Mike, Mark and John, I'm so sorry about the loss of your mom. She was always so sweet to me. God bless you all with his peace and comfort. Jennie Beck

Jennifer Beck - July 28, 2022 at 07:35 PM

GK

“ I am Kay's sister Gayle and so enjoyed visiting with Kathy as she had a gentle ready smile and a loving way. She and Kay had a beautiful friendship and is so missed.

Gayle Kapitzke - July 24, 2022 at 10:32 PM

LK

“ So sorry for your loss got to know kathy by doing her hair. Always smiling and happy

Laura Kimberly - July 24, 2022 at 09:23 PM

MO

“ I am sorry for you loss. Kathy was so sweet and ready with a smile. I enjoyed getting to know her and all of you in the time she was at Sunset House.
Molly (front desk)

Molly - July 24, 2022 at 09:05 AM

SJ

“ Kathy and Mike were two of the very best people I ever knew. Met them in the 70's in Cursillo. Decolores my friend 🌹

Sue Jurski - July 23, 2022 at 10:17 PM

PD

“ Kathy and I were friends & attended first grade through high school and a year of Nursing school together where we were roommates. We remained friends through the years even though we moved away from Elmira! We occasionally would see each other in Ohio and Florida where they would winter after Mike's retirement. I was so lucky to spend all those school years together and we had so many good memories.

Phyllis Gorsky Ditmer - July 23, 2022 at 07:59 PM

KV

What can I say! Kathy was my BFF for many many years. We met each other and our husbands met each other way back in the 70's. In the last couple of years she lived right next to me. We talked every day, shared everything, laughed, cried, traveled together and now my friend is with the Lord. I have been getting ready for her to go and so my heart is full of joy that she is done with that terrible Alzheimers.. Enjoy your life with Jesus, Mary and all your family. See you later friend!

Kay Vogel - July 24, 2022 at 08:07 PM

SW

Kathy was in my life since my very first breath! I will always remember her laugh, her eye role when I was "too much" couldn't get anything past her, and I always felt listen too. She was wise and so kind. I knew how much she loved me and I loved her back. RIP 🙏❤️

SW - July 25, 2022 at 11:44 PM

JA

*As a single for Christ, Kathy and Mike became part of my life @ St. Agnes Parish in the 70's. We shared a love for sports of all kinds and various activities in the parish. We were a 'block away' neighbors. Their kids were so blessed by loving, caring parents. Kathy is forever a giving, loving mom, grandma, etc. She was gentile, kind, a good listener. An angel now @ peace.
I miss my 'ice cream bud' - it was good time for her too, especially the raspberry fudge @ Charlies' Ice Cream Shop.
Kathy was a blessing to each and all she met; may she be blessed in her new life by our Loving Lord!*

Jan - July 27, 2022 at 05:32 PM

JH

*Mike (& Lora)- We are so sorry for the loss of your mother. Even though we didn't know here, we can say that she raised a wonderful, loving and kind son, Mike! Reading the other tributes, she sounds like she was a good friend to many and shared many special times with them and her family. She had a beautiful smile and we're sure she is smiling again, free of her suffering, as she entered into her Eternal Heavenly home, Peace. Love you!!
John & Mary Heitzhaus*

John & Mary Heitzhaus - July 28, 2022 at 07:46 PM



My name is Bailey, and I had the wonderful opportunity of taking care of Kathy while she was at sunset house. Kathy and I were always laughing when we were together. We liked to talk about anything and everything. She was always such a joy whenever I saw her. I loved hearing her talk about her children and how much she loved them! We would call them all the time and look at her family pictures. We liked to make goofy faces and funny jokes about our morning hair being a mess! Although Kathy and I didn't know each other for long, we became so familiar with each other. Whenever one of us were having a bad day, we could just sit and talk and we always smiled after. I'm glad Kathy saw me not only as a caregiver, but also as a friend — whom she could confide in. I know she's resting well and looking over her family 😊

Bailey Kurdys - August 02, 2022 at 05:34 PM