



Kate Otto

December 12, 1926 - March 13, 2014

Otto, Kathryn "Kate" March 13, 2014 age 87 of Plymouth. Beloved wife of James for 63 years. Loving mother of Jim (Kari), William "Bill" (Robin), and Karen (LeRoy) Brooks. Proud grandmother of Luke, Natalie, Jack and Hank. Dear sister of Beverly (Bill) Van Frank and Virginia (David) Karsten. She began teaching at Orchard View Elementary School in Muskegon County, and later she was a reading teacher at Isbister Elementary, the Principal of East and Hulsing Elementary Schools in Plymouth, and an Adjunct Professor at Madonna University in Livonia. Visitation Monday 2-8 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 West Ann Arbor Road, (Between Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. In state Tuesday 10 AM until 11 AM Funeral Service at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile Road (One block West of Middlebelt) Livonia MI 48154. Memorials may be made to Michigan Parkinson Foundation, 30400 Telegraph Road, Ste. 150, Bingham Farms MI 48025, or to the Church. To share a memory, please use the View and Send condolences link on this page.

Tribute Wall



“ *Kate Otto*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *I am a Minister of Jehovah's Witnesses my wife and I would like to give you and your family our deepest sympathy for the lost of your loved one. We would like to leave you with these words of encouragement from Gods word the Bible. At Job 14:14 it ask the question, "If a man dies, shall he live again?," The bible makes the promise: Your dead love ones will live...They will rise up. The bible also says, The righteous themselves will possess the earth and they will reside forever upon it. Isaiah 26:19;Psalms 37:29. May you find comfort in these scriptures and in the loving memories of your loved one. If you have any questions or concerns about the lost of your loved one feel free to email us at ctksdk@yahoo.com Sincerely, Carlos & Sandy*

Carlos & Sandy - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM



“ *It is with deep sadness that I learned of Kate's passing. She was a fine educator and person. I have fond memories of working with her at MaDONNA uNiversity. She was a wonderful mentor to the students and to me. Jim, you and your family are in my thoughts. With sympathy to you, Margie*

Marjorie Checkoway - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM



“ *Our prayers go out to you and your family. God bless you Jim at this difficult time.*

Larry & Pat Pulkownik - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

MC

“ It was an honor to have Kate as principal for 17 years at East and and Hulsing, which many of us regarded as the "Camelot" of our teaching careers. It was a blessing to have her (and Jim) as dear friends for many years beyond that. Kate has been a part of nearly all of the most important moments of my adult life, and I will miss her sweet smile and gentle wisdom more than I can say.

MaryEllen Cain - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

MC

“ Dear Jim, I am so sorry to hear about Kate. Being married over sixty years, how wonderful! I know you and your family will miss her terribly. I am somewhat under the weather so I will not be able to be at the visitation, but know that I will be thinking about you. Marie

Marie Canzoneri - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

NA

“ I will never forget the time, not too long ago, you were the first person I ever kissed on the cheek. I remembered when grampa was like "Natalie give Gigi a kiss on the cheek". So, technically, you were my first kiss. I miss you so much. When someone cries, I cry. I miss you!!

Nat - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

DP

“ Our condolences to you, Jim and family, on Kate's passing. We knew her as our good neighbor. Please, know we are here for you. God bless you and family on this sad occasion.

Don and Alicia Van Pelt - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

CJ

“ To the Otto Family.
I share your sadness at the passing of Kate Otto. What a warm and wonderful person she was to all who knew her. She was a great educator, leader and mentor to so many of us who she hired to begin their career as an educator. Kate is the Principal that hired this educator during the mid-seventies. I was a first for the PCCS District. I was the first Black Man ever hired to teach in the PCCS. Kate also hired the first Black Female ever to teach in an elementary school in the PCCS District. Her legacy lives at Plymouth High School and inside me. I will always remember what a warm and gentle person she was, in personality and what a strong person she was in developing her talented staff at Hulsing. I am thankful for the trust she had in me, when deciding to make this teacher her media specialist. I hope my work of nearly 40 years in the PCCS District has made her proud. You have been blessed to call Kate, mother, grandmother, wife and even friend. For me, she was a great lady and one of the great pioneers in the PCCS.

Charlie Jones - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

BM

“ You were so special! My thoughts and prayers are with your loving family.

Becky Moore - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

CK

“ Jim We are very sorry to hear about Kate's passing and send our sincere condolences to you and your family. We always enjoyed seeing the two of you at our annual "Kousin" reunion/luncheon in Grand Rapids and keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. Love and Peace. Charlie and Sue

Charlie & Sue Kamradt - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

JM

“ Thank you for being such an excellent educational leader at Hulsing. I enjoyed my years working for you! Bless your family at this time.

Julie Matevia - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

DS

“ Jim We are sorry to hear of the death of your wife. I am recuperating now from hip replacement or we would have been come to the funeral home. Again our condolences.
Denzel and Merna Short

Denzel Short - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

MF

“ RIP Aunt Kate and may God has given you your Angel Wings to fly to heaven and meet him. We send our sympathy to Uncle Jim, Jim Jr, Bill and Karen and your families. She was a very loving and wonderful person and will be missed. Also sending our love.
Mike and Lynette (Otto) Frays.

Mike & Lynette Frays - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

SW

“ Jim, we are so sorry to hear that Kate passed away. It is never easy to lose a spouse. Please know we are thinking of you. We are in Florida until April.

Sue and Jack Ward - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

DH

“ I was so sorry to hear of Mrs. Otto's passing. She was my principal at Hulsing and I have fond memories of her. My thoughts are with her family.

Dawn Albertson Hansen - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

MH

“ Remembering the happy times as Hulsing opened with Kate as our principal. Thankyou Kate for being such a great mentor. What a innovative educator.

Mary Hart - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

BK

“ I am sad to hear of Kate's passing. I will pray for you and your family as you navigate this difficult time.

Bette Knedgen - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

BI

“ I will miss you Mom. Thanks for the good times

Bill - December 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM