



## Kathleen J. Giandonato

June 20, 1957 - August 8, 2023

Kathleen J. Giandonato has gone to heaven joyfully on Tuesday, August 8, 2023. She was 66 years old. Kathy had a wonderful life full of many precious people. Memories include traveling and gardening. She enjoyed a very worthwhile career in nursing.

She was married three times, each marriage giving her precious children. Her first marriage to Steve Lobue brought her Gabrielle Rae and Daniel Stephen. Her second marriage to Don Achten brought her Heidi Marie. Her final and ongoing marriage was to Jim Giandonato and brought her two wonderful stepchildren, Michael James and Lauren Ashley. All of these children brought her joy and grandchildren. She had twenty grandchildren when she passed.

These children brought her the true treasures of her life- her grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, though she loved flowers, she is asking for little “things and stuff” for her grandchildren, children, or Jim. Perhaps a gift card or dinner at someone’s home.

You have brought me such joy. Her words, “I have loved you all and I am so looking forward to seeing you again in Heaven”.

Visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. Friday, August 11, 2023 at Schreffler

Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, also at the funeral home. Rev. Greg Eilders will officiate the service. Interment will follow at Mound Grove Gardens in Kankakee.

# Cemetery Details

## Mound Grove Gardens of Memory

1000 N Greenwood  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel  
1900 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-2421  
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

## Funeral Service

AUG 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel  
1900 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
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# Tribute Wall

SD

“ Aunt Kathy is a beautiful person to her very core! She will be so missed by many. I can't wait to see her again.



sarah dugarte - August 11, 2023 at 04:59 PM

CT

“ I was privileged to meet and know Kathy through her older brother Mike. The first time I met her she made me feel so welcomed and loved. Her smile was contagious. I only knew her for two short years but she made me feel like we were old friends. I will miss your love. RIP dear friend.

Catherine Van Til - August 11, 2023 at 12:38 PM

MS

“ The thing I love most about "mom" ( that's what I called her) is how she ADORED Dad, hchildren, and her grandchildren- they lit up her world, and that truth was evident on her face, and in her words and actions .

Megan Stephens - August 10, 2023 at 12:03 PM

KB

*Patti, so sorry to hear about your sister. Praying for you and your family. Karen DuVoisin Blair.*

karen Blair - August 12, 2023 at 10:07 AM

MW

“ *I only met Kathy a few times but the few times we did spend together was nothing but amazing! It seemed as if I knew her for many years! She was very sweet and fun! She was an amazing Nana G to Jaylin and I was always thankful for that! I know she touched many hearts (mine included) and will be missed by all. 💜*



Melissa Wolfe - August 09, 2023 at 08:10 AM

JW

“ *Grandma Kathy was my grandmother, the best one you could ever get. She taught me about birds, nature, and how to paint🥹. She made my life so much better and I'm so thankful for that. I think she was the most happy person ever! She was the best and I am so blessed to have had her in my life. I've never met anyone like her. The most cheerful, caring, happy person, I have ever met. She had the worlds most beautiful smile, and the best laugh ever. I am so glad I get to call her my grandma. She will always be in my heart. I love you grandma and I hope you don't go through anymore pain. I know god is taking care of you and you're in a better place. I love you with all my heart and I'm glad you had a good life..💜💜*



Jaylin Wolfe - August 08, 2023 at 10:43 PM

BD

“ I had the privilege of working with Kathy at Riverside, & we made a patients dream come true of going to Disney world, universal studios, Epcot, back in 1997. I always looked up to Kathy for her caring & knowledge. I won't forget our Disney trip, it was my honor to be part of the group of nurses & therapist, that went, it was the highlight of my respiratory career. Rest in peace, Kathy, til we meet again..🙏



Barbara Dams - August 08, 2023 at 08:40 PM

CH

I first met Kathy when she and Jim came out to surprise her son Dan and my daughter Megan at their wedding on Lopez Island. It was a wonderful day and Kathy was warm and welcoming. She always had an upbeat spirit and a beautiful smile on her face. She loved each and every grandchild she was blessed with and they each felt loved and adored by her. If there is such a thing as a guardian angel, she will be that for all 20 of her grandchildren. Rest in peace, Kathy—your spirit carries on in the hearts of all who love you.💕💕

Carla Hudson - August 09, 2023 at 05:39 PM

SR

“ My deepest sympathies. She Kathy was a wonderful, and kind woman. I have many found memories of her, growing up.



Sara Rabideau - August 08, 2023 at 07:49 PM

PC

“ This is from her only sister, Patti. I have so many memories of Kathy that I could write a book. She was the most courageous and loving person I have ever known in my life. She was also my best friend and closest confidant. I have nothing but gratitude for God who blessed me with Kathy for my sister.

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**Patti Crawford** - August 08, 2023 at 05:55 PM

DH

“ I was the Secretary on a Rehab Unit that Kathy was a Nurse. She was living on the farm then. One day she brought the beautiful baby Goat I had ever seen. It was time and so soft. We had that little goat on the unit the whole day. When we needed to we hid it in an empty patient room. We would take some of nice Dr's. In to see that adorable little goat. The whole day was so much fun. I have loved goats in my life since then. I loved Kathy.

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**Donna Henke** - August 08, 2023 at 05:22 PM