



Kathleen Russell Navarre

August 30, 1936 - February 8, 2021

Kathleen Russell Navarre passed away peacefully at home on February 8, 2021. Katie was born on August 30, 1936 in Lockport, NY. She was the daughter of Alfred B and Lorraine (Johnston) Russell. She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Navarre.

Katie led an extraordinary life of service and devotion to her faith and others. After graduation from high school in 1953, Katie entered the convent in the order of The Sisters of Saint Mary Namur. Katie spent her convent life as an educator and principal touching the lives of count less students until 1971.

Katie continued her love of education in her lay life as a teacher, principal, and eventually a counselor at numerous elementary and high schools in the Toledo area.

In 1987, she married the love of her life, Ray, and they spent many years traveling, working, and writing their special love story until his death in 2017. As always Katie continued to spread her love, kindness and faith to her family and friends up until her passing. She was the epitome of unconditional love and Christ-like living.

In addition to her husband, Raymond Navarre, Katie was preceded in death by her siblings, Eugene Russell (Mary survives), Joan Costello (Donald), Sr

Judy Russell, SSMN, Alfred Russell, OSFS, and nephew, Michael Costello. She is survived by her sister-in-law, Mary Russell, many nieces and nephews, and her Toledo family.

Due to COVID-19, a Mass of Christian Burial will be private but live-streamed to the public on Friday, March 5, 2021 at 10:30 at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 2950 Ilger Ave. Toledo, OH 43606. We are offering a Live Stream of the Funeral Mass for Kathleen beginning at 10:15am on Friday, March 5, 2021 for those who wish to attend virtually.

To view the video of Kathleen's funeral mass, please [CLICK HERE \(https://vimeo.com/525565826\)](https://vimeo.com/525565826)

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Previous Events

Livestream

MAR 5. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM.

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Tribute Wall

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“ We extend our sympathy to Katie's nieces and nephews and sister-in-law Mary, her Toledo family and her many, many friends. Katie and Ray have been a big part of our lives these last 20 years. Yearly visits and sometime more often to our home in North Carolina, vacations together, exploring all surrounding tourist sites, kite flying, story telling, long talks, watching movies, porch sitting, "projects", etc.. provided us with beautiful memories. We will cherish them always. You will be forever in our hearts. Jim and Mary Doll

Katie, my dear friend, I will you miss so very much. Mary

Mary Doll - February 19, 2021 at 10:57 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Kathleen Russell Navarre.



February 16, 2021 at 11:15 AM

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“ The Westowne Condominium Association sends condolences to Kate's family. A donation will be sent to the Toledo Botanical Gardens in her memory.

Barbara Malkoski - February 16, 2021 at 11:06 AM



“*Mrs. Navarre had and to this day still has had a huge influence on my life. In grade school at St. John the Baptist she was our school counselor. I seriously struggled as a kid with self confidence. To this day I still use some of the tools she taught me. She helped me grow into the person I am today and I’m forever grateful God brought her to St John’s. Without her I honestly don’t know who or where I’d be. I know without her teaching me how to have self confidence I never would have moved to Florida at 20 on my own to fulfill my dream of working at Disney. If I’d never moved there I never would have met my husband and I wouldn’t have the two beautiful children I have now. To say I owe her so much is an understatement. My heart is broken to hear she is no longer making a difference in peoples lives but knowing that she is with the Lord and that I’ll see her again one day gives me so much joy.*

I will be praying for peace and comfort for her family and friends through this time. One day we will be reunited with her in the presence of our Lord and what a wonderful day it’ll be.

Kristin La Chapelle Shutley - February 14, 2021 at 02:11 PM