



Kathy Bernadette Lewis

December 1, 1960 - December 28, 2018

UTICA/N. HOLLYWOOD - Kathy Bernadette Lewis, age 58, a native of Utica and currently a resident of N. Hollywood, California, passed away peacefully on Friday, December 28, 2018 in the comfort of her sister's home, after a courageous battle with cancer. At the time of her passing, her sisters, cousins, and friends were at her side.

Born in Utica on December 1, 1960, Kathy was the daughter of the late Anthony and Mary Ann (Joseph) Lewis. She was a graduate of Utica Free Academy and went on to attend Herkimer County Community College where she earned a degree in Broadcasting. Fascinated with the entertainment industry, she then relocated to Los Angeles, California. Kathy had a 20-year career with NBC Universal Studios starting as a Manager in Technical Services, then advancing to Director in TV Distribution. She was admired for her core values as being easy to work with, reliable, pleasant, and principled in her work ethic.

Kathy had a sparkle about her, a smile that spoke volumes and a wonderfully contagious laugh; she was very spirited, optimistic, and strong-willed. She was health-conscious, and very disciplined, especially her daily ritual of working out at the gym. Hers was a spiritual quest for answers to fundamental and philosophical questions of life. She volunteered her time to Hospice and visited with the elderly. Her kind and thoughtful ways touched many.

Although her travels were many, she found much comfort at any beach. She also loved Jazz and the Blues. Close to her heart was her Utica family, who

she loved dearly and with whom she spent many holidays, celebrations, and camping trips which were never forgotten. When in California she had the blessing of family and many friends that she called family and she shared her heart and soul with each of them.

Kathy is survived by her sisters and their loved ones, Rosanne Lewis, Gail Lewis and Donny Sanders, LuAnn and Chuck Coppola, and Susan and Mike Risucci; her nephews and a niece, Chuckie Coppola, Anthony Coppola; and Tori Risucci; aunts, uncles, cousins, and her California family away from home. She was predeceased by her grandparents, Anthony and Eva Joseph, and Louis and Rose Lewis.

The family extends sincere thanks for the many prayers, cards, love, and support.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service which will commence on Monday, January 7th at 11:00 at St. Louis Gonzaga Church where her Celebration of Life will be offered. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of the Mass. In lieu of flowers, please consider memorial contributions in Kathy's honor to St. Louis of Gonzaga Church online at <https://saintlouisgonzaga.org>; envelopes will be available at the service.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Louis Gonzaga Church
520 Rutger Street
Utica, NY

Tribute Wall

HP

“ I came across this obituary today and I am so so sad. I just thought of Kathy recently. After high school we never saw each other again. I thought of her just the other day and wondered where she was and how she was doing. I'm so sad to hear that she was so successful and I never got to say hello once again. My condolences and deepest sympathy to the family. She was the sweetest person in high school. Always friendly and kind. A classmate to remember.



Hazel Pugh - April 15, 2022 at 12:12 PM

JL

“ My cousin Kathy was an Angel on Earth. Kind, caring to all, and always offering her help. She had a beautiful smile that lit up the world like a flash of lightning on a hot summer day - in one of the thunderstorms she always enjoyed while visiting her family in NY. Although our memories are forever; I miss Kathy's presence in my life every day. It is still hard to believe she is no longer here; with her infectious laugh, grace & beauty. We can all honor Kathy by being kind to others, in a world that is increasingly apathetic. You will never be forgotten, Kathy, and we will love you forever.
John J. Lewis

John J. Lewis - April 19, 2019 at 02:42 PM

MP

“ I worked with Kathy at NBCUniversal. She ALWAYS had a beautiful smile and a kind word of encouragement whenever she could see or hear that it was needed. She kept me "grounded" and aware of our daily blessings and the things we need to be grateful for, like family and loved ones.

Rip our dear one! God needed her. My deepest condolences to her family! She is right at God's side. I can see it no other way for someone as special as she is.

My heart goes out to you as mine hurts too....

Mark Powers - January 08, 2019 at 11:09 AM

MD

“ Kathy always had a sweet smile and a kind greeting. My wife, Devrha and I both worked with Kathy. We shared similar memories and reflected how wonderful she is! Love and Peace. Mike and Dev.



Mike DeMenno - January 07, 2019 at 10:41 AM

GL

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



gail lewis - January 05, 2019 at 01:33 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathy Bernadette Lewis.*



January 05, 2019 at 12:48 PM



“ *Joe Cardamone lit a candle in memory of Kathy Bernadette Lewis*



Joe Cardamone - January 05, 2019 at 12:37 PM



“ *Anna M Sardina lit a candle in memory of Kathy Bernadette Lewis*



Anna M Sardina - January 05, 2019 at 04:46 AM

AT

“ *Kathy was a strong yet gentle and kind soul that I had the pleasure of working directly with at NBCU. She and I had a common bond for philosophy of the enlightenment. I'm very saddened for her passing. She was a staple here at NBC Universal and will be greatly missed. I know she's now Resting in Paradise. My sincere condolences to her family and I pray for your comfort during this very difficult time.*



~Ava Truitt

Ava Truitt - January 04, 2019 at 09:03 PM

BL

“ *My deepest condolences go out to Kathy's family. I knew Kathy at NBC and she was a pleasure to work with. I remember that we would speak at length about how much we loved to exercise. She was so sweet and easy to work with. I will miss her dearly.*

--Brian Lamb

Brian Lamb - January 04, 2019 at 04:15 PM

WK

Our condolences go to Roseann and the Lewis family. We had the pleasure of meeting Kathy this past summer and she left a beautiful impression on us.

God bless you all.

Shirley and Willie Kern

Willie Kern - January 06, 2019 at 10:26 PM

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gail lewis - January 03, 2019 at 11:45 PM

MR

“ *Such a sweet and funny person! Kindhearted with a wonderful signature laugh. She will truly be missed. I'm so glad to have had the opportunity to know her and work with her.*

Maya Roseman - January 03, 2019 at 08:03 PM

MT

“ *Kathy was an amazing person. We used to work in the same building then she moved over to another division. The thing I remember most besides her kindness was her memory! She was a marvel and remembered something about a particular episode on a TV show - years after the issue - it was uncanny. She was the go-to person here at Universal for everything. Co-workers and clients alike adored her. She was devoted to her job.*

My condolences to her family and many friends. I lost my sister 3 years ago and it's so tough. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this sad time. I wish you all the best.

Mary Turner Cox

Mary Turner - January 03, 2019 at 07:58 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Kathy Bernadette Lewis.*



January 03, 2019 at 06:31 PM



“ *I was saddened to learn of Kathy's passing. I have so many memories of the two of us growing up and sharing in friendship and laughter. I will cherish those memories forever. Peace be with you my sweet friend. Peace and love to your family.*

Michele (Scotellaro) Fish

Michele Fish - January 03, 2019 at 03:43 PM



“ *Kathy was disciplined, hardworking, attentive, kindhearted, and lovely lady. I feel privileged to have known her. It was truly a pleasure working with her for many years. She handled even the most difficult moments with dignity and grace. Dear Kathy, you will be always with me. Love, Zeljka Cvjetan - Gortinski*




Zeljka Cvjetan-Gortinski - January 03, 2019 at 03:13 PM

 Ellen Williams

“ *My deepest condolences to the Lewis family, may you find peace in comfort in the memories of Kathy.*

*Best,
Ellen Williams*

Ellen Williams - January 03, 2019 at 02:13 PM

 Leticia Romero Carmona

“ *Leticia Romero Carmona lit a candle in memory of Kathy Bernadette Lewis*



Leticia Romero Carmona - January 03, 2019 at 12:53 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kathy Bernadette Lewis.*



January 03, 2019 at 09:10 AM

JN

“ *My memories of Kathy are deep and forever. What i remember most was making her crack up with laughter, and shaking her head about our conversations. I also had to eat healthy when we were together or if we weren't lol. I wish i could make her laugh one more time. Kathy will always be a special person and friend. Kathy i will miss you so much may you RIP. Love Joe*

Joe Nevels - January 03, 2019 at 12:33 AM

JQ

“ Although just met Kathy once in LA, she was really easy to get along with, and it was pleasure to work with her. May her rest in peace.

Joyce Qiao

Joyce Qiao - January 02, 2019 at 08:31 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Kathy Bernadette Lewis.



January 02, 2019 at 07:53 PM

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gail lewis - January 02, 2019 at 07:33 PM

AS

“ Kathy's bright smile will be greatly missed in the office. It was always a pleasure chatting with Kathy.

Abigail Symonds

Abigail Symonds - January 02, 2019 at 04:21 PM

DT

“ I had the pleasure of working with Kathy at Universal for too many years to recount.
She was always professional with wonderful skills and much knowledge.
And baked wonderful Christmas cookies !
Kathy will be greatly missed. RIP.
Daina Tesh - NBCU TV Distribution

Daina Tesh - January 02, 2019 at 03:36 PM

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gail lewis - January 02, 2019 at 01:38 PM

LK

“ I had the gift of knowing Kathy in the last few months of her life. She made a profound impression on me with her sincerity, acceptance and eventual peace.

Leslie Kohman

Leslie Kohman - January 02, 2019 at 09:51 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathy Bernadette Lewis.*



January 02, 2019 at 09:13 AM



“ *Kathy was a beautiful person inside and out and will truly be missed. No matter how she felt, good days or bad she always made it a point to ask how you were doing. She will forever have a special place in my heart.*

Leticia Maldonado - January 01, 2019 at 03:50 PM



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ally - January 01, 2019 at 03:03 PM



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Leticia Maldonado - January 01, 2019 at 02:30 PM

AL

“ Kathy was truly very Special, Positive, Exceptional, Precious Beautiful friend❤️. You will be missed immensely my precious dear ~~dear~~💜❤️. My deepest sympathies & condolences to family & friends, God Bless. Forever in our hearts💜❤️

Ally - December 31, 2018 at 11:04 PM



“ Rosemary Brown lit a candle in memory of Kathy Bernadette Lewis



Rosemary Brown - December 31, 2018 at 05:47 PM

MB

“ Kathy was always the sweetest child growing up. She will always remain in my heart. I know the Angels are singing a song of joy and her sisters and cousins have a new guardian angel watching over them.💔

Maria Bernedette Bailey - December 31, 2018 at 05:44 PM

BA

“ Barbara lit a candle in memory of Kathy Bernadette Lewis



Barbara - December 31, 2018 at 02:46 PM

PK

“ *Patti K lit a candle in memory of Kathy Bernadette Lewis*



Patti K - December 31, 2018 at 01:27 PM

MA

“ *Mary lit a candle in memory of Kathy Bernadette Lewis*



Mary - December 31, 2018 at 11:21 AM