



Kathryn "Kathy" A. Ryan

March 23, 1951 - January 28, 2015

Ryan, Kathryn "Kathy" A., age 63 of Canton passed away on January 28, 2015, after a courageous battle with Brain Cancer. Beloved wife of 28 years to Dr. Jim Ryan. Proud mother of Michael (Irene) and Amy (Scott) Hughesdon. Caring Grandmother of Paul, Rachel, Liam, Shannon, Nora, Abby, Olivia, Owen, Callum, Brogan, Eliza, and Mary. Sister of Debbie (Tom) Bancroft, Sharon (Dennis) McGuckin, Greg (Cindy) Eiden, and Paul Eiden. Daughter of both the late Paul and Ruby Eiden. Aunt of Ryan, Shanon, Patrick, Sarah, Logan, and Payton. Kathy was a graduate of EMU earning a Bachelor and two Master degrees in education. Her career spanned 30 years of teaching special education in the Taylor, Reed City, and Mason Public School Districts. She enjoyed her students and would do anything for them. She loved her Boston Terriers, and supported the Boston Terrier Rescue. Memorial Gathering Thursday, February 5, 2015 3-8 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. The family will gather Friday, February 6, 2015 9:30 AM until the 10:30 AM Memorial Service at Grace Canton, 46788 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, MI 48187. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154 or Grace Canton. To share a memory, please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

FEB 5. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
46401 Ann Arbor Road West
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 459-2250
plymouth@vermeulenh.com

Memorial Gathering

FEB 6. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Grace Canton Church
46788 Cherry Hill Road
Canton, MI 48187

Memorial Service

FEB 6. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Canton, MI 48187

Tribute Wall



“ Kathryn "Kathy" A. Ryan

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ I was just thinking about Kathy the other day. Her beautiful smile and laugh. I was remembering the days of the twist beads (she loved her fashion), going to Traverse with Kathy and Debbie, our POHI students and her beautiful, spirited, generous heart. I know her bright smile shines from the heavens. I'm thankful for the happy memories and I send my deepest sympathy and love to all of her family. She lives on in those who she has touched.

Pat Roy

Pat Roy - February 05, 2015 at 11:52 PM



“ I thought Jim Ryan was one of the kindest people I had ever met... Until I met Kathy. Such a beautiful person and a wonderful couple! Kathy will be truly missed. Prayers and love to Jim and the rest of the family.

Dianne Gonzalez - February 05, 2015 at 10:23 PM



“ Yvette M. purchased the Victorian Teacup Bouquet for the family of Kathryn "Kathy" A. Ryan.



Yvette M. - February 05, 2015 at 12:26 PM

MG

“ *Mark, Maureen and Mallory Gilliam purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Kathryn "Kathy" A. Ryan.*



Mark, Maureen and Mallory Gilliam - February 05, 2015 at 11:55 AM



“ *In Memory -UpWords Tea Light Holder was purchased for the family of Kathryn "Kathy" A. Ryan.*



February 05, 2015 at 11:51 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathryn "Kathy" A. Ryan.*



February 05, 2015 at 07:39 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kathryn "Kathy" A. Ryan.*



February 04, 2015 at 09:16 AM

BK

“ Jim, We have the fondest memories of Kathy and our good times together. Palermo Pizza restaurant times were special and filled with laughter and great conversation. Kathy was her own person with firm convictions, and you both blended so well together. She was very courageous in her plans for her well being. We share in your sorrow. We will miss her good humor and smiles and hugs. Sincere sympathy to you and your family. God's blessings always,
Paul and Betty Kitti

Betty Kitti - February 03, 2015 at 09:11 AM

CA

“ Dear Jim and Family,

We were very sorry to hear the news of Kathy's passing. We wish you the peace of happy memories and the love of friends surrounding and comforting you.

Fondly,

Carol Trager and Matt Carrano
Boston, MA

Carol - February 02, 2015 at 07:29 PM

AW

“ Jim...our deepest and heartfelt sympathies to you and your family on Kathy's passing. We will always remember so fondly the time how, as Waverly's First Lady, Kathy touched our community with friendship and grace through her big heart and huge smile. She was and will always remain a true inspiration.

Arnold and Colleen Weinfeld

Arnold and Colleen Weinfeld - February 02, 2015 at 01:45 PM

TB

“ *Jim and the Eiden family,
Sorry to hear about your loss.
Your friends, Tom and Marilou Barszczowski*

Thomas Barszczowski - February 02, 2015 at 08:54 AM

PJ

“ *We were devastated to receive such sad news. Kathy taught just two doors down from me in Reed City Middle School. I will never forget what a kind, caring, and sensitive teacher and person she was.
I can still see how a smile lit up her face whenever we met. She was the real deal.*

Patty and Rich Jacobs - February 02, 2015 at 06:34 AM

MW

“ *So sorry for your loss Jim. Kathy was an amazing person and I enjoyed many wonderful talks with her. Thinking of you and your entire family during this difficult time. Kathy will always be an inspiration to everyone and will be in your heart forever.*

Mary Wilson - February 01, 2015 at 07:38 PM

SB

“ *Jim,
I have many happy memories of Kathy in her special ed room at Reed City Middle School. She was so patient and caring, and such an inspiration to those special kids. May God be with you and your family as you deal with her loss..
Sue Buquet, RCMS (retired)*

Sue Buquet - February 01, 2015 at 06:08 AM

CS

“ 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 and Sandy - January 31, 2015 at 06:27 PM

KE

“ Thinking of you during this difficult time. Prayers sent to you Dr. Ryan and family.

Kerri and Joe Wallen

Kerri - January 31, 2015 at 05:44 PM

DJ

“ our sympathies and prayers to you ,Sharon and dennis.you are in our thoughts and prayers. dennis and dawn jones

dennis jones - January 31, 2015 at 01:48 PM



KS

“ *Jim, Eiden and Ryan Families,
My sympathies and prayers go out to you. Kathy and I were co-workers and the best of friends during our Truman Junior High days. We talked, laughed and shared many good times including a memorable vacation to the East Coast. May your memories and love for Kathy be a comfort to you. I'll always remember her as a strong, sweet, fun loving, caring person.*
Kathy Stowers

Kathy Stowers - January 31, 2015 at 11:33 AM



RS

“ *I'm so sorry for your families loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Those of us from the Waverly community remember all of you so fondly.*

Randee Smith

Randee S. Smith - January 31, 2015 at 09:21 AM



“ *She was my 5th grade teacher. She one of many who helped mold me into the person iam today. .. i will miss her...*

K-Lynn Cooper - January 30, 2015 at 09:16 PM

MM

“ Why do the good have to die so young? Kathy was a very special person who did not deserve to be afflicted with such a terrible disease. She touched our hearts with her care & compassion she had for the special needs population. Our son bloomed in her class at Alaiedon Elementary school in Mason because she saw what potential he had. We will always remember her spunky personality and relentless drive to carry on even though she was undergoing her treatments. If there ever was an angel, she was it. Heaven just received a very beautiful soul in Kathy. We will always remember her with much love.

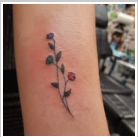
Joe, Marilyn, Joe & Miranda Mannino

Marilyn Mannino - January 30, 2015 at 08:47 PM

ST

Mrs Ryan changed so many lives she will always be my most favorite teacher I will always cherish the memories of the Christmas store and the school plays .

Sabrina Thompson - January 30, 2015 at 09:11 PM



“ *R.I.P Kathy you are dearly missed*

Chelsea Hamilton - January 30, 2015 at 07:49 PM

CK

“ *I'm at a loss for words. My heart goes out to you, Jim, as you say good-by to your special partner. I loved Kathy from the first time I met her. Her laugh and her warmth were contagious. I hope she knew how much I thought of her and how dearly she was loved by me and so many others. I can't wait to see her again on the other side! Heaven is blessed by the addition of a new angel...and I can just picture her there hugging all her beloved pups from the past!*
Cindy Koenigsknecht

Cindy Koenigsknecht - January 30, 2015 at 05:27 PM

ML

“ *Marybeth Long lit a candle in memory of Kathryn "Kathy" A. Ryan*



Marybeth Long - January 30, 2015 at 04:53 PM

ML

“ *I will miss my friend and former colleague tremendously. Kathy and I taught together at Alaiedon Elementary for many years. As special education teachers, we shared many students, teaching strategies, activities, laughter and tears. Kathy was the most marvelous of teachers and a dynamic woman. She loved her students and demonstrated this on a daily basis. Her compassion for teaching enabled her students to rise above predetermined expectations, - she believed all children had a gift, some just opened their packages a little sooner!
Peace my friend, I love you!!
Marybeth Long*

Marybeth Long - January 30, 2015 at 04:52 PM

MF

“ *I will never forget her smile and easy laughter. Her caring and concern for others was always evident. She will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her. We will remember her always with love.*

Mike Fallon - January 30, 2015 at 02:56 PM

AM

“ Jim,

So sorry to hear about Kathy's passing. My prayers go out to you and your family. God Bless You.

Al Momrik

Al Momrik - January 30, 2015 at 02:55 PM

GP

“ *Words just aren't enough, Kathy's smile I remember most as a child when she came over to watch us , as big sister when Paul and myself played and needed some corrections , as a high school student and there she was as a substitute teacher, as a friend who just cared about the kid across the street. Her smile always could make me smile and feel safe, comfortable,,loved, she was and still is some one I look up to . I moved away a long time ago but I still of her and and her family as my most important second family I could always count on. In loving memory. (big G). Greg Patterson*

greg patterson - January 30, 2015 at 02:47 PM



“ *Kathy, you will be missed. I will never forget how you welcomed me to Crosswinds in 2006. You always had a smile on your face and you touched everyone with your warmth. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Jeanette Fallon - January 30, 2015 at 01:41 PM

ST

“ My favorite memory of Kathy is my first impression of her. I thought to myself that she one of pristine beauty, humility, grace and the picture of sophistication! When she married Mr. Ryan (as he has always been to me) I knew then she also had incredible taste, there could not have been a more perfect couple! I am blessed to have known her, her kind heart and beautiful smile will be sadly missed!

sheila mcguckin toth - January 30, 2015 at 01:38 PM

MP

“ Jim, I just got the call from Dan Pappas and I am so saddened for you and for your family. I lost such a good friend, a brave woman, a kind-hearted woman , who in the years that I knew her, barely ever complained about anything. I can't even imagine all that you will miss. Know that you will be in my constant, daily prayers.
Love you,

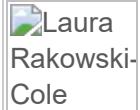
Marie & Jerry Papciak

Marie Papciak - January 30, 2015 at 12:23 PM

JM

“ Jim, we are so saddened to learn of Kathy's passing. We are so grateful to have been able to spend time with you two last fall in Brighton. She has always been an inspiration as she battled cancer with a smile (although I'm sure she wasn't always smiling). But to us she was the embodiment of Faith in action and I know that she had that right up to the moment she came face to face with our Lord.
Blessings on you and your family.
Sandy and Jack Midgley

Jack and Sandy Midgley - January 30, 2015 at 11:13 AM



“ I just read about Kathy's passing on Facebook. Jim, I didn't even realize that Kathy was again fighting another battle. Kathy was always a woman that was filled with God's grace. She loved teaching her students and completely enjoyed every aspect of working with them. Her love of her family, grandchildren and dogs was so apparent. I cannot imagine the void you all must be feeling right now. I know Kathy's fierce faith and love of God carried her through many trials in her life time. She is now smiling as she sits beside her Lord Savior and is pain free. What a woman, what a woman! I was blessed to have worked with her and to have known her as a friend. God speed Kathy. Prayers to you Jim and your family. Much love, Laura Rakowski-Cole

Laura Rakowski-Cole - January 30, 2015 at 10:53 AM

DP

Jim, Lisa and I share our sympathy and continue to send our prayers and love to you and the family. Kathy was a model for all of us and was one of the most sincere, caring people we were graced to know. Grace is what always comes to our mind when thinking of Kathy. Dear friend you are and will always be our friend. As strong as you are we can only begin to understand your loss and what you are going through. Love you, Dan & Lisa

Dan & Lisa Pappas - January 30, 2015 at 06:25 PM

LF

Jim, So very sad to hear that Kathy has been taken from us so soon. I've nothing but great memories of her and am very thankful that I got to know her and was able to work with her. Kathy always had a radiant smile, a kind heart, and a love for the children she taught. We're all a little bit better for having known her. Very sorry for your loss.

Larry Floyd - January 30, 2015 at 06:42 PM