



Kathryn E. Napier

April 30, 1952 - May 27, 2023

Kathryn Eileen Napier (nee Ploetz) was met by angels on Saturday, May 27, 2023. She was reunited with her loving husband, Larry; her parents; her brother, Tom; her brothers-in-law, Jack and Michael; and her nephew, Vinny.

Kathy was born on April 30, 1952 in Bath, Maine to Frederick Charles and Catherine Theresa Ploetz, (nee Fix). She grew up in Tinton Falls, New Jersey. Kathy was a graduate of St. James Elementary School and Monmouth Regional High School before achieving her Associates Degree in Business from Brookdale Community College. She served the Lakewood Board of Education for 25 years as an Administrative Secretary and was the Treasurer for the New Jersey Association of Educational Office Professionals for more than 20 years.

A devout Catholic, Kathy not only raised her children in the faith, but she also taught CCD at Holy Family Parish of Lakewood for many years. Among those she shared her unshakable faith with are her surviving children, son and daughter-in-law, Philip and Linda Napier of Beachwood; son and daughter in-love, Stephen Napier and Lisa Jobbers of Howell; daughter and son-in-law, Valerie and Christopher Bruno of Ocean Township; grandchildren Olivia Wallen, Erik and Elizabeth Napier, Kaitlyn Napier, and Sebastian Jobbers; and brother, Frederick Ploetz of Red Bank.

Kathy will be remembered for her intelligence, her pragmatic nature, her fun and witty sense of humor, and her love for her family, to whom she dedicated her entire life. May God bless all those who knew and loved her; she is with Him, and she shall never perish.

Kathryn's visitation will be held 4-8 PM on Wednesday, May 31st, 2023 at Bongarzone Funeral Home in Tinton Falls, NJ. Her funeral mass will be offered at 10 AM on Thursday, June 1st, 2023 at Saint James Roman Catholic Church in Red Bank, NJ. Interment will follow at Mount Olivet in Middletown, NJ.

Cemetery Details

Mount Olivet Cemetery

Chapel Hill Road
Middletown, NJ

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 31. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bongarzone Funeral Home
2400 Shafto Road
Tinton Falls, NJ 07712
(732) 918-6200

Funeral Mass

JUN 1. 10:00 AM (ET)

St James RC Church
94 Broad Street
Red Bank, NJ 07701

Tribute Wall

BB

“ We are just now finding out that our dear friend Kathy had passed away! Napier family, we are so sorry to hear this!! We were close with both Kathy and Larry in the time we lived in Lakewood. Had many good times with them. And our kids were friends as well. We know you must miss her terribly! She was a great friend and Mom/Grandmother! Rest in peace Kathy!!

Becky Bulris - January 04, 2025 at 08:01 PM

SD

“ Oh my gosh! My dear high school friend. We moved away to Arizona but never lost touch during Christmas time. I was curious because last year her Christmas card was returned! We had such fun times together back in the day! Rest in Peace and now you are together with Larry! ❤️🙏

susan drout - November 15, 2024 at 06:14 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kathryn E. Napier.

June 01, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kathryn E. Napier.



May 31, 2023 at 01:06 PM

NJ

“ *The New Jersey Assoc. of Education Office Professionals (NJAEOP) extends their deepest sympathy to the Family of Kathy Napier. She was a wonderful and special person whom we all appreciated and respected. May she rest in peace-----we will all miss her.*

NJAEOP - May 31, 2023 at 10:47 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathryn E. Napier.*



May 30, 2023 at 06:51 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kathryn E. Napier.*



May 30, 2023 at 05:54 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathryn E. Napier.*



May 30, 2023 at 01:11 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Kathryn E. Napier.*



May 30, 2023 at 11:01 AM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Kathryn E. Napier.*



May 30, 2023 at 07:44 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kathryn E. Napier.*



May 29, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ *Kathy, May You rest in peace and suffer no longer. We fondly remember all the holidays together at Granny's Home in Union when the family was all together. What great times they were ! To Fred and Kathy's Family, Our deepest Sympathy to You all , we are keeping You all in our thoughts and Prayers. Christopher and MaryAnn Fernandez*

Christopher Fernandez - May 29, 2023 at 03:33 AM

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“ *Bongarzone Funerals Home lit a candle in memory of Kathryn E. Napier*



Bongarzone Funerals Home - May 29, 2023 at 12:01 AM