



Catherine "Kay" Marie Provenza

July 11, 1938 - August 21, 2015

Catherine Marie "Kay" Provenza, 77, died August 21, 2015 at St. Luke's Hospital. She was born July 11, 1938 in Chicago, Ill to Thomas J. and Lillian J. Giambalvo. She married the love of her life, Robert P. "Bob" Provenza on September 21, 1957.

Kay was an amazing servant to others. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Kay was inspiring, encouraging, nurturing, understanding and strengthening. Her family was her life. She enjoyed volunteering at her grandchildren's schools, and was known as "Grandma Kay" on the playground.

Kay is survived by her husband Robert, her 99 year old mother Lillian, her children Diane M., Micheal J. (Shelley) and RE Provenza; her grandchildren Steven (Rosie Long) Ferruolo, Amanda M. Nelson, Nicholas J. and Myles J. Provenza; her great-granddaughter Emma Rose Ferruolo, and great-grandson (on the way) Blake Thomas Ferrulo. Kay is also survived by her sister Angela Munson and Charlene (Bill) Sellers and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father and her sister Nellie Giambalvo. A memorial mass will be held on Thursday, August 27 at St. Rose Church at 10:30 am. Interment will be at Ft. Meigs Cemetery. Those wishing to donate in Kay's memory can give to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or Cherry street Mission in Toledo, Ohio.

Please leave a condolence message at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Meigs Cemetery

620 W Indiana
Perrysburg, OH 43551
(419) 874-7881

Tribute Wall

JS

“ I was so sorry and saddened to hear of the death of your wife, Kay. You were so blessed to have shared your love and life with a very special woman. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God give you and your family strength and support at this difficult time.

Love,
Jean(Guercio)Sargent & David Sargent
San Jose, CA

Jean Sargent - August 28, 2015 at 01:49 PM

NC

“ It was a sad moment when I heard that Kay passed away. Though we met one time only in 2013 when I was visiting with Wayne and Bob's family in Ohio, Kay was such a kind, warm and caring person, she's like a loving mother to me. I miss Kay very much, but I know that she is now in safe hands as the Lord makes her lie down in green pasture, leads her beside quiet waters, and she will be dwelling in the house of the Lord forever.

May God comfort you Bob, Rob, Mike and Diane, heal your grief and give you peace in heart.

Love you always,
Nicole

Nicole Chan - August 28, 2015 at 03:03 AM

JG

“ We were very sad to hear about Kay's passing and I am sure after 58 years together, you and your family will have a huge hole in your hearts. As you said, Kay always had a warm welcome for family and friends. She certainly welcomed us each time we were there. I am sure when we all meet again, that smile and welcome will be the first thing we see. Our prayers will be with her and for the family.

Love Jack and Faye Guercio

Jack & Faye Guercio - August 26, 2015 at 10:33 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Catherine "Kay" Marie Provenza.*



August 26, 2015 at 03:40 PM

SF

“ *Steve & Diane Nelson and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Catherine "Kay" Marie Provenza.*



Steve & Diane Nelson and family - August 26, 2015 at 02:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Catherine "Kay" Marie Provenza.*



August 25, 2015 at 09:28 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Kay's passing. I have fond memories of her with my family when we all lived in San Jose. She always had a big smile and warm hug when she saw us...no matter how much time had passed. She was a lovely lady.*



My prayers go out to Bob, Rob, Mike and Diane.

Thinking of you all...

Vivian Guercio James and

Chris James

Los Gatos, California

Vivian (Guercio) James - August 25, 2015 at 08:20 PM



Thank You Vivian much appreciated

R.E. Provenza - August 25, 2015 at 10:10 PM



“ *The Blessed Mother put you in my life in answer to a Rosary Novena I made in late 1955. I met you while working at Western Electric in Cicero Illinois in June 1956. One day I noticed you working across the aisle from my desk. You had just started working there and I couldn't take my eyes off of you. You looked like an angel and when you smiled it seemed like it became a bit brighter in the room. I finally got the courage to walk over to your desk, introduced myself and asked you to have coffee with me in the cafeteria and you said yes. I was overwhelmed to say the least. From then on I decided that I wanted you in my life. You were so beautiful and a very sensible and kind young woman. We started dating and I proposed marriage to you on Christmas Eve 1956 and we were married the following September 21, 1957. On Sept 17, 1958 our first born Diane Marie was born and finally I was allowed to go into your room. I had seen Diane and she really was pretty and I asked how you were and kissed and said our daughter is beautiful. You said "she is your anniversary present."*

In April 1959 we moved to San Jose California and subsequently our son Michael was born in March 1964 and Rob was born in April 1965. As years went by grandchildren were born and you cared for them as their parents were working. You followed our granddaughter Amanda through grammar school as a volunteer assisting her teachers and as a monitor in the playground during lunch period. All the children loved you and they called you Grandma Kay. One day I went to see you in the playground and you told the children I was your husband and they called me Grandpa Kay.

When Mandy entered Junior High you went to work in our local High School Cafeteria where you made more lifetime friends. Everyone who met you loved you because you were so wonderful and caring. As the years went by many children who met you in grammar school remembered you fondly and would always come up to you and talk to grandma Kay.

I retired from Lockheed Missiles and Space Company, later called Lockheed/Martin, after 32 years and 5 months a career I really loved because Lockheed treated it's workers as family. In 2004 California was on the brink of bankruptcy and we decided to leave because taxes and fees would be raised and eat into my pension and social security. We decided to move to Ohio to be near our 4 year old grandson Nick whom we cared for as an infant while our son Michael and wife Susan worked. I became so attached to him and when they moved to Ohio I was devastated. We have watched Nick grow up into a fine responsible 16 year old and his brother Myles who was born in 2007 who seems to be following in Nick's footsteps. We have had a wonderful life together with many fond memories as well as not so fond.

On April 24th you went into the hospital for cancer surgery which turned into 3 surgeries. The best part was when the surgeon told us you had the good cancer and did not need chemo. On June 26th you left the hospital and entered a rehab facility where you progressed daily and were released to come home finally on July 30th which was the best birthday I've had in awhile. You were given home care and continued to regain your strength. On August 21st you had a heart attack in the presence of Rob and me and you were taken up to Heaven by angels sent by God.

You were the foundation of our family and my everything. The road ahead for me will be very rough without you at my side but I will do the best to go on and with God's love and blessing I will make it looking forward to when we will be together forever.

I love you and always have, and will continue to each day.

Your loving Husband,

Bob Provenza - August 25, 2015 at 08:11 PM

RP

This is very nice Dad

R.E. Provenza - August 25, 2015 at 10:18 PM

LA

I have forgotten many people since leaving California, but have never forgotten Kay. I am so sad to hear of her illness and of her death. She was always so soft spoken and always had a smile. I know she is with her Father in Heaven. To Bob, Rob, Michael and Diane, know that my heart aches for you and you are all in my prayers. Yes, a beautiful angel is now watching over each of you.

Lynda (Whitlock) Avon (Brian and Craig's mom)

Lynda Avon - August 27, 2015 at 12:26 PM

CO

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Coyle - August 25, 2015 at 09:45 AM



She was beautiful both inside out

Rob Provenza - August 25, 2015 at 10:19 PM

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Coyle - August 25, 2015 at 09:40 AM

MP

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michael provenza - August 25, 2015 at 07:58 AM

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R.E. Provenza - August 24, 2015 at 11:22 PM

RP

“ I am really having a very difficult time accepting this it feels like my heart was ripped out I Love You Mom with all of my whole being no word can express what you mean and meant to me your unselfishness was remarkable I was honored and very blessed to have had you as my mom there are so many wonderful women who could have been my mom but I thank God that he blessed me with you the day you went home to be with Jesus you told me that I am not supposed to take care of you I have responded back to you that your time taking care of me is over and it is my turn to take care of you and I loved every minute doing that if I had to do it all over again I would do it without hesitation or even thought I love you and miss you like crazy you was my rock and somehow and some way I will make it and live the rest of my life to honor your memory I can not be half as great a person that you have been to so many mom you touched so many people your beautiful smile brightened all who met you and are better that they have met you and made so many peoples day you did not have any favorites and you loved Diane, Mike, and me equally your love for us was different but no more or less then anyone else and you was the same with your grandchildren. You told me that Sunday when I picked you up at UTMC when you saw me your heart danced with joy you made me heart dance every time I saw you I miss your sweet spirit and your internal and external beauty you had a way to make a stormy situation into a sunny day I was honored to take care of you and I thank God I had the chance I love you forever and miss you like crazy I now know what you meant when your father died you never get enough good byes you are gone but never forgotten and you walk besides me every day "Heaven got a new Angel" August 21, 2015 at 6:37 pm our loss is heaven's gain enjoy your rest and peace and I will see you soon

R.E. Provenza - August 24, 2015 at 09:43 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Catherine "Kay" Marie Provenza.*



August 24, 2015 at 05:19 PM



“ *Maria Luz Quintana King sent a virtual gift in memory of Catherine "Kay" Marie Provenza*



Maria Luz Quintana King - August 24, 2015 at 05:21 AM



Thank You Maria I really hope to see you on Thursday

R.E. Provenza - August 24, 2015 at 09:28 PM



“ *Maria Luz Quintana King lit a candle in memory of Catherine "Kay" Marie Provenza*



Maria Luz Quintana King - August 24, 2015 at 04:28 AM

RP

“ Rob Provenza lit a candle in memory of Catherine "Kay" Marie Provenza



Rob Provenza - August 23, 2015 at 09:05 PM

RP

“ I am blessed to have had you for my mom Thank you for your unselfish love

Rob Provenza - August 23, 2015 at 09:03 PM

RP

“ My Mom and I were very very close she was my rock the time we had together I will cherish for the rest of my life I am a better man because of her she always put my sister and brother and all her grandchildren and great grand daughter before herself and also put others first she was a very giving woman she was a Angel among us and now she my guardian angel I know where ever I go she will be right by my side. I loved taking care of her making her breakfast and made her tea in the morning and hearing her appreciation of what I did for her but does not compare to all she has done for me and for my brother and sister there was not one of us that was her favorite we all were equally earlier in the day that she went home to be with God she told me and this is her " I am supposed to take care of you not you taking care of me her selfless attitude remained with her till the end She did not like anyone doing for her she had to do for others she was a perfect example of what a giver and supporter she was she always put others first I love you mom and always will I miss you like crazy but I do look forward to seeing you again soon

Rob Provenza - August 23, 2015 at 09:01 PM

WF

“ Wayne Provenza and family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Catherine "Kay" Marie Provenza.



Wayne Provenza and family - August 23, 2015 at 07:49 PM

MK

“ I will surely miss our giggles and our conversations on life. The first time I met Kay was at the elementary school while she was waiting for her grandson, Myles. We looked at each other and smiled and just started talking non-stop. We knew that we had a special connection. We shared a lot of laughs, giggles, hugs, and stories while we enjoyed our breakfasts at Bob Evans.

Kay loved to talk about her children and grandchildren. She was a beautiful woman. I will always treasure our times together. I will miss my friend, Kay, forever.

Kay loved her father deeply. I hope Kay and her father are holding hands and enjoying a cup of coffee in heaven and sharing giggles.

To Kay's children and husband, I am sorry for your great loss. Whenever Kay mentioned her children, she had the most beautiful face that glowed like a ray of sunshine. Her children were her love and the reason for living.

God bless her family. Kay believed in heaven and she wouldn't want her family to suffer. Kay would want her family to continue celebrating life and just to remember the good times. In my heart I believe that my dearest friend Kay has become a beautiful guardian angel for her beautiful family.

I strongly believe that our love ones never die for they will always be alive in our hearts. Sweet dreams my beautiful friend, Catarina (Kay). She would always laugh when I would call her, Catarina.

*A friend forever,
Maria*

Note: My daughter, Brianna, will miss your warm hugs and kisses on the cheek.

Maria Luz Quintana King - August 23, 2015 at 06:35 PM

MP

Maria, so amazing you are and a Wonderful friend to my mom!!!! She Loved spending time with you! Thank you for what you did for her!!! We all LOVE you!!!!!!

michael provenza - August 23, 2015 at 07:20 PM

RP

Maria you meant a lot to her and I am happy that you both had each other you are a very sweet woman Love you too

Rob Provenza - August 23, 2015 at 08:50 PM

MK

This morning I woke up and wanted to make a correction, my friend Kay and I would call it our coffee break but she would always drink orange juice. Smile my friend.

Maria Luz Quintana King - August 24, 2015 at 04:23 AM

BP

*Thank you Maria and God bless you and your family.
Bob Provenza*

Bob Provenza - August 26, 2015 at 11:19 AM

KS

“*I'm so sorry to read about the passing of Kay. During my recent stay at Kingston Residence I had the privilege of visiting with her. Even met her two sons. I'm sending my prayers and sympathy to her family. Kay Sanford*

Kay Sanford - August 23, 2015 at 06:13 PM

MP

Thank you Kay!!! You were a Bright light for her there!!! Thank you so much!!!!!!

michael provenza - August 23, 2015 at 07:22 PM

RP

Thank You Kay so very much

Rob Provenza - August 23, 2015 at 08:48 PM

DH

“ *I have no words to express how hearing of Gramma Kays passing hurt my heart. She was one of the most kindest, dearest, sweetest, funniest human beings I have ever known. She was genuine and sincere and always took time to give of herself. I hope the best for those who were closest to her. My family and I are thinking of you all.*

*Denver Horne
Campbell, CA*

Denver Horne - August 23, 2015 at 04:40 PM

RP

Thank You So much Denver

R.E. Provenza - August 24, 2015 at 10:03 PM



“ *You're a wonderful woman who always brought a smile to my face. Even when you were stopping me from doing something I shouldn't have been. I'm a better person today for having know you. You will always be in our hearts grandma Kay.*

Cory Hagemeyer - August 23, 2015 at 07:01 AM

MP

Thank you Cory!!

michael provenza - August 23, 2015 at 03:38 PM

RP

Thank You Cory

R.E. Provenza - August 24, 2015 at 10:01 PM



“ *Eternal Rest grant unto her, O Lord, and may Perpetual Light shine upon you. Please pray for my family to return to Truth as you stand before the throne of Jesus. Amen.*

Leslie Klinger - August 22, 2015 at 09:15 PM

MP

Thank you Leslie!!!

michael provenza - August 23, 2015 at 03:38 PM

RP

Thank you Leslie this is a beautiful prayer

R.E. Provenza - August 24, 2015 at 10:04 PM

DP

“ *Aunt Kay would always greet me with "hi handsome" and I would greet her with "hi beautiful" She always made you happy with a smile a BIG hug and of course food! I am better person for having been loved by her. I love you and miss you.*

Dave Provenza - August 22, 2015 at 08:59 PM

MP

Awesome Dave!!!!

michael provenza - August 23, 2015 at 03:39 PM

RP

Thank You Dave


R.E. Provenza - August 24, 2015 at 10:04 PM

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Shelley Provenza - August 22, 2015 at 08:27 PM

 Rose
Provenza
Dudley

“ What I remember most about Auntie Kay was the smile. She always had a smile on her face. Always happy to have family around. Rest in peace, Aunt Kay. We will miss you. Rose Provenza Dudley.

Rose Provenza Dudley - August 22, 2015 at 07:36 PM

MP

Thank you Rose!!!!

michael provenza - August 23, 2015 at 03:39 PM

RP

Thank You Rose

R.E. Provenza - August 24, 2015 at 10:05 PM

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Shelley Provenza - August 22, 2015 at 07:17 PM

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Shelley Provenza - August 22, 2015 at 07:14 PM

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Shelley Provenza - August 22, 2015 at 07:12 PM

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michael provenza - August 22, 2015 at 04:29 PM

MP

We will surely miss you!!!!

michael provenza - August 22, 2015 at 04:31 PM



If you will be attending Catherine Marie "Kay" Provenza's funeral service

Please do not send flowers or gifts to the family." If desired you may send a donation to St. Jude Children's Hospital or Cherry Street Mission Ministries..

Bob Provenza - August 22, 2015 at 04:49 PM



mom, please give a hug from me to grandpa, auntie Nellie, aunt Rose and everyone else up there! I miss you all! one day we will be reunited! Until then.....I miss you much

Diane - August 22, 2015 at 06:43 PM



You will always be in our memories and you will always be our Kaybaby. We will miss you.

Stacy & Mark Carpenter - August 22, 2015 at 06:49 PM



*“ We are thinking of you Mike and Shelley!
Sending prayers!
Joe & Carolyn Farina*



Carolyn Farina - August 22, 2015 at 04:28 PM



“ RIP Mrs. Provenza. ❤️❤️❤️

Leigh - August 22, 2015 at 03:10 PM