



Kathleen J. "Kathy" (DiNigro) Walker

October 17, 1949 - October 19, 2006

Mrs. Kathleen J. "Kathy" (DiNigro) Walker, age 57, of West Winfield, passed away unexpectedly in the comfort of her home on Thursday, October 19, 2006.

Born in Utica on October 17, 1949, Kathy was the daughter of Josephine (Valenti) and the late Joseph DiNigro. Raised and educated locally, she was a 1967 graduate of Utica Free Academy. On March 7, 1971 she married her faithful friend Mark Walker, and shared with him a wonderful union of 35 years.

A warm and empathetic woman, Kathy was a guardian of everyone's well-being. She was a soul mate to her husband, and a beloved mother to her daughter. Favored with a keen sense of humor, she evoked laughter and cheer from everyone she knew. She was a capable and creative woman, a full time mom, and a competent business partner with her husband in the family enterprise, Turnpike Heating. For recreation, she took an interest in collecting baseball cards and was an avid baseball fan. As a child, she was a talented softball player. Kathy nurtured her love of books, literature, and the fine arts, but her passion was for nature and the outdoors. She was in such harmony with the natural world that she named the deer she so loved to watch. She was a communicant of Historic Old St. John's Church.

Kathy is survived by her husband Mark; her cherished daughter Melissa Walker; and her mother Josephine (Valenti) DiNigro. In addition, she leaves her sisters, Carol DiNigro, Madeline Voce, and Marie Cavoly, all of Utica; her

brothers and sisters-in-law, Joseph and Janice DiNigro of West Winfield, Giovanni DiNigro of Cassville, and Carmen and Maria DiNigro of Deerfield. Her extended family includes many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. She was blessed with her dear friends Sandy Krom of Bridgewater, and Janet Archer of Florida. She was predeceased by her sister-in-law, Johanne (Carvelli) DiNigro; her niece, Maria Wawrzaszek; her aunt, Mary Valenti; and her uncle, Jimmy Valenti.

The entire family extends its sincere appreciation to the Bridgewater Fire Rescue Squad for their immediate response.

In keeping with Kathy's wishes, there will be no public visitation. Please omit floral offerings. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Kathy's Memorial Mass which will be celebrated on Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. at Historic Old St. John's Church. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of the service. For those wishing to do so, please consider honoring Kathy's memory with a contribution in her name to White Tails Unlimited, an organization dedicated to improve, monitor, and promote the habitat of the whitetail deer; envelopes will be available at the service. Entombment will take place in Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mark, Mellisa & Family. All though I haven't seen aunt Kathy since I was a little girl my memories of what a wonderful person she was then only went with her into adulthood. I live in Florida now, been away since 1973 when I got married to a military man. My love and prayers are with you all at this time and always. God Bless.##imported-begin##Linda Maida Parker (neice) My Mom was Jean Maida DiNigro##imported-end##*

October 24, 2006 at 11:15 AM



“ *Mark and Missy
We are so very sorry for your loss. We will never forget her sense of humor. John and I will never forget our first meeting with you both at childbirth classes and the ice cream after. Please know that you are both in our prayers.##imported-begin##John and Sandy Nagy##imported-end##*

October 24, 2006 at 08:32 AM



“ *Carmen & Maria,
Joe and I just wanted to you to know that we are very sorry for your loss and that are prayers and thoughts are with you and your family at this time.##imported-begin##Joe & Kimberlee Legault##imported-end##*

October 24, 2006 at 07:32 AM



“ *Mark, Melissa and Family ,*

Even tho we never see or talk alot. I want to wish you and your family my heart filled deepest sympathy for your loss. And , to let you know that you'll be in my prayers and thoughts. May god bless you.

Sincerely ,

Richard###imported-begin##Richard A. Valente##imported-end##

October 23, 2006 at 06:03 PM



“ *I had the pleasure of working with Kathy in the 60s. She was a warm, friendly and delightful person. Clearly, too nice a person to ever be forgotten.*

My heartfelt sympathy to Mark and family.###imported-begin##Ken Kakaty##imported-end##

October 23, 2006 at 05:09 PM



“ I do not know where to begin. My heart aches for I know you had to leave. Aunt Kath, not only were you my family, you were my friend. The connection, no other will ever know. The knowledge and laughter, along with some tears, has made me a part of who I am today. Because of your belief in me, I stand stronger today than I ever had. These last 4 yrs, you and I had created some wonderful moments. My music resulted by so much of your encouragement. Your strength pulled me through my difficult times. I am saddened to realize that I will not hear your voice on my machine today. I am saddened that your time here was so very short. I am accepting that you are safe, and in the arms of our family and friends of past, and that you are watching and pointing your finger at us with that grin, you know the grin! Aunt Kathy, my Aunt, my friend, I hold you close in thought, and soul. I love you.

Kar Dee##imported-begin##Karrie (Aunt Kat's lil Poltalian)##imported-end##

October 23, 2006 at 11:18 AM



“ Carm, Maria and family,
I am truly sorry for your loss. It is beyond us to understand the reason why people leave us when they do, but you must believe, that there is a better place beyond the here and now.
All of you are in our thoughts during this most difficult times.
Stay strongKathy would of wanted that.##imported-begin##Gina & Tracy##imported-end##

October 23, 2006 at 06:39 AM



“ To Michelle & Family...
We were so sorry to read of your aunt's passing and wanted you to know that we are thinking of her, and also Maria...you now have another "angel" watching over your family. May you find comfort in your faith.....##imported-begin##bev schrader & carol waskiewicz##imported-end##

October 23, 2006 at 12:10 AM



“ Marianne and I are very saddened for your lost. Our prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Jim and Marianne Malagese##imported-end##

October 22, 2006 at 11:30 PM



“ IT SADDENS ME TO LOOSE SUCH A WONDERFUL,CARING AND LOVING COUSIN..SHE ALWAYS MADE US LAUGH..KATHY HAD A WAY ABOUT HER THAT EACH AND EVERYONE OF US WILL NEVER FORGET..SHE WAS AN INSPIRATION TO MANY OF US. SHE IS NOW IN GOOD HANDS AND EVEN THOUGH IT PAINS US ALL,SHE WILL ALWAYS BE SO NEAR AND DEAR IN OUR HEARTS..GOD BLESS YOU ALL..
MY DAD (JOE WILL MISS YOU TOO)
LOVE DEBBIE##imported-begin##DEBBIE WILLIAMS (COUSIN)##imported-end##

October 21, 2006 at 04:25 PM