



## Kathleen Ann Ryzewski

November 4, 1951 - November 27, 2022

Kathleen Ann Ryzewski died peacefully and surrounded by family on November 27, 2022 after a long, courageous battle with cancer. Kathy was born on November 4, 1951, to the late Anthony Krugel and Nancy Cronin Krugel in Derby, Connecticut. In 1967 she met her husband and best friend Joseph Ryzewski at a Notre Dame-Sacred Heart mixer, and the high school sweethearts married in 1976. Kathy was a longtime resident of Westville, New Haven before she moved to Cedar Woods, Branford in 2020. She was the mother of Krysta (Kaitlin Deslatte) and Laura Ryzewski, and the adoring grandmother of Kazimir and Kamille. She is survived by her husband, her three siblings Reverend Stephen Krugel, Robert Krugel (Robyn), Eileen Krugel (Jerome Fainer), and numerous beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, and in-laws.

Kathy was a graduate of Sacred Heart Academy in Hamden ('69) and later received her Associate's degree with honors in Women's Studies from Gateway Community College ('94), which was one of her proudest accomplishments. After raising her daughters as a stay-at-home mom, she founded the after-school program and Vacation Bible School at St. Aedan School in New Haven. Kathy also served as leader for the school's Brownie and Girl Scout troops. She then served as the Office Manager of the Archdiocese of Hartford's Office of Family Life for 23 years before retiring. Her life was devoted to her faith and community service. She was a parishioner of both St. Aedan Church and St. Rita Church, where she sang in the choir and volunteered for many social justice initiatives. Kathy served on the boards of the Catholic Charity League of New Haven and Marycare, Inc., the advisory council of the Dominican Sisters of Peace Associate, and the planning committee for the Bishop Peter Rosazza Conference. She was also a member of the St. Paul VI Columbiettes of Hamden, the Springs Learning Center, and many other service organizations. She was the recipient of the Catholic Girl Scout Award and the Archdiocese of Hartford St. Joseph Medal. Kathy spent much of her free time crafting, especially cross-stitching, quilting, and knitting. She often created homemade quilts for her family and close friends, and in her final years knitted hundreds of hats to donate to deployed soldiers. Kathy will be remembered fondly for her generosity, kindness, enthusiasm, and contagious smile by the countless people whose lives she touched.

A wake and prayer service will be held at Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave,

Hamden from 3-7pm on Thursday, December 1st. A Catholic funeral mass in celebration of her life will be held at St. Rita Church 1620 Whitney Ave, Hamden at 10:30am on Friday, December 2nd. Burial will follow at All Saints Cemetery 700 Middletown Ave, North Haven. Memorial donations in Kathleen's honor may be made to the Springs Learning Center, 115 Blatchley Ave. New Haven, CT. 06513 (Attn. St. Margaret Mary Kennedy).

# Cemetery Details

## All Saints Cemetery

700 Middletown Ave.  
North Haven, CT

# Previous Events

## Calling hours

DEC 1. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Sisk Brothers Funeral Home  
3105 Whitney Ave.  
Hamden, CT 06518  
(203) 288-7114  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kathleen Ann Ryzewski.*



December 04, 2022 at 04:03 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Kathleen Ann Ryzewski.*



December 01, 2022 at 07:55 PM



“ *Joe and family,*

*Our deepest condolences on Kathy's passing. She was a wonderful person and certainly will be missed.*

*Please know that you and your family will continue to be in our daily thoughts and prayers.*

*God Bless,*

*Liz and John Vigliotti  
Westville neighbors*

**John Vigliotti** - December 01, 2022 at 02:09 PM

SM

“ Joe, Krysta and Laura

*I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Kathy - she was definitely a faith-filled woman committed to her family and church. I am also sorry that I am not able to attend the service at Sisk nor the celebration of life on Friday. I am sure Kathy has already been welcomed into the hands of the Lord and is enjoying the company of the saints and angels. However, I wanted to let you know that you are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. May love be what you remember most as she continues to live in your heart.*

*Blessings,  
Sr. Judith Musco*

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**Sr. Judith Musco** - November 30, 2022 at 09:22 PM

JD

“ Jethro Baliao and Jordan DiBona purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kathleen Ann Ryzewski.



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**Jethro Baliao and Jordan DiBona** - November 30, 2022 at 03:22 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Kathleen Ann Ryzewski.



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November 30, 2022 at 11:20 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathleen Ann Ryzewski.



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November 30, 2022 at 10:42 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathleen Ann Ryzewski.



November 30, 2022 at 10:21 AM

FA

“ Faculty & Staff in Anthropology purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Kathleen Ann Ryzewski.



Faculty & Staff in Anthropology - November 30, 2022 at 08:03 AM

CB

“ My most sincere & deep condolences to Joe, Fr Steve & all the Ryzewski family. Kathy was a delightful, caring & spiritual person that always had a wonderful smile that made so many of us happy. She is now resting in the loving arms of our Lord for eternity. We will miss her greatly, but know she is at peace where she belongs. With all loving prayers & empathies, Your friend in Christ, & DeColores.  
CHUCK BOVE

Charles Bove - November 29, 2022 at 07:44 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathleen Ann Ryzewski.



November 29, 2022 at 07:42 PM

ML

“ Kathy was always positive & upbeat, and a true friend to her fellow students at SHA, her expanded circle when she met Joe, and her adult colleagues as her work & home life grew. We were SHA alumnae moms together, and she was proud of all her daughters' accomplishments. She had a quirky but gentle sense of humor and a great sense of what was important in life. We're so sorry for her loss.

Marianne Lyden - November 29, 2022 at 06:23 PM

JA

“ Kathy was a wonderful person and so talented. Janice always admired her many finished cross-stitch and quilting projects. She gave her some of her cross-stitch pattern books which was greatly appreciated. She will be greatly missed by her friends and family. Our thoughts are with the Ryzewski family. Sending our deepest sympathy. Janice & Bob McCoy

Janice - November 29, 2022 at 12:39 PM



“ 49 files added to the album LifeTributes



Sisk Brothers Funeral Home - November 29, 2022 at 11:32 AM

CP

“ Condolences to Joe and family on Kathy's death. I can't attend any services as I am in quarantine due to COVID-19. Kathy was always cheerful and friendly and I know that she would want us to remember the good times she shared with us. May she rest in peace.

Charles Peluse - November 29, 2022 at 11:11 AM

VM

“ Vincent Marottoli purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Kathleen Ann Ryzewski.



Vincent Marottoli - November 28, 2022 at 11:33 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathleen Ann Ryzewski.



November 28, 2022 at 05:52 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Kathleen Ann Ryzewski.



November 28, 2022 at 05:36 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathleen Ann Ryzewski.



November 28, 2022 at 03:37 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Kathleen Ann Ryzewski.



November 28, 2022 at 11:49 AM