



Kathleen L. Rush

November 6, 1943 - June 14, 2025

Kathy, a beloved mother, nana, and cherished friend to many, passed away peacefully on June 14, 2025, at the age of 81. Born in Newark, New Jersey, Kathy lived a full life of love, dedication, and joy.

Kathy raised her family in Middletown then moved to Monmouth Beach. She later settled in Ocean Township, where she resided for over 20 years.

Kathy built a successful career as a realtor, where her warmth and dedication helped countless families find their dream homes. Her passion for learning led her to earn an associate's degree in Computer Science, reflecting her curiosity and drive.

An enthusiast of life, Kathy pursued a variety of hobbies that showcased her adventurous spirit. She enjoyed golf, knitting, tai chi, skiing, bocce, gardening, and cherished her time at the beach. Her love for travel brought her to countries around the world, and she even took flying lessons, always seeking new experiences. Kathy's vibrant personality shone through in her love for her red BMW, a symbol of her zest for life.

She was predeceased by her parents, Thomas and Lillian Hedigan. She is survived by her three loving daughters: Debbie Martin and her husband Dan, Jamie Racioppi and her husband Rich, and Lisa Lopes and her husband Zeke. Her legacy continues through her nine grandchildren—Brian, Neil, Taylor, Nick, Christian, Jonathon, Robert, William, and Catherine—who will forever remember her love, playful spirit, and her favorite day of the year, Christmas Eve.

Kathy also shared a deep bond with her many dogs, most recently her loyal companion, Finn, who will miss her dearly.

Family and Friends are invited to celebrate Kathy's life on Wednesday, June 18th from 4:00-7:00pm at Bongarzone Funeral Home, 2400 Shafto Road, Tinton Falls, NJ, 07712.

A Christian mass and burial will be offered at Kathy's parish, St. Anselm's RC Church, Tinton Falls at 10:30am on Thursday June 19th.

Kathy's legacy of love, kindness, and strength will live on in all who knew her. She will be deeply missed.

Cemetery Details

Monmouth Memorial Park

4201 Hwy 33
Tinton Falls, NJ

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **18**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bongarzone Funeral Home
2400 Shafto Road
Tinton Falls, NJ

Funeral Mass

JUN **19**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Church of Saint Anselm
1028 Wayside Rd
Tinton Falls, NJ 07712-3146
(732) 493-4411

Tribute Wall

VS

“ Kathy was a Joy to work with during the years she graced our offices at Data100. She was a pleasure to work with and a reliable friend and asset to all of us there. She'll be remembered. Vince Scotti

Vince Scotti - June 18, 2025 at 06:28 PM

IG

“ Kathy and I began our friendship at the wonderful age of 13. Almost (not quite) 70 years ago. And so what did we talk about when together...Maren Adrienne Debbie Jamie Lisa. They connected us through the years. Our children's stories were gifts to each other. I always loved Kathy and I love her girls. Losing Kathy is losing a part of myself. She will always live on in my heart and she will gladly (I know this for sure) share this space with Debbie Jamie Lisa.



Iris Galetti Gaughan - June 17, 2025 at 07:21 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kathleen L. Rush.

June 17, 2025 at 04:35 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Kathleen L. Rush.



June 17, 2025 at 04:35 PM



“ Valeria A. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen L. Rush.

Valeria A. - June 17, 2025 at 10:41 AM



“ Ed, Francine & Nicole Price planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen L. Rush.

Ed, Francine & Nicole Price - June 17, 2025 at 08:43 AM



“ Ed, Francine & Nicole Price purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kathleen L. Rush.



Ed, Francine & Nicole Price - June 17, 2025 at 08:43 AM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Kathleen L. Rush.



June 16, 2025 at 04:15 PM

RC

“ Ray and Stacey Cardonne planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen L. Rush.

Ray and Stacey Cardonne - June 16, 2025 at 02:30 PM

RC

“ Ray and Stacey Cardonne purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Kathleen L. Rush.



Ray and Stacey Cardonne - June 16, 2025 at 02:30 PM

CF

“ Carreira and Zingara families purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kathleen L. Rush.



Carreira and Zingara families - June 16, 2025 at 02:22 PM

LC

“ love, Marie and Chap planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen L. Rush.

love, Marie and Chap - June 16, 2025 at 10:25 AM

LC

“ love, Marie and Chap purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kathleen L. Rush.



love, Marie and Chap - June 16, 2025 at 10:25 AM



“ Written in the Stars was purchased for the family of Kathleen L. Rush.



June 16, 2025 at 09:36 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kathleen L. Rush.

June 16, 2025 at 09:36 AM

MF

“ Margie Dietrich Mulvihill & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen L. Rush.

Margie Dietrich Mulvihill & family - June 16, 2025 at 08:58 AM

MF

“ *Margie Dietrich Mulvihill & family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Kathleen L. Rush.*



Margie Dietrich Mulvihill & family - June 16, 2025 at 08:58 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kathleen L. Rush.*



June 15, 2025 at 04:21 PM

NW

“ *Matt, Leo and I will never forget Kathy's warmth and kindness. Deepest sympathies to the entire family, and sincere regrets that we will be away during her services. May her memory be eternal!*
Natalka Pavlovsky Weismantel



N Pavlovsky Weismantel - June 15, 2025 at 09:33 AM

BH

“ *Bongarzone Funera L Home lit a candle in memory of Kathleen L. Rush*



Bongarzone Funera I Home - June 14, 2025 at 07:37 PM