



Kathleen Mary Flynn

February 1, 1944 - October 30, 2022

Kathleen Mary Flynn (née Breen), 78, a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, daughter, mother-in-law, and friend passed away unexpectedly on October 30, 2022 in Savannah, Georgia, surrounded by her husband and four sons.

Kathy was legendary for her kindness, tenderness, generosity, and capacity to love. She adored-and was adored by-her family, and she travelled the globe to be with her itinerant sons. She also touched countless lives from Detroit, Michigan, where she was born, to Toledo, Ohio, where she lived most of her adult life, and to Savannah, Georgia, where she spent her final year with her husband and two of her sons.

Kathy is survived by her husband, James Flynn, with whom she was married for nearly 55 years; her four sons, James Jr., Michael (Inmaculada Barcia), Matthew (Ana Palacios), and Patrick (Maggie Flanagan) Flynn; seven grandchildren, Hannah, Micah, Lucas, Nina, Wylder, Clare, and Maya; and her sister Betty Desmond and brother Michael Breen. She is also cherished by her numerous nieces and nephews and their children, who knew her as "Aunt Grandma." Kathy was preceded in death by her father, John Breen, and mother, Margaret Breen (née Feldman).

Kathy worked as a nurse for nearly three decades, retiring from St. Luke's

Hospital in Maumee, Ohio, in 2006. Her profession suited her nature as she had a very special gift for compassion, an innate ability to provide a soothing word or gesture to those she encountered. Kathy also had an incredibly festive spirit shared most especially with her husband --they were always the last to leave the dance floor-but also with all those around her. She loved to laugh.

No one who encountered Kathy was left unmoved by the meeting. A devout Catholic, Kathy volunteered at schools, shelters, and charities throughout Toledo. She created enduring friendships in book, zoo, bridge, and garden clubs. When they learned of Kathy's death, her sons' friends and her nieces and nephews all expressed a similar theme: Kathy Flynn was mom to us all. The depth of her loss is incalculable.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. Toledo, Oh on Sunday, November 6 from 1:00- 5:00 p.m. The funeral will begin at Coyle on Monday, November 7 at 9:30, followed by Mass at St. Joan of Arc at 10:00 a.m. Burial will be in Resurrection Cemetery. Please consider donating to either the Catholic Charities of Toledo or to your local ALS Association Chapter (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis). Leave a condolence message for the family and view Kathy's memorial video tribute at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

5725 Hill Avenue
Toledo, OH 43615

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 6. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Mass

NOV 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

St Joan Of Arc
5856 Heatherdowns Blvd
Toledo, OH

Tribute Wall

TP

“ Aunt Kathy was a sweet and kind woman. My sympathies to Uncle Jim,
Jimmy, Mike, Matt and Pat! May she rest in peace!

Love,
Tom Petsche

Thomas Petsche - November 07, 2022 at 01:46 PM

MS

“ 2021 and your babies are growing up fast Kathy! But still always compliant to take a photo to send to their beloved Grammie.

They are so lucky to have you as their Grammie, and to have known the precious love of a grandmother! The world feels so much sadder without you in it. We miss you very much. Love Min xoxo



MELINDA SIMON - November 07, 2022 at 01:16 PM

MS

“ We feel so privileged to have known Kathy Flynn, through Mike & Macu, who are our extended family in Geneva. When Kathy & Jim used to visit Geneva regularly, we loved having them over at our place. Kathy would always be dressed smartly casual and always brought a perfectly chosen gift, be it cheese plates, vintage earrings or a modern scarf. One of Kathy’s favourite shops in Geneva is also mine (“La 5eme”, the 5th); because it is has beautifully curated oldey worldly gifts (very Kathy). Often I will make a point to divert from my path and focus, and use the excuse to check it out, “for Kathy”, and I will dutifully take photos of the latest floor arrangement and send them to her.



Kathy had great taste and was an impeccable gift giver. Whenever I would admire the twins outfits, Macu would inform me 9 times out of ten that it was “from Kathy Flynn”. Kathy was always sharp and ‘with it’! She absolutely adored Hannah and Micah, whom she called “her babies” and over the years I would take as many photos as I could of them whenever I saw them, as I knew she loved to receive these photos or be ‘tagged’ on Facebook (and Macu and Mike are hopeless photographers). It was amazing, Hannah and Micah could be running around on a sugar high (from spending time with me), and all I would have to say were the magic words, “let’s take a photo for Grammie!” and they would immediately stop, be compliant and smile for the camera!! I will share some of these adorable photos that were taken “especially for Grammie”, that brought Kathy so much joy when I would post them on her FB page or tag her. Just as Micah is a mini-Mike, Hannah is a mini-Kathy Flynn and they are both as sweet and kind as their Grammie. Once when I was at Mike and Macu’s, I saw an old photo album that Kathy Flynn had put together, like a scrap book especially made for Mike, and of course it was a great source of hysterics, but most of all, a symbol of a mother’s love, and to think she did this for each of her boys! Kathy is a true inspiration.

We can only imagine the huge hole and pain that the Flynn tribe must be feeling. According to traditional Chinese medicine, the antidote to grief is gratitude and we know the Flynnns have this in great abundance. We are so very grateful to have known Kathy, she was warm, kind, loving, aspirational and unforgettable.

We are sending you all the love we can muster, and flanking you from across the pond in Geneva.

love from Min, Pierre and Yogi who never met Kathy, but would have loved her.

MELINDA CHING SIMON - November 07, 2022 at 12:18 PM

TK

“ *Dear Jim, Jimmy, Mike, Matt and Pat,
We will always remember Kathy’s welcoming smile, her gentleness and kindness. She will be so missed. Sending our deepest sympathy and prayers for your peace and strength at this most difficult time. Sorry we are out of town and won’t be able to celebrate Kathy’s life with you on Monday, but we’ll be with you in spirit.*

Love and hugs,

Tim, Pat, Colleen, Emmy, Mary and Timmy Kearney

Tim and Pat Kearney - November 07, 2022 at 06:54 AM

TC

“ *The Cadden's sent a virtual gift in memory of
Kathleen Mary Flynn*



The Cadden's - November 06, 2022 at 01:33 AM

KJ

“ May God's love bring you comfort and peace during this difficult time. Carol and I send our sincere sorrow to the family. Kenny and Carol Foss

Kenneth A Foss, Jr. - November 05, 2022 at 01:47 PM

FF

“ From the Tuliao Silva family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kathleen Mary Flynn.



From the Tuliao Silva family - November 05, 2022 at 11:08 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Kathleen Mary Flynn.



November 05, 2022 at 10:32 AM

PS

“ Pete and Lynn Stoner purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Kathleen Mary Flynn.



Pete and Lynn Stoner - November 05, 2022 at 09:15 AM

SO

“ *Dear Mike and family,
We are deeply saddened to hear of the loss of your beautiful mother, Kathy. There is never anything one can say to provide comfort for such a great loss but you have been on our minds every day and we send you our love.
From your colleagues and friends on the GDP Board*

Sahar Okhovat - November 05, 2022 at 08:34 AM

RP

“ *Sorry for your loss Patrick. I am sending love and hoping for peace and comfort for you. Godspeed.
Love from, Robyn Pettengill (Maggie's cousin)*

Robyn Pettengill - November 04, 2022 at 03:48 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathleen Mary Flynn.*



November 04, 2022 at 01:46 PM

DN

“ Dear all the Flynn family,
Theresa & I have been blessed to have Jim & Kathy as friends more than 20 years through Rotary and their humanitarian work in the central city ministries with our late friend Chuck Oswald. We were so fortunate to visit them in Georgia in January 2022. Kathy was such a beautiful woman inside and out. We love her and miss her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all in the extended family & friends.

Do & Theresa Nguyen

Do Nguyen - November 03, 2022 at 11:03 PM

JL

“ Jim and Gayle Leonard purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Kathleen Mary Flynn.



Jim and Gayle Leonard - November 03, 2022 at 04:56 PM

JL

“ We are so deeply saddened to learn of Kathy's passing and we send our heartfelt condolences to the Flynn and Breen families. There are so many wonderful memories of Kathy that we will always hold dear in our hearts. She was a delightful and cherished friend and so very caring. We pray for comfort and strength for all of you in the days ahead. With sympathy and love, Jim and Gayle Leonard

Jim and Gayle Leonard - November 03, 2022 at 04:40 PM

LM

“ To all the Flynn and Breen family,

Laurie and I and our entire family have been blessed to know, love, and share many, many great times with Kathy and her family. Her natural beauty was exceeded by her zest for life. Always positive, looking and finding the best in others. She had five VERY high energy and high performing boys, for whom she gave total support. Her parties were to die for.....with exceptional attention to detail.

Her love of life and people made her very special.

Our prayers and hearts go out to the entire Flynn and Breen family.

May she rest in peace and her family be at peace.

Love,

Laurie and Bob Moore

Laurie and Bob Moore - November 03, 2022 at 01:16 PM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Kathleen Mary Flynn.



November 03, 2022 at 10:33 AM

KC

“ Mike and family- I always remember your mom as a dedicated SPH volunteer. She used to bond with my mom over having all boys in your family - mostly boys in mine. Both families also had sons Pat and Mike. She lived the Gospel and our grade school years were better because of her.

Kristy Condon - November 03, 2022 at 08:17 AM

GT

“ Dear Mike and Family, we are sending you all our love and thoughts during this very sad time as you remember your beautiful Mum, Kathy. Although we didn't meet her she sounds like a very special, loving and caring person - a Mum to everyone. We are thinking of you and sending you love, strength and peace. From the GDP Team, Rachael, Katie, Aziz and Mario.

GDP Team - November 03, 2022 at 06:11 AM

RM

“ Rachael, Katie and Mario purchased the Beautiful I in Blue for the family of Kathleen Mary Flynn.



Rachael, Katie and Mario - November 03, 2022 at 05:00 AM

MG

“ I never met Kathy, who never came to my village in the French Alps... But I got many glimpses of what a formidable woman she was through my friendship with Macu, and with Mike, (my former boss and now friend) in Geneva Switzerland. I remember Macu busily sorting out piles of baby clothes (blue and pink!) received from Kathy, in the last weeks of her twin pregnancy... And being confronted on a daily basis for years with Mike's super energy, I marvelled that there was a woman somewhere in the world who had managed to raise four of those guys. Peace to this lovely soul and comfort to her loving and loved ones. Mariette

Mariette Grange - November 03, 2022 at 01:59 AM

MG

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Mariette Grange - November 03, 2022 at 01:43 AM

MP

“ We are shocked and saddened to learn of Kathy's passing. She seemed to be ageless! We are sorry we can't be there to celebrate her life.
May God rest her soul and bring comfort to Jim, the family and all who loved her!
Joe and Mary Pierce

Mary McCarty Pierce - November 02, 2022 at 06:31 PM

GT

“ *To the entire Flynn family,
We share in the loss of a true treasure that we were all blessed
with. We can only strive to emulate Kathy's kindness and
compassion. She set such a shining example for all.*
Gary & Joy Turski

Gary Turski - November 02, 2022 at 03:08 PM