



Mrs. Kathleen E. "Kathy" (Holmes) Suppa

July 1, 1958 - August 7, 2016

Mrs. Kathleen E. "Kathy" (Holmes) Suppa, age 58, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, August 7, 2016, joining her parents Charles and Mary (Bailey) Holmes, her beloved second dad, Leo Weibel, and her brother Larry Holmes in Heaven.

Kathy was born in Utica on July 1, 1958 and was a member of the class of 1976, the first graduating class of the newly built Whitesboro High School in Marcy. In 1979, she joined in a relationship with Frank Suppa, a union that was blessed with four beautiful daughters. Although the marriage ended, their friendship and strong family bond never faded. It was their mutual love and special connection that kept their family together, never celebrating holidays or special events apart.

Kathy was an extraordinary woman in every way. She was a wonderful role model as a full-time, at-home mom, teacher, and friend. Those days were spent playing with her girls, doing crafts and enjoying each other. From a very young age, she taught her girls that they were the most important things in her world and there wasn't one moment when that feeling wavered. When her girls were grown, she re-entered the workforce and accepted a position with Digestive Disease Medicine, currently as Manager of Medical Records. There she made many wonderful friends and enjoyed telling her girls about the time spent with them.

Kathy was a true animal lover and had the purest and kindest heart. This often meant saving a broken bird, and even rescuing pests her neighbors had tried

to trap. She adored her cats and we know Felix is by her side in Heaven. A happy, energetic person, Kathy took on every endeavor wholeheartedly, from cooking and baking to loving the outdoors and landscaping. If she was going to do something, she was going to do it with all of her heart and effort. She found the joy and beauty in everything. She taught her girls to love nature, simple moments spent together, and jumping in rain puddles. Her girls knew that no matter what she was doing there was probably music playing. Kathy made sure her girls shared her love of music. Memories of dancing around the kitchen with their mom will never fade. Kathy enjoyed concerts and sharing new music with her family and friends. Kathy loved to tell her girls about her day and her life, often telling the same story over and over! Some of her favorite stories were about a once-in-a-lifetime trip she took to Ireland with her sisters. Kathy enjoyed learning about and celebrating her Irish heritage. The relationship she had with her sisters was a cherished one and she felt very blessed by their bond. Kathy spent summers with her family at Hatch Lake in the Southern Tier, an unforgettable time for her, and for generations that followed. She often talked about being at camp with her mom and dad and the wonderful times they spent.

The year Kathy's mom passed, she received a tree from her children, and as a family, they planted the tree in her mom's remembrance, touching upon the depth of her love. Kathy was spiritual and believed in God as a higher being and in signs of those who had gone before her. She often talked to her mom and took cardinals as a sign that she was close by. Of all of Kathy's accomplishments she would tell you that the bond her daughters share is her great achievement. It is through the kindness, wisdom, and strength she instilled in them that will they get through this heartbreaking time. If her girls bond was her greatest achievement, her grandbabies (and grandbabies to come) were her greatest blessing. Her laughter, smile, and love of life will always surround them. She often said that these past few years had been the happiest of her life. Although far, far too short, her life was filled with love, blessing, wonderful times, and laughter.

Kathy leaves the loves of her life, her daughters, Nicole Suppa and fiance Anthony Gerardo, Maria Suppa and Matthew Skinner, Francine and Ryan Phelan, and Angela Suppa and Brendan Lennon; and their father, Frank, with whom Kathy maintained a cherished relationship; her grandchildren, Claire Kathleen, and Anthony Rocco; twins Mary Louise and Anna Therese; and the anticipated birth of her daughter Francine's firstborn, a son. She will also be missed by her sisters and brother-in-law, Linda and Larry Smith, and Sue Eaton. Always close to her heart was the memory of her brother, Lawrence "Larry" Holmes who preceded her in 2009. Her extended family includes her nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, and the many wonderful friends that blessed her life, especially Lisa Gorecki, her concert going companion.

Visitation will be held Thursday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. The family will remain until all visitors have been seen. Expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be made to the March of Dimes for Babies, 329 North Salina Street, Suite 304, Syracuse, NY, 13203, in lieu of flowers; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Kathleen's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Friday morning at 10:00 from the funeral home and at 11:00 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Mark Kaminski. Interment will take place privately in Calvary Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2727

Previous Events

Funeral Service

AUG 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church
422 Tilden Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 732-1177
<https://www.stanthonystagnes.com/>

Tribute Wall

DR

“ *Kathy was a great gal. I will miss talking to her at Digestive Disease, where she always went out of her way to help out. May you RIP, Heaven has gained another beautiful Angel....xxoo Debi Rondeau*



Debi Rondeau - August 14, 2016 at 11:47 PM



“ *My last memory of Kathy was when my husband, Anthony and I sat next to her and her girls at the Garth Brooks concert! It was such a wonderful sight to see all of them having the greatest time, singing and laughing! You are all blessed to have had such a genuine loving mother! She has raised beautiful daughters ! Your mom was always such a pleasure to be around ! God bless all of you and always smile when you think of her as she will be smiling down on all of you as she watches over you!*

♥ Vikki and Anthony Commisso

Vikki Commisso - August 11, 2016 at 04:02 PM

KJ

“ *Kim Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kathleen E. "Kathy" (Holmes) Suppa*



Kim Johnson - August 11, 2016 at 02:21 PM

KJ

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Kim Johnson - August 11, 2016 at 02:21 PM

LL

“ We have known Kathy and her family for many years and we cherish every memory that we have made with them. I have struggled for days to find the words to express how much Kathy will be missed but the words have eluded me. She meant so much to so many people and everyone will feel like something is missing. We have laughed together and we have cried together. We will never forget the memories that we made with her over the years. The love that she had for her family and friends and the love that we have for her is her legacy. Her love lives on through us. We will miss you more than we would ever be able to put into words.

Linda & Russ Lovrin

Linda Lovrin - August 11, 2016 at 02:00 PM

AF

“ Amanda F. purchased the Shades of Purple for the family of Mrs. Kathleen E. "Kathy" (Holmes) Suppa.



Amanda F. - August 11, 2016 at 09:25 AM

TJ

“ Tom & Joanne lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kathleen E. "Kathy" (Holmes) Suppa



Tom & Joanne - August 11, 2016 at 08:51 AM

TD

“ There are no words for the loss of a Mother..As the days and weeks pass, and as you return to life's routine, may you continue to feel comforted by the love and support of family and friends. - Our thoughts and prayers to the entire family. May God Bless you all.

Tom & Joanne DiGiorgio - <http://storage.lifetributes.com/Candles/new/candle-9.png>

Tom & Joanne DiGiorgio - August 11, 2016 at 08:50 AM

SS

“ Suzanne Shaw lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kathleen E. "Kathy" (Holmes) Suppa



suzanne shaw - August 11, 2016 at 01:58 AM

HM

“ Heather Hoke Mundrick lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kathleen E. "Kathy" (Holmes) Suppa



Heather Hoke Mundrick - August 11, 2016 at 12:27 AM



“ Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Mrs. Kathleen E. "Kathy" (Holmes) Suppa.



August 10, 2016 at 11:47 PM

AM

“ Francine,
I can only imagine that your mother had a heart of gold. She lives in you everyday! My condolences to you and your entire family. With deepest sympathy, words are not enough to ease the deep sorrow on the loss of your dear mother. May the love of so many who care for you be a comfort you can lean on and turn to. Many blessings!
Andrea, Rachel, Abigail, Autumn and Madelyn Maziarz

Andrea Maziarz - August 10, 2016 at 11:05 PM

DM

“ *Danielle Marose lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kathleen E. "Kathy" (Holmes) Suppa*



Danielle Marose - August 10, 2016 at 10:53 PM

DM

So heartbreaking to learn of Kathy's sudden passing. Working with Kathy years ago at DDM was always fun, and left me with wonderful memories. My prayers go out to her beautiful girls and grand babies during this difficult time.

Danielle Marose - August 10, 2016 at 11:04 PM

JO

“ Pat & I've known Kathy for many years through DDM. She was kind and caring. Kathy loved telling stories about her girls and grand babies, but always took time to ask how our kids were. And she really listened and was interested! Recently Kathy introduced me to Yellow Finches, cute little birds that would come to her office feeder outside her window. She sure loved birds! I know her favorite color is purple, but Yellow Finches will always remind me of her! RIP MY DEAR FRIEND💜



Jennifer &Pat Onate - August 10, 2016 at 08:11 PM

KS

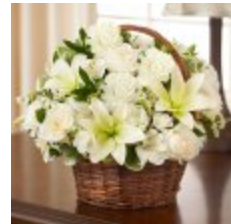
“ Katherine Sherry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kathleen E. "Kathy" (Holmes) Suppa



Katherine Sherry - August 10, 2016 at 05:13 PM

PF

“ Patrick Holmes and Family purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White for the family of Mrs. Kathleen E. "Kathy" (Holmes) Suppa.



Patrick Holmes and Family - August 10, 2016 at 04:36 PM



“ *Shades of Purple* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Kathleen E. "Kathy" (Holmes) Suppa.



August 10, 2016 at 02:05 PM



“ *Dolores Bremer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kathleen E. "Kathy" (Holmes) Suppa*



Dolores Bremer - August 10, 2016 at 01:18 PM



“ *Aleta Pritchard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kathleen E. "Kathy" (Holmes) Suppa*



Aleta Pritchard - August 10, 2016 at 09:17 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Kathleen E. "Kathy" (Holmes) Suppa.



August 10, 2016 at 09:04 AM

KM

“ *Kathy Meenan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kathleen E. "Kathy" (Holmes) Suppa*



Kathy Meenan - August 10, 2016 at 05:39 AM

KM

. My condolences and love are sent to all the family. I'm so glad I had the opportunity to get to know Kathy. She could light up a room with her beautiful smile. I will miss her wonderful spirit and warm loving heart. God Bless all of you. Goodbye my friend. God has one more angel in heaven now.


Kathy Meenan - August 10, 2016 at 05:48 AM

GA

“ *Gayle lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kathleen E. "Kathy" (Holmes) Suppa*



Gayle - August 09, 2016 at 10:32 PM


Colleen
Jackson

“ *Colleen Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kathleen E. "Kathy" (Holmes) Suppa*



Colleen Jackson - August 09, 2016 at 09:18 PM

CK

“ Christine Riecker King lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kathleen E. "Kathy" (Holmes) Suppa



Christine Riecker King - August 09, 2016 at 09:11 PM

SS

“ Kathy loved life. Her family, friends and co-workers were her life. As you girls grew up her pride changed from pride for you as children to pride of the women you became. She was so amazing and I am glad to have called her my friend. It is a great loss, prayers with you all.



Sue surace - August 09, 2016 at 08:59 PM

VL

“ I wil always remember Kathy and her wonderful stories about life, and her beautiful family and how very proud she was of all her girls, then came the beautiful grand babies that made her the happiest I had ever seen her. I know she will be missed and was loved by many friends and family. Deepest sympathies to all who had the pleasure of knowing her. Val L



Valorie Lindsay - August 09, 2016 at 08:35 PM

ET

“ Elaine Trevisani lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kathleen E. "Kathy" (Holmes) Suppa



Elaine Trevisani - August 09, 2016 at 08:22 PM

CM

“ Christine Morosco lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kathleen E. "Kathy" (Holmes) Suppa



Christine Morosco - August 09, 2016 at 07:58 PM

RK

So sorry Chris.

rose konowalski - August 10, 2016 at 06:38 PM

NA

“ Nadine lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kathleen E. "Kathy" (Holmes) Suppa



Nadine - August 09, 2016 at 07:50 PM

NA

Fly High my sister!!

Nadine - August 09, 2016 at 07:51 PM

SE

“ When i got the news on Sunday about Kathy, my first thought was NO, that can't right. and then my thoughts went to all of her girls and grandbabies. You were her world! She was always, from day one, a friend to me at DDM. She made my day when I would arrive so early she was already there . We would start our day with a quick story about what was going on, share a laugh and go about our day. I will miss those jump starts to my day, her smile her sense of humor and her contagious laugh will always be a fond memory of this amazing lady. Prayers love and light to you all during this mst difficult time
Regards,
Shyla Edwards



Shyla Edwards - August 09, 2016 at 07:32 PM

LE

“ LOVE TONI AND SAM EDWARDS purchased the Lavender & White Sympathy Basket for the family of Mrs. Kathleen E. "Kathy" (Holmes) Suppa.



LOVE TONI AND SAM EDWARDS - August 09, 2016 at 06:29 PM

SA

“ I will always remember Kathy from working at DDM with her in medical records and all of the fun we had going to parties and to our men shows. She was always happy and lite up a room with her smile. To a special woman who left to soon, but will always be a guardian angel to her girls and her grandbabies. Always in our hearts and thoughts forever.



SandyLovrin - August 09, 2016 at 05:45 PM

Lisa
Gorecki

“ Lisa Gorecki purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Mrs. Kathleen E. "Kathy" (Holmes) Suppa.



Lisa Gorecki - August 09, 2016 at 05:44 PM

CA

“ Carrie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kathleen E. "Kathy" (Holmes) Suppa



Carrie - August 09, 2016 at 05:41 PM

TE

“ Toni Edwards lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kathleen E. "Kathy" (Holmes) Suppa



Toni Edwards - August 09, 2016 at 05:40 PM

TE

Fly high my friend!

Toni Edwards - August 09, 2016 at 05:41 PM

MS

“ Michele Simmen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kathleen E. "Kathy" (Holmes) Suppa



Michele Simmen - August 09, 2016 at 05:36 PM



“ Healing Tears - Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Kathleen E. "Kathy" (Holmes) Suppa.



August 09, 2016 at 05:10 PM

RL

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Russell Lovrin - August 09, 2016 at 05:05 PM

KA

“ Kathy Sobolewski Ambrose lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kathleen E. "Kathy" (Holmes) Suppa



Kathy Sobolewski Ambrose - August 09, 2016 at 04:43 PM

CC

Throughout Kathy's life her love, kindness, humor and commitment to those she loved was ever present. The beautiful tribute from her girls captures Kathy beautifully. I will be forever grateful for her in my life and the lives of my sons. She gave them her special love too. I'll really miss her and her daily posts that kept me up to date. Love you.

Carol Crill - August 09, 2016 at 05:13 PM

 Lisa
Gorecki

“ *Lisa Gorecki lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kathleen E. "Kathy" (Holmes) Suppa*



Lisa Gorecki - August 09, 2016 at 04:29 PM

 Lisa
Gorecki

Had to be a purple candle!!

Lisa Gorecki - August 09, 2016 at 04:30 PM



“ *To all the Suppa girls, I am deeply sorry for the sudden loss of your mom. The tribute to her is beautiful. She had to have been pretty amazing to raise such wonderful daughters! May you keep her close to your hearts always. Michele Achin*



Michele Wilkinson Achin - August 09, 2016 at 04:22 PM

KC

To the daughters and son in-laws and grandchildren. I have known Kathy for 10 yrs from work. She is a leader a wonderful person. That will be greatly missed by me. She was there for me in my time of need. She always kept in touch by mail or text or a phone call. She was so proud of her family. I just would like to send you all a big hug. I know it a tough time. We never forget we just learn to cope with the loss. Just think she went on a long vacation. And we will meet up with her in heaven at the gates. Be strong.

Kelly_strng@yahoo.com - August 09, 2016 at 05:58 PM

Lisa
Gorecki

“ 1 file added to the album Hunter Mountain 2015



Lisa Gorecki - August 09, 2016 at 04:15 PM

Lisa
Gorecki

One of many concerts we went to!!!

Lisa Gorecki - August 09, 2016 at 04:27 PM

VJ

“ Vanessa Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kathleen E. "Kathy" (Holmes) Suppa



Vanessa Jones - August 09, 2016 at 03:52 PM

DM

“ To the Suppa Family,
I am so sorry for your loss, my prayers and thoughts are with you all
at this difficult time.
With deepest sympathy
Donna Marie Magaro

donna m. magaro - August 09, 2016 at 03:41 PM

JH

“ Josephine Hance purchased the Cherished Mem-
ories - All White for the family of Mrs. Kathleen E.
"Kathy" (Holmes) Suppa.



Josephine Hance - August 09, 2016 at 02:41 PM

FF

“ Filomena & Joe Facciolo lit a candle in
memory of Mrs. Kathleen E. "Kathy" (Holmes)
Suppa



Filomena & Joe Facciolo - August 09, 2016 at 02:37 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and Whit-
e was purchased for the family of Mrs. Kathleen
E. "Kathy" (Holmes) Suppa.



August 09, 2016 at 02:12 PM

NP

“ We are never prepared for the loss of our mother; especially Kathy Suppa, the bright light within the Suppa family. Frani and her sisters now have their very own angel “dressed in purple” looking down over them. The love you have for your beautiful mother will NEVER leave your heart and the fond memories will remain forever. Kathy’s love for her daughters and grandchildren was undeniable. Love and heartfelt condolences.....Nanci Phelan

Nanci Phelan - August 09, 2016 at 12:10 PM



“ White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Kathleen E. "Kathy" (Holmes) Suppa.



August 09, 2016 at 11:53 AM



Catherine LaVallo

“ Catherine LaVallo lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kathleen E. "Kathy" (Holmes) Suppa



Catherine LaVallo - August 09, 2016 at 11:09 AM

AP

“ Amy P lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kathleen E. "Kathy" (Holmes) Suppa



Amy P - August 09, 2016 at 11:09 AM

JW

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J.F. Walters - August 09, 2016 at 10:59 AM

LG

“ *Too many memories to write about. I met Kathy when I started at DDM almost 15 years ago and even though I have been out of there 5 years now, she remained one of my closest friends. Tim McGraw concerts and most recently Luke Bryan this past April. Saw her 4 daughters become the strong, beautiful women they are now and her adorable grand babies. She was another sister to me and a big part of my life will always be missing!! Love you Nicole, Maria, Frannie and Angela!!*

Lisa Gorecki - August 09, 2016 at 10:54 AM

DV

“ *I had the pleasure of meeting Kathy when our girls (Mandy and Nicole) became friends in high school. We re-connected through Facebook and had chatted frequently over the past few years. She was one of the most caring, thoughtful people I have known. She made me laugh as we tried to solve problems! Her greatest joy as she always told me were her daughters and her grandbabies. She will truly be missed by so many. Heaven has a beautiful angel to watch over her family. RIP Kathy... May God watch over her children during this difficult time.*

Debbie Vennero

Debbie Vennero - August 09, 2016 at 10:45 AM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Mrs. Kathleen E. "Kathy" (Holmes) Suppa.*



August 09, 2016 at 10:42 AM



“ *I am so very shocked and so very sorry to all of you girls and your families. You were the highlight of your Mom's life. My heart is broken for all of you <3.*

Barb Kitchen - August 09, 2016 at 10:07 AM



“ *Kathy I will miss you so. You were such a remarkable person and it reflects in your daughters . I'll always treasure are talks and family events . God took a good one and now your are all our angel looking over us. RIP💔💔💔💔💔💔*



donna getardo - August 09, 2016 at 10:07 AM



“ *LINDA GUARASCIO lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kathleen E. "Kathy" (Holmes) Suppa*



LINDA GUARASCIO - August 09, 2016 at 10:06 AM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Kathleen E. "Kathy" (Holmes) Suppa.



August 09, 2016 at 10:03 AM



“ My condolence goes out to Kathy's entire family, friends may God comfort you in this time of sorrow, I am thankful for Kathy not only being a co-worker but as a good friend, I just loved her spunk and her smile. I know how hard it is to loose a mother, but she will always be by your side. with deepest regards (macy)



NICOLE LAMPHERE - August 09, 2016 at 09:18 AM



“ Michelle Swartz lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kathleen E. "Kathy" (Holmes) Suppa



Michelle Swartz - August 09, 2016 at 09:04 AM



“ Michelle Swartz lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kathleen E. "Kathy" (Holmes) Suppa



Michelle Swartz - August 09, 2016 at 09:02 AM



“ Nancy Kennedy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kathleen E. "Kathy" (Holmes) Suppa



Nancy Kennedy - August 09, 2016 at 08:55 AM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Kathleen E. "Kathy" (Holmes) Suppa.



August 09, 2016 at 07:22 AM



“ So many memories of growing up on Floyd Ave. with Kathy. So shocked and saddened by her loss. Prayers and sympathy to Sue, Linda and Kathy's girls and grandchildren.

Leigh Paquette Ford - August 09, 2016 at 06:00 AM