



## Kay Masini

July 31, 1936 - September 10, 2020

Masini, Kay, July 31, 1936 - September 10, 2020 age 84 of Beaver Island and Plymouth, Michigan. Remarkable wife of Don. Mom to Lita (the late David) Popke, Michael (Cindy) Masini, Jon (Julie) Masini, and Lynne (Don) Eckardt. Nana to Alexandra (Jason), Kit, Lisa (Brian) Kiersten, Hank, Anna, Kevin, Jack and Donald, and great grandmother to Abigail. Sister to Michele (Jim) Stamm, and the late John (Grace) Peternard. Preceded in death by her parents, Sadie Gallagher Peternard and Roland Bruce McDonough. Loving aunt to many.

Visitation Friday, September 18th from 5 PM until 7 PM with Rosary immediately following at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 26325 Main Street, Beaver Island, MI 49782. In state Saturday, September 19th 10:30 AM until the 11:00 AM Funeral Mass at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Beaver Island, MI 49782.

Due to the location of the visitation and funeral, the family is requesting memorials may be made to Beaver Island Historical Society, 26275 Main Street, Beaver Island, MI 49782 or Beaver Island Marine Museum, 38105 Michigan Avenue, Beaver Island, MI 49782.

There will also be a public "Celebration of Life" in October to be held in the Plymouth, Michigan area. Date and time to be determined.

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Kay Masini - art biography

Signature Member of ISEA (International Society of Experimental Artists). Juried into six international exhibitions. Two paintings selected for art magazine: "Acrylic Works - the Best of Acrylic Painting".

Solo exhibitions: Antwerp, Belgium; Stevensville; Plymouth (2); Canton; Westland; and Beaver

Island, Michigan. Her art was selected for over 30 group (including juried) exhibitions in Michigan and Minnesota.

ARTWORK MEDIUM & STYLE: worked in oil, watercolor, acrylic, collage, mixed media.

Latest

work style: representational abstract. Paintings are in private collections in U.S. and Europe.

#### ART MEMBERSHIPS AND OFFICES:

Past memberships include: Honorary V.P., Michigan Art Education Association; President, Berrien County Art Guild; V.P. St. Joseph, MI Art Association; Board member and Publicity Chair,

Minnesota Watercolor Society. Signature member in ISEA (International Society of Experimental

Artists), Three Cities Art Club, and Plymouth Community Arts Council.

#### OTHER ART INVOLVEMENT:

Former art teacher (high school and adult) and lecturer. Won state awards for design of stage

sets, book covers, brochures, art program development. Published a booklet of her Christmas

paintings and poems. Juror: 27th Annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition 2019. Developed Power

Point presentations "From the Brain to the Brush" & "Surrealism" - covering philosophy of art;

explore where ideas come from; how we get and use them; meanings; interpretations; using

poetry & humor with examples of her art and world famous artists.

#### OTHER:

As a partner in a public relations and communications firm, worked with clients like Whirlpool,

The Brand Names Foundation + financial, educational and medical clients. Wrote newspaper

column covering the development of senior citizen centers and programs.

#### EDUCATION:

B.A. from the Dominican University, IL. Classes at the Chicago Art Institute, Oxford University in

England and workshops with renowned Master instructors.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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## Holy Cross Cemetery

Beaver Island, MI,

**SEP 18** **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Holy Cross Catholic Church  
26325 Main Street, Beaver Island, MI, US, 49782

**SEP 19** **In state** 10:30AM - 11:30AM

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**SEP 19** **Funeral Mass** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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# Comments

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“ My sympathy goes out to Lita and family. Your mom was such a cool person. I remember going to Beaver Island when we were teenagers and staying in your family’s home. I remember when I was a child, growing up in St. Joe and seeing your mother’s paintings, how large and magnificent they were—how I was lucky to know a real artist. Mrs. Masini was kind and generous. Sincerely, Mary Cross, Chicago

**Mary Cross** - November 20, 2020 at 03:45 PM

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**Marilyn Meredith** - October 13, 2020 at 09:35 PM

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“ One the of the most kind, graceful ladies I have ever met. I had never realized what a talent she was until I saw some of her beautiful paintings. What a gift she was, my thoughts and prayers to her beloved Don and beautiful family.  
Sheri Timsak

**Sheri Timsak** - September 19, 2020 at 01:30 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers to the family. We lost a fantastic lady. As cousins we have always been close and she will be missed by all of us. God will take good care of her and the family was there to meet her. Live to the family.

**Sally Cross Sanford** - September 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ I met Kay when she came to visit The Peternards in Illinois. I was absolutely floored by her stories and intellect. Her grace and the way she spoke was almost mesmerizing. As a person who loves art, I couldn't help but view hers and listen to her story behind each piece. An absolute honor to meet and conversate with her in person. My heart goes out to her family and loved ones.

**Justin Jackson** - September 15, 2020 at 07:25 PM

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“ Dear Don & family,  
Kay was an absolute treasure. She cherished all of her family and I heard many wonderful stories about the kids and grandkids. She was so proud of each and every one of you. Our friendship grew out of a mutual love for art. I have deep respect and admiration for her as an artist and a poet. She was a kind, generous, beautiful soul. We had many fun times together and we so enjoyed coming to Beaver Island last year and seeing its beauties through the eyes of two of its proudest residents. We shall miss her greatly, but her beautiful spirit will shine through the darkest of days bringing comfort and peace.  
Love & prayers for you Don and your beautiful family,

Anne & Brian Jahn

**Anne Jahn** - September 13, 2020 at 03:05 PM

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“ Don and Family, Our most sincere condolences. We miss her vibrant spirit already. We may try to make the service's on the island. Much love. Mark and CJ



**mark carrington** - September 13, 2020 at 02:36 PM

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“ Dear Family of Kay

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your Family.

May precious memories comfort you at this sad time.

Kay was an Island gem. Our Dad loved his "Little Skip".

Take care.

With Love and Sympathy  
The "Holiday" McDonough Family  
Beaver Island and Grand Rapids

**Mary Sue Anderson** - September 13, 2020 at 01:46 PM

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“ She was the love of my life for 70 years. We shared many memories; laughs; travels; experiences; art shows; exhibitions; friends & acquaintances. Her depth of art knowledge; techniques; experimentation; subject matter and dedication to learning and improving her skills was exceptional and motivating to watch. She never stopped.

She devoured art books; studied the Masters; took workshops with top instructors. She developed writing skills and used her fountain of knowledge to create poetry which she used on her annual Christmas card project which was published from a combination of the cards created over 50 years.

She was a remarkable woman; wife; mother; grandmother and great-grandmother.

I will miss her more than one can imagine.

**Husband - Don** - September 12, 2020 at 03:54 PM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I only knew Kay for a fraction of time, but it took no time at all to figure out how truly remarkable she was. I very much enjoyed every moment I got to spend with her, though it was nowhere near enough.

I will continue to keep all of you in my prayers and in my heart. Heaven has truly received the most incredible soul!

**Lisa** - September 12, 2020 at 04:39 PM



“ Kay was a wonderful and funny lady. Kay was my travel partner all over Europe while the guys conducted business. Fabulous memories.

Sue Nelson

**Sue Nelson** - September 12, 2020 at 04:48 PM



“ So many fond memories of Auntie Kay and the family over the years. Loved our visits to both St. Joe and Minneapolis catching up and creating special memories. We were always excited to open up her Christmas card every year and marvel at her artistic and poetic talents. We always put her card in the most prominent spot in the house. We also cherish a special painting she made for Rita of the lakefront in Saugatuck that is proudly displayed over our fireplace. We think of her every time we look at it. All our love to Kay and family.

**Al Masini** - September 12, 2020 at 06:08 PM



“ Don,  
Kay truly was an amazing woman. I was fortunate to be able to spend a lot of time with her on those wonderful trips to Europe years ago. I have so much admiration and respect for her talent and knowledge. Needless to say I learned a great deal from her. She was a beautiful, talented and intelligent woman with a heart of gold. Thanks for the fabulous memories, Kay. Rest in Heavenly Peace dear friend.

Cindy & Steve

**Cynthia Wolfe** - September 13, 2020 at 12:31 AM



“ Kay was our long time neighbor on Beaver Island. Our summers will not be the same without that smile...A very talented lady indeed...RIP Kay and try to keep that David in line.

**Mary Palmer** - September 13, 2020 at 11:21 AM



“ Don and Family,

So sorry to hear of Kay's passing. I've known her since I was a child and would see her often in passing on the Island. She was always such a kind and caring woman.

Marie Connaghan LaFreniere

**Marie Connaghan LaFreniere** - September 13, 2020 at 11:31 AM



“ Don,

It is with surprise and sadness that we learned of the news of Kay's passing. Arlette and I extend our sincere condolences to you and your family.

Kay leaves us with a lot of good memories of the times we spent together in Europe and the USA. We will often think of her as the end of the year holidays approach when she sent out her greeting cards with the reproduction of one of her artistic creations.

We are with you wholeheartedly and wish you bon courage in this difficult time.

Marguerite also asks us to recall her fond memories during our stay in Detroit and on Beaver Island.

JP and Arlette Vuylsteke

Belgium

**Jean Pierre Vuylsteke** - September 13, 2020 at 12:06 PM



“ It has been along time since I have heard or seen her. Any memories would have been back in the 50s and early 60s when we visited the island with my dad, Norbert Gallagher, would take us to see her. Prayers to the family and may she rest in God's hands.

**Mike** - September 13, 2020 at 02:31 PM



“ Kay Masini, and Don and Mike were so kind and open to allow us and our sons, and my mother, become regular and happy visitors to Beaver Island. Thank you so much for your generosity. All positive and good memories of her.

John and Abeer Evaldson

**John and Abeer Evaldson** - September 13, 2020 at 07:03 PM



“ Don and family: I am sorry to here the news of your wife's passing. We lost Charlie (12/2018) and Carol (2019). We hold Beaver Island as a special place in our hearts. I remember visiting your house several years ago. Don I will always remember your hospitality to my family. God bless you snd your family. Tom and Kelly Msilloux.

**Tom** - February 01, 2021 at 11:10 PM